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US-CHINA A Chinese woman who served a U.S. prison term for money laundering was returned to China yesterday, authorities said, just ahead of a meeting between President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping. *More on p10-11*

UNITED NATIONS Xi Jinping will preside this weekend over a U.N. conference on gender equality, which some activists say is galling given China's recent detentions of women's rights activists and its history of stopping people from attending U.N. meetings to discuss such issues.



THAILAND The European Union urged Thailand's military government to respect freedom of speech and assembly as it prepares to draft a new constitution. The statement followed the temporary detention of two politicians and a prominent journalist who had criticized the junta.

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Man says wife who was arrested in Gongbei interrogated daily

AN American businesswoman arrested in China based on claims that she spied and stole state secrets is being held in solitary confinement and has been interrogated at least once a day, her husband said. Phan Phan-Gillis, 55, the head of the Houston Shenzhen Sister City Association was taken into custody in March when trying to enter Macau together with other members of a trade delegation visiting China.

The alleged spy's husband, Jeff Gillis, said his wife met with an American consulate official on Wednesday. Her health has stabilized after suffering from ailments since she was detained in Gongbei, he said.

Gillis explained that his wife is allowed to obtain lawyers to monitor her health and relay messages to her family, but the lawyers are not permitted to discuss the accusations against her. She has not been charged, and Chinese authorities have not specified the nature of the allegations against her. Gillis said her lawyers in China had been informed of the broad nature of her accusations. "The only way she's going to get released is if President Barack Obama takes an active interest in her case," Gillis explained.

Phan-Gillis was detained for months before being formally



This undated photo provided by Jeff Gillis shows Gillis, right, and his wife, Phan-Gillis

arrested last weekend and transferred to a more secure detention facility in the southern city of Nanning.

She said in comments relayed to her husband that her case is a political one, not criminal, and requests that he "lobby for an exchange of political prisoners" in order to secure her release.

Gillis said there's no indication that any sort of prisoner exchange would be considered but noted there are many Chinese in the U.S. that the Chinese government wants to see returned in order to prosecute them for stealing state money or other crimes.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry has accused Phan-Gillis with threatening China's national security. Attempts to contact a Chinese Embassy official in Washington, D.C., for further explanation, were unsuccessful.

U.S. Congressman. Al Green, whose district includes the Houston area, revealed on Wednesday that the U.S. State Department has indicated that Phan-Gillis' incarceration will be discussed during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit this week to the U.S.

"Her circumstance is one that will be discussed at a high level while we have the president of

China here," Green noted.

He said Gillis showed "restraint" in not speaking publicly about his wife's detention for six months. Gillis says her formal arrest last weekend prompted him to speak out.

"I have to conclude that this is

Phan-Gillis is the latest in a string of foreigners held this year in China allegedly for economic – or security – related crimes

a big mistake that can be corrected with her being released," Green said. Phan-Gillis is the latest in a string of foreigners who have been held in China this year for alleged economic or security-related crimes.

A group of 11 foreigners were detained for a week in July and later deported for having organized or joined terrorist groups. Chinese police say the group — comprising five South Africans, three British and one Indian — admitted to watching videos

advocating terrorism.

A British private investigator and his Chinese-born American wife were released in June after two years in prison for allegedly illegally obtaining and selling the private information of Chinese citizens.

And in February a Canadian man with ties to a Christian group that provided humanitarian aid to North Korea was detained on suspicion of stealing state secrets. The case strained ties between Canada and China.

Phan-Gillis, known as Sandy to family and friends, is a Vietnamese-American of Chinese descent who has lived in Houston for about 30 years.

She works as a business consultant and traveled regularly to China, while also serving as president of the Houston Shenzhen Sister City Organization. She often worked as an intermediary in ventures between U.S. and Chinese businesses.

Houston Mayor Pro Tem Ed Gonzalez said on Tuesday that he was a member of the trade delegation in March that was surprised when Phan-Gillis did not meet them after the group passed through a border security checkpoint in Macau, across the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong. She later contacted the delegation to say she was attending to a "personal matter."

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ESTIMATES from authorities suggest that the adverse impact of a blanket smoking ban in casinos on gaming revenue would only be limited to between 2.76 percent and 4.6 percent while casino operators may welcome less than four percent of patrons.

In a written reply to lawmaker Si Ka Lon's enquiry which asked whether the government could uncover relevant statistics to bolster its stance against smoking

GAMING

Health Bureau says smoking ban compromises 4.6 pct of revenue at most

on casino premises, the Health Bureau invoked a survey conducted by himself at the end of last year which targeted tourists and the initial assessment from the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau.

The survey indicates that 80.5 percent of the respondents show no

opposition to the ban and 60 percent of the smoker-tourists surveyed were said to not be in objection to the idea.

Yet, 13.6 percent of the smoker-tourists expressed their desire to stay away from casinos if lit cigarettes are prohibited on site. The government also claims that such

opponents only account for 4 percent of the entire number of respondents in the poll.

According to information from the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, around 23 percent of the number of tourists the city receives are smoker-tourists, while only half or even less

of them are said to smoke at gaming tables. The authorities concluded the range of impacts inflicted on gaming revenue suggest a twenty percent loss of smoker-gamblers.

The public health department agrees with the conclusion, claiming that the ban would only dwindle smoking gamblers by

13.6 percent.

In addition, the bureau stresses that more non-smoking gamblers might offset the estimated loss, restructuring the casino-goer base. It also reiterates its anti-smoking stance and seeks to realize its "ultimate goal of implementing a full smoking ban."

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TOURISM

MGTO prepares for 'golden week'

THE Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) is "actively preparing" for the upcoming "golden week," spanning from October 1 to 7. Yesterday the bureau announced several measures to be implemented during the week, including the dissemination of reminders and mobile text messages with relevant information to industry partners and visitors, and the arrangement of activities. There will also be MGTO staff stationed at different tourist locations to answer visitors' enquiries and to introduce them to various tourist spots.

MGTO's mobile text messaging service will be used to advise visitors about visiting sightseeing districts during off-peak hours. "Such tactics are adopted to divert visitors from crowded areas and to keep traffic and neighborhoods near tourist sites from being less affected, so as to maintain a positive image of Macau," a representative from the MGTO has stated.

Preparing for the large influx



of visitors, MGTO has sent out letters to travel industry professionals to raise awareness of hygiene, fire safety, guest capacity, opening hours, occupational guidelines of hosting tour groups, requirements for hotels and catering establishments to declare their price lists as well as for hotels to keep a record of hotel guest information upon check-in.

In order to assess the number of visitors, MGTO will post the number of visitor arrivals from every previous day online for the public during the period between September 27 and

October 8.

MGTO also stressed that during the National Day holidays, there will be a range of festivals, events, performances, exhibitions and activities in Macau. The highlight is the ever-popular International Fireworks display contest.

It was announced on a separate note this week that a local promotional video was awarded the top prize in the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)'s tourism video competition.

Titled "Vibrant Moments Experience Macau", the video was chosen as the winner for East Asia and the Pacific, in the UNWTO Tourism Video Competition.

Launched for the first time, the competition aims to recognize creative works from UNWTO members in the field of destination promotion. Over 50 video clips were submitted, from which the judging panel selected the best clip for each of the regions including East Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Europe, Americas, South Asia as well as the Middle East.

'MORE SCRUPULOUS INSPECTIONS'

MGTO ANNOUNCED it will continue to collaborate with police authorities to combat illegal accommodation. The bureau announced that it "will carry out more scrupulous inspections at various tourist attractions, ports and districts in Macau."

Motorcyclist dies after colliding with another vehicle

A man riding a motorcycle died yesterday after colliding with another motorcycle near the Jockey Club. According to the Public Security Police, the cause of the crash was an attempt by one of the drivers to overtake the other one. The victim of the incident is a 36-year-old man. Both drivers involved in the fatal crash are local residents.

Producers and investors get together at film fair

The 2015 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Film Production Investment and Trade Fair concluded yesterday. This year's event included 30 movie projects showcased by producers, at which over 50 guest investors were in attendance. The fair included project presentations by producers, and meetings between producers and investors. It also included a seminar entitled "Distribution and Promotion in the New Media Market." The event was held at Conrad Macao Hotel and co-organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the Hong Kong Film Development Council and the Administration of Press and Publications, Radio, Film and Television of Guangdong Province.

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Liang Wen-chong vows for victory in Macau

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CHINA'S leading golf star Liang Wen-chong promised to return to the region's professional golf tournament to be held next month, challenging himself against other world-ranking golfers from overseas.

Equipped for the Venetian Macao Open slated between October 15 to 18, Liang believes that, after his first-ever victory in the Japan Golf Tour Championship in early June, he could bring home a trophy in his third attempt to the championship.

"Of course I want to win it out in Macau because I'm rather familiar with the course after competing many times there," he said. "Besides, I have so many friends there supporting me. That's my goal," the 37-year-old father-of-two told media representatives through a telephone interview on Wednesday.



After years of pursuing various games to elevate himself in the world league table, Liang, currently in Japan for the Asia-Pacific Golf Championship Diamond Cup Golf next week, acknowledged that this year was a time to slow his pace a little in order to better brace himself for other tournaments ahead.

"Joining more competitions

isn't a shortcut to the goal, instead, aiming for more quality and better performance is more important," he said, stressing "scientific adjustment and planning" lead to optimal performance on the fairway.

"Although I didn't join many contests this year, that was to better adjust myself to bring out better performance in the following contests," he added.

The golfer is the only player from the mainland who ever made it into the top 100 slots in the Official World Golf Ranking. As of September 20, he was ranked 222nd, lower than another two burgeoning mainland golfers Wu Ashun and Li Hao-tong who fall in 176th place and 188th place respectively.

However, world ranking seemed much less vital to the professional golfer, who only sought to enrich his professional journey while further honing his golfing skills along the way. With less than a year to fight for

a seat in the Rio 2016 Olympics, Liang displayed yet no rush in gaining his qualification as he said that "there was still some time."

Nestled in the southeastern part of Coloane, Macau Golf and Country Club's course is known for its no.17 hole, a par-3 overlooking almost half of the venue. It also appeared in Liang's mind when asked about which part of the course he has competed in is the most memorable to him. Besides, he also recalled how some golfers turned around the game at the no.18 hole during the past competitions.

The region saw a child-oriented training program hosted by the golfer and his club last month. Liang said the week-long event aimed to "bring local kids away from computers and smartphones and into a natural environment" where they could relish the wholesome sports.

"Through the training pro-

grams, we wished to try our best to discover more potential talents for the golfing scene," he said. "I also hope that there will be more time, more opportunities, or even more organizations to promote the sport and to involve more children in it."

Joining the mainland's golfing scene at the age of 15, Liang witnessed a large portion of its development and the birth of many other current rising sportsmen. He acknowledged that there was "a certain margin" between domestic golfers and those from abroad in terms of skills.

However, he was confident that more Chinese young golfers would ascend to the world league table in the near future under the China Golf Association's efforts. "Only if more Chinese golfers enter the world ranking could it reflect the nation's level," said he.

The seasoned golfer also wished other young professional golfers to bear in mind that there is always something more significant than scores.

"As a professional golfer, you don't only represent yourself but the whole nation's image for golfing," he said. "Besides from scores, I hope the younger generations of golfers could get a better grasp of the sporting culture that leads them to pleasure."

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STATISTICS

Visitors up 14.5% in August

MACAU received around 3.03 million visitors in August, representing a 14.5 percent increase from July, but still witnessed a 3.8 percent year-on-year decline, according to data released by the Statistics and Census Service yesterday.

According to the statistics agency, tourists from the Chinese mainland account for over 60 percent of the total, showing a decline of 1.7 percent in August year-on-year. The number of visitors from Hong Kong and Taiwan increased by 0.8 percent and 3.5 percent year-on-year, respectively.

The average length of visitors' stays increased to 1.1 days, and that of overnight visitors rose to 2.1 days. In the first eight months of this year, the number of visitor arrivals totaled 20.43 million, down by 3.2 percent year-on-year, with those from the mainland decreasing by 4.1 percent. The number of long-haul visitors from the United States, Australia, Canada and Britain also dropped.

To fill in the gap of the number of tourists, Macau has launched a series of promotional campaigns in neighboring regions, which focus on the diverse array of activities to enhance tourist experiences. Travel packages and hotels at favorable prices have also been rolled out to draw visitors to Macau. **MDT/Agencies**

Master violinist Jack Glatzer brings 'Musical Voyage' to MAC

THE renowned violinist Jack Glatzer brought his show, "A Musical Voyage from Spain to India" to students at the Macau Anglican College (MAC) yesterday. The recital and accompanying lecture were held in the school's main hall, featuring the artist's imaginary voyage through the Mediterranean in sounds and images.

As a fan of travelling as much as of the violin, Glatzer is in Macau for a series of concerts at various schools. The musician presents solo violin programs, in which he reflects upon his experiences accumulated during his travels to more than fifty countries.

Asked about the ideas behind this form of transmitting musical concepts, Glatzer stresses that "one form of art is capable of inspiring other forms of art." "It is not enough for a musician to have music alone. I love painting, and seeing these



images I recall times, places and musical pieces that match them, that's the message I try to transmit", he told the Times.

As an adviser to MAC students, Mr Glatzer suggests that "to learn music and to play an instrument is something you can keep for the rest of your life no matter how old you are" while also stating that "the importance of music shows the importance of communication, nowadays people are too absorbed with the Internet

and music is a way of inspiring them to access another dimension of life."

Mr David Brown, Principal of MAC, embraced the opportunity to have this concert and workshop by the artist "because these kids love music and we have our own string orchestra and two bands". He added that "we never really know how much advantage can they take from this but it's our duty to inspire them and teach them how to appreciate music."

Regarding the visual part of

this concert, Mr Brown had no doubt in considering it an advantage since "we know that there are people that learn in different ways, and today the emphasis was in the listening and hearing".

To complement this concert, Glatzer led a workshop for students who play stringed instruments, including those involved with MAC's own String Ensemble. **RM**

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THE Macau Mosque and Cemetery is more crowded than usual these days as members of the local Muslim community gather to mark the Eid al-Adha – a festival held to remind themselves of their obedience to Allah (God).

Women, men, and children gathered yesterday at the local Mosque to eat, pray, and appreciate the importance of sacrifice and devotion to Allah.

Tanueer Mahmood, a member of the Macau Muslim community, told the Times that the festival is held “in memory of prophet Abraham who was willing to sacrifice his son under the God’s command.” “Because he obeyed god’s command, Allah was very pleased and sent him a sheep from heaven for him to sacrifice [instead of his son],” he explained.

According to the story, Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son, Ishmael, in a dream, to demonstrate his devotion to God. When he was about to sacrifice his own son, God gave him an animal to kill instead.

The “festival of sacrifice” also marks the end of the annual holy Islamic pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca.

“Every year we go to the slaughter house and arrange a sheep and a cow to slaughter. We then eat them together,” Mr Mahmood recalled.

In many Muslim countries, communities sacrifice animals such as a sheep, goat or cow. They should eat one third of the meat, share one-third with friends and neighbors and then donate one-third to people in need.

Mr Mahmood recalled that prior to the Eid al-Adha holy days, Muslims around the world would have to fast for one

Muslims gather to celebrate Eid al-Adha in Macau



Tanueer Mahmood

month. “One month of fasting to please God,” he stressed.

“For over a month we’re fasting and worshipping Allah, and we pray. After one month, Allah tells us that we can now enjoy. You should come together, eat, pray, and declare devotion to him. And feel grateful for all of the things he’s given you,” he noted.

He estimates that hundreds of community members joined celebrations at the mosque yesterday. Other members of the community chose to cross the

border to join festival celebrations at the Huaisheng Mosque in Guangzhou.

Mr Mahmood, who originally hails from Pakistan, says that people attending celebrations come from many different countries, including Indonesia, Europe, and several other countries in Africa. “I am Pakistani, other people here are from Indonesia, Africa... but we are like brothers because we believe in one God. We’re all the same,” he stressed.

Mr Mahmood has spent the past seventeen years in Macau, where he says he has always felt welcomed. “I feel truly happy here, people are polite,” he assured, adding that while living here Muslim community members do not face any major challenges.

Macau’s safe environment is among things he treasures the most here. “I am very happy that Macau is a very peaceful place. Everywhere you go here there are no disturbances, no

issues. People treat us like brothers,” he confirmed.

Islamic associations in Macau and Hong Kong believe that there is a growing Muslim community in the region, partly due to an increase in the number of migrant workers from Indonesia.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry released a statement

■ Hundreds of community members joined celebrations at the mosque yesterday

yesterday extending his best wishes to Muslims around the globe for a blessed Eid al-Adha.

“Eid al-Adha is a special time when Muslims pause to appreciate the importance of sacrifice and devotion. It provides an opportunity for renewed spirituality, prayer, and reflection, and for families and friends to gather in celebration and thanks for the many blessings of God,” he said.

“But it is also a time for charity and for helping those who are less fortunate including the many adults and children forced to flee violence in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia,” Kerry added.

A taste of ancient melodies at St Dominic’s Church

THE Alliance Française de Macao is bringing a touch of French and Italian melodies to town as the “Stradivaria” ensemble performs with the renowned countertenor Dominique Visse this Sunday at St Dominic’s Church. Macau marks the end of the ensemble’s tour in China.

The “Concert Musique Baroque Stradivaria” features the French violinist Daniel Cuiller, who founded “Stradivaria,” as well as harpsichordist Jocelyne Cuiller, cellist Annabelle Luis, and violinist Camille Aubret.

The Macau concert combines 18th century French and Italian baroque



Dominique Visse

with sacred and secular music, emphasizing Italian musical influences, explained Mr Cuiller in an email interview ahead



Daniel Cuiller

of Sunday’s performance. In several Western countries, Baroque music underwent a revival over the past number of de-

acades. Having played in different cities in China in recent weeks, the ensemble believes that - no matter the audience - the essence of their music must remain.

“We must not bow to change, nor change the way we do things regardless of the audience we play to. Music is a universal language that we’re all able to speak and listen to, be it Western or Eastern,” he stated.

Nevertheless, the violinist acknowledged that when playing and singing to an audience who does not share the same language, one would probably need to perform in a more theatrical way, wi-

thout altering their particular musical sensibilities – which they were hoping to share with audiences across China.

“In the West, the revival of Baroque music started 50 years ago. China opened itself to our culture just a little while ago, but I have no doubt that – given the ancient musical instruments [that can be found in this country] – the Chinese will rapidly [develop an interest] for this type of repertoire, as more conservatories which feature ancient Western music are welcoming more Chinese students,” Mr Cuiller recalled.

The violinist, who founded “Stradivaria” back

in 1987, said he and Dominique Visse had been hoping to meet on stage for quite some time. The opportunity to meet arose during the ensemble’s tour in Asia.

Well-known baroque composers include Bach, Handel and Vivaldi. The ensemble will play pieces by Michel Corrette, Jean-Marie Leclair, Philippe Courbois, and Antonio Vivaldi.

The ensemble will perform this coming Sunday at 5 p.m. at St Dominic’s Church. The concert is free of charge, but tickets should be reserved via email (info.macao@alliancefrancaise.org.mo) or via telephone (28965342). CP



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A word of caution though; We are in no way suggesting that you should use these methods instead of bank financing for a property. Rather, these are examples of alternative financing methods used around the world when bank finance is not available. Here are nine ideas to get you thinking.

1. Hard money lenders.

You can ask around or find these online. They specialise in short-term loans at high interest.

Investors typically use this type of financing for a "fix and flip." You can often get the money fast, and if you make HK\$300,000 on a project the HK\$100,000 you paid in interest well worth it (Be sure that you go to a reputable lender and have spoken to

people who have used their services). In Macau, don't forget there is an additional stamp duty of 20% of the sales price and 10% of the sales price levied on the seller if they sell within 2 years or 1 year of purchasing the property respectively.

2. No-doc and low-doc loans.

No (or low) documentation of your income or credit required. Online banks are known for this type of loan.

The catch is that you will only be able to borrow up to 70% of the purchase price or property value. If you have 10% in cash, you might be able to borrow the other 20% from a friend or Investor.

3. Contract For Sale.

Called "contract for sale" or other names as well, this just means the seller lets you make payments, and delivers the title upon payment in full.

4. Credit cards.

If a seller will take HK\$200,000 down payment why not use a credit card?

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5. Retirement accounts.

Legal issues get pretty complex in this area depending on where you pay tax, but you can check with an accountant or lawyer to see how you might borrow from your own retire-

ment account to finance real estate investments

6. Friends and family.

Keep it all business if you use this source. Lending you money at 5% isn't a gift if their money is getting 2% in the bank.

7. Get a loan on another property.

If you take out a home equity loan you can use it for the down payment on an investment property without violating the rules of the bank that gives you the primary mortgage. In other words, you got in with no cash of your own.

8. Partnerships.

For bigger projects, you could arrange for different investors to each put money into a partnership. You would obviously require legal advice on this issue, and don't forget about the potential additional stamp duty if you purchase through a company, but nevertheless forming a partnership is always a good option.

Finally, do remember that the banks need your money.

Commonly available bank interest rates of prime minus 2.5 - 3.0 %, effectively deliver an interest rate of 2.5% to 3%. The down payments of course vary depending on circumstances.

In next weeks article – Part 7 of Essential starters guide to real estate investment we look at calculating the return on an investment property.

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GAMING CHIPS

Melco Crown tumbles in New York as Deutsche Bank stays bearish

Bonnie Cao

MELCO Crown Entertainment Ltd., a Macau-based casino operator controlled by billionaires Lawrence Ho and James Packer, slumped to a three-year low in New York after Deutsche Bank AG maintained a sell rating and said gaming revenue fell last week.

The shares slipped 4.4 percent on Wednesday to USD15.94, helping lead a decline in a Bloomberg index of the most-traded Chinese stocks in the U.S. Macau casino stocks had closed lower in Hong Kong earlier in the trading day after Deutsche Bank said the gaming sector was hurt last week due to a move by junket operators to reduce credit offered to high-end gamblers.

A government crackdown on corruption combined with an economic slowdown in China has curbed spending by high rollers in Macau, the world's biggest gambling hub. Gross gaming revenue fell 19 percent to 493 million patacas (\$62 million) a day last week, or 18 percent below the average so far this quarter, Deutsche Bank analyst Karen Tang wrote in a note this week.

"It's a group issue of Macau casinos where there remains a lot of concern about when and at what level the gaming business will reach an inflection point," Tim Craighead, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst, said in an e-mail. "Overall, the transition from a VIP-driven business to a mass-market oriented one is



one that will take time."

Revenue was hurt last week due to a move by junket operators to reduce credit offered to high-end gamblers. The operators reduced lending after a reported theft at a competitor "prompted others to withdraw deposits from various junkets," Deutsche Bank's Tang wrote.

The Bloomberg China-U.S. Equity Index declined for a fifth day, losing 2 percent to trade at the lowest since February 2014.

The Bloomberg Intelligence Macau Gaming Index declined more than 5 percent to the lowest since July 2012.

The week-long National Day holiday starting Oct. 1 may be "a temporary relief" for Macau's gaming industry as Chinese tourists arrive in the city, Jeff Papp, senior analyst at Oberweis Asset Management Inc., said in a phone interview. "But I don't see any rebounds for the industry as China's anti-

corruption campaign prolongs."

Amid a weak market, revenue per available room in some of the hotels has dropped in the second quarter, according to Bloomberg Intelligence data, and hotels are offering steep discounts to draw more customers.

The Deutsche X-trackers Harvest CSI 300 China A-Shares ETF dropped for a second day, sliding 0.2 percent to \$32.53.

■ The Bloomberg Intelligence Macau Gaming Index declined more than 5pct to the lowest since July 2012

That followed the Shanghai Composite Index which dropped 2.2 percent on Wednesday, while Chinese stocks trading in Hong Kong fell the most in three weeks after a preliminary manufacturing gauge for the mainland unexpectedly fell to a six-year low.

Online retailer JD.com Inc. fell 4.5 percent to \$24.38, the most since Sept. 4, while Weibo Corp., China's twitter-like portal, declined 4.9 percent to \$11.16, the lowest since Aug. 26.

President Xi Jinping's comments in the U.S. on Tuesday that China's stock market has reached a "phase of self-recovery and self-adjustment" prompted speculation that the government will pare back support for equities.

The government spent 1.5 trillion yuan (\$236 billion) from the start of the selloff three months ago through August trying to control a plunge that wiped out about \$5 trillion in market value, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. **Bloomberg**

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DR. JOSEPH KOO STOPS OFF AT COTAI ARENA ON FAREWELL TOUR



Dr. Joseph Koo, Hong Kong's greatest composer and a legend of the industry, will bring his Dr. Koo Glorious Concert in Macau to the Cotai Arena at The Venetian Macao as part of a farewell tour on Oct. 17. Tickets for

the one-night only concert go on sale today at all Cotai Ticketing box offices.

The concert will see some of Cantopop's biggest stars take to the stage to delight the audience at the Cotai Arena, including Adam

Cheng, Liza Wang, Teresa Cheung, Mak Kit Man, Gallen Lo and Albert Au. According to a press release issued by Sands China, there will also be a special guest who will surprise attendees.

A composer who has created hundreds of famous works and has composed thousands of songs, Dr. Koo is best known for his film and TV themes and soundtracks. A luminary and an inspiration for generations, he has won dozens of awards and has been presented with a multitude of honors for his long and distinguished career.

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US-CHINA

Xi trades football for hardball political negotiations

WITH his feel-good tours of Boeing, Microsoft and a local high school complete, Chinese President Xi Jinping departed Washington state for the other Washington, where tougher discussions on cybersecurity, intellectual property protections and human rights await.

President Barack Obama's administration said this week that he won't paper over disagreements between the two countries on those topics, even as the leaders find ground where they can work together on other issues, including trade and climate change.

Xi struck a gracious tone during his 48-hour stay in Seattle, during which he toured Boeing's plant in Everett, visited Microsoft's campus in Redmond, and received a football jersey with his name on it from high school students in Tacoma.

In his public remarks, at a dinner banquet and at a meeting of top corporate leaders from both nations, Xi stressed the importance of U.S.-China business relations and vowed that his country would work to remove barriers to foreign investment and to improve intellectual property protections.

He also expressed a willingness to work with the U.S. on cybersecurity — a priority for Washington. White House officials have said hacking attacks originating from China are approaching epidemic levels. The administration believes Chinese espionage was behind one of the worst U.S. government data breaches in history, the theft of fingerprint images of those applying for security clearances. On Wednesday, the Office of Personnel Management announced that an estimated 5.6 million images were stolen — not 1.1 million as first thought.

"Problems are always outnumbered by solutions," Xi said yesterday (Macau time) as he addressed the business leaders.



Chinese President Xi Jinping poses with football players and a football he was given during a visit to Lincoln High School

He received an enthusiastic reception at Lincoln High School in Tacoma, where students gave him a football and a personalized jersey.

Problems are always outnumbered by solutions

XI JINPING

"He said it'll fit him really well," said 17-year-old Mushawn Knowles, who presented the jersey to Xi. "And hopefully we can have influence on him to love football."

Xi had presents of his own, giving the school books about his country, a ping pong table and

balls, and inviting 100 students to be his guests in China.

Xi is scheduled to arrive today in Washington, D.C. He and Obama are scheduled to have a private dinner before Obama formally welcomes Xi and his wife at the White House for the official state visit Friday.

Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, Amazon's Jeff Bezos, investor Warren Buffett and Jack Ma of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba were among the 30 executives who attended Xi's Seattle address. The speech followed a closed-door discussion Wednesday moderated by former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, whose organization, the Paulson Institute, organized the gathering.

Paulson noted the difficult issues and increasing tensions facing the nations as he welcomed Xi. But Paulson added: "The

reason that the U.S. and China have a nearly \$600 billion trading relationship, large amounts of U.S. investment in China, and increasing amounts of Chinese direct investment here, is because there are many areas where our national and business interests align."

Xi agreed. Though he acknowledged hiccups as China shifts its economy from one driven by exports to one driven by a growing middle class, Xi told the group that China's economy will maintain a "steady medium and high speed of growth for a long time."

"China will open up still wider to the outside world," Xi said through an interpreter. "Without reform, there will be no driving force; without opening up, there will be no progress. ... There is good news, and I believe there will be more good news in the future."

China will stand firm to protect intellectual property rights, he added.

Xi attributed the Chinese economy's recent slowdown to three factors — world economic problems, proactive Chinese efforts at regulation and "protracted structural problems" in China.

A big item of concern for the CEOs is a treaty that would provide a framework for broader investment in the economy of each nation.

All of the American CEOs participating in the forum signed a letter to Xi and Obama urging them to support such a treaty, and they heard encouraging

An agreement with China could [...] create jobs in both countries

words from Xi on the topic.

"Once concluded, the treaty will further ease market access and put in place more open and transparent market rules," he said.

Bilateral investment treaties provide rules for companies doing business in other countries. The agreements can help ensure the rights of foreign investors are protected and that foreign companies operate on a level playing field with domestic ones.

An agreement with China could open up more of that nation's massive market to American companies, provide clearer rules for Chinese investment in the U.S., and create jobs in both countries, supporters say. **AP**

Party to indict FIBA official Xiao Tian

A senior Chinese sports official who also is a vice president of basketball's international body FIBA will face criminal indictment in China after he was stripped of membership of China's ruling party and all official duties.

The party's internal disciplinary body announced yesterday that Xiao Tian, formerly vice minister of sports responsible for basketball, was

found to have violated political disciplines and rules.

The Central Commission for Discipline Inspection said Xiao took bribes and sought benefits for others, tried to transfer illicit gains and hindered investigations. It said Xiao hired and promoted his wife in violation of personnel rules and accepted bribes and gifts including golf sessions from private busi-

nesspeople.

Since taking power in late 2012, Chinese President Xi Jinping has launched a broad campaign against corruption among bureaucrats and officials in government and state industry.

The commission said Xiao's acts have been particularly flagrant after the party leadership demanded frugality among its members. It said Xiao wine and dined people

on the public purse and frequented private clubs.

While traveling abroad on business, Xiao also changed his itineraries and extended his trips without approval, the disciplinary group said.

The party has decided to confiscate his illicit gains and hand him over to authorities for criminal indictment.

Xiao is still listed as a member of FIBA Central Board on its website. **AP**



US returns woman to face fraud charges in China

A Chinese woman who served a U.S. prison term for money laundering was returned to China yesterday, authorities said, just ahead of a meeting between President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Kuang Wanfang, who is wanted in a bribery investigation and is the wife of a former official of the state-owned Bank of China, was repatriated following cooperation with U.S. law enforcement officials, China's Supervision Ministry said.

She is the second person to be sent back to China from the United States since Beijing launched a "Sky Net" campaign in April to bring back people who are accused of economic crimes and have fled overseas.

The United States lacks an extradition treaty with China and is wary that the country's opaque court system may be unfair to defendants, so it has typically been cautious in turning Chinese nationals over to Beijing, making the U.S. a top destination for corrupt Chinese officials.

Beijing seeks to change that, and Washington has agreed to cooperate but also demands solid evidence against the accused.

"China will step up joint efforts with the international community to crack down on cross-border corruption and seize ill-gotten gains," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said yesterday. "We also hope to have further support and collaboration from the United States to make it impossible for fugitives to seek shelters abroad."

Kuang is married to Xu Chaofan, who was involved in a USD485 million fraud case in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong. She and another banker's wife were convicted in 2009 by a federal jury in Las Vegas of helping launder the proceeds and violating immigration laws, including entering the country illegally and gaining U.S. citizenship through fraud.



AP PHOTO
Sign of good faith? Ms Kuang was returned to China just ahead of the Obama-Xi summit

The women each were sentenced to eight years in prison.

Their husbands also were convicted in the United States on charges of racketeering, money laundering and international transportation of stolen property and fraud. The men were jailed for 25 years and 22 years respectively. The four lost their appeals in 2013.

Kuang was released early. It's unclear whether the other three people will be repatriated to China.

Another defendant, Yu Zhendong, was sent back to China in 2004 on the condition that he would not be tortured or given the death penalty, which can be applied in China even for non-violent white-collar crimes. Yu eventually got 12 years in prison.

The ministry said Kuang had been a fugitive from Chinese justice for 14 years and, upon her return, would face an investigation by Guangdong police on graft and bribery charges.

Last week, the United States sent back Chinese businessman Yang Jinjun, who is suspected of graft and bribery. His sister, Yang Xiuzhu, has been detained in the United States but is seeking political asylum. The woman, formerly a deputy mayor in the eastern city of Wenzhou, is wanted in China for allegedly embezzling more than \$40 million.

Hong, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, described the return of both Yang Jinjun and Kuang as progress in law enforcement cooperation with the United States. AP

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PHILIPPINES

Conflicts, guns and misery foster kidnappings

THE recent abductions of three Westerners and a Filipino woman from a southern Philippine resort are the latest reminder of the long-running security problems that have hounded a region with bountiful resources and promises, but hamstrung by stark poverty and an array of insurgents and outlaws.

While authorities have not identified the abductors with certainty, there is one usual suspect: The Abu Sayyaf, a brutal al-Qaida-linked group that has pulled off mass kidnappings for ransom in the last 15 years in the south and in neighboring Malaysia.

"The primary suspect is ASG," regional military commander Lt. Gen. Aurelio Baladad told reporters yesterday, referring to the group by its acronym. He added, however, that there have been no conclusive findings on the kidnappers' identities.

Under cover of darkness, at least 11 men armed with two rifles and pistols barged into the Holiday Ocean View Samal Resort on southern Samal Island shortly before midnight on Sunday then headed toward a huddle of yachts docked at a marina, according to the military and police.

In less than 20 minutes, the kidnappers herded at gunpoint Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad, the resort's marina manager, and Filipino Teresita Flor, to two motor boats. An American and his Japanese female companion fought back and were injured, but escaped by jumping off their yacht, said Senior Superintendent Samuel Gadingan, the police chief of Davao del Norte province, where Samal is located, about 1,000 kilometers southeast of the capital, Manila.

Aside from the Abu Sayyaf, investigators have considered

the possible involvement of a small extortion gang of former Muslim and communist guerrillas, who have an active presence in the vast Davao region. The latter, however, have in the past publicly declared their ab-

The primary suspect is Abu Sayyaf Group

LT. GEN. AURELIO BALADAD

ductions, mostly of government troops, within days of seizing them, according to Gadingan.

It remains uncertain which group is behind the latest abduction, but the conditions that foster such crimes are much clearer: A volatile mix of poverty, weak law enforcement and access to thousands of unlicensed firearms in the south, said Julkipli Wadi, dean of the Institute for Islamic Studies at the state-run University of the Philippines.

It's very likely too that those deep-seated social ills would not be solved anytime soon and kidnappings would fester, he said.

"These are generational problems that are difficult to be solved by presidents who are restricted to six-year terms and often lack political will," Wadi said.

Kidnappings for ransom have preceded the Abu Sayyaf. But the group has started an alarming trend of large-scale ab-



Philippine Marines from the Naval Special Operations Group (NAVSOG) storm the beach to simulate an "extraction" of a kidnapped victim as they kick off a five-day amphibious military exercise at the Philippine Marines training center in Ternate

ductions after it emerged in the early 2000 as an offshoot of the decades-long separatist rebellion by minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation's south.

The Abu Sayyaf abducted 21 people, mostly European tourists, from a Malaysian diving resort in 2000, freeing them later reportedly in exchange for huge ransoms. The militants took three Americans and 17 Filipinos the following year from the Dos Palmas resort in Palawan province southwest of Manila, then staged a failed kidnapping attempt in a popular resort on Samal Island, near where Sunday's abductions happened.

Without any known foreign financial support and after more than a decade of battle setbacks

inflicted by U.S.-backed Philippine military offensives, the Abu Sayyaf has survived mostly through kidnappings and extortion. In recent years, they have grown more daring by crossing the sea border to snatch their victims in Malaysia's Sabah state.

The U.S. military's antiterrorism task force in the southern Philippines was deactivated in February after 13 years, as Washington recently shifted focus to supporting freedom of navigation in the South China Sea. U.S. forces continue to provide intelligence and training to Filipino troops in the south.

The rewards for Abu Sayyaf kidnappers have been relatively huge. Aside from the money, kidnap victims have been used as a human shield to pre-empt

government offensives. High-profile abductions also have allowed the militants to capture the attention of foreign terrorist networks, a confidential government security assessment report said.

Last year, the militants were estimated to have pocketed more than 277 million pesos (\$6 million) in ransom from the kidnappings of 59 people, said the report, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

"Kidnapping has indeed become a lucrative industry in Mindanao," the report said, referring to the southern region. It added without elaborating that unidentified corrupt politicians and even law enforcers have benefited from the crime.

Buddy Recio, a Filipino travel writer who was abducted by the Abu Sayyaf militants with his wife and son at the Palawan resort in 2001, said it pains him to know that the militants have endured and continue to seize innocent people, who would go through the same harrowing ordeal that they have endured.

Recio's son was freed and he and his wife were wounded in a crossfire, prompting the Abu Sayyaf militants to leave them after a week of captivity. If the new kidnap victims could hear him, Recio said he would advise them to stay fit to endure the extremely rough time ahead and to look forward to a brighter ending.

"They should keep on hoping," Recio said. "They should think that there are governments and friends working to set them free." AP

SINGAPORE

Thickening haze dampens swing of festivities

A thickening, smoky haze cast a shadow over festivities in Singapore yesterday, as Muslims headed to mosques to celebrate the culmination of the annual hajj pilgrimage and Chinese readied for a traditional harvest festival.

As many Singaporeans stayed at home for the public holiday, the three-hour Pollutant Standards Index (PSI), which measures air pollution in the country, hit 313, the highest level this year. The haze is blowing in from neighboring Indo-



Mallgoers walk on a boardwalk which faces Sentosa, a popular tourist destination, as seen through the haze

nesia, where forests are being burned to clear the land for farming, causing the annual problem for the region. Although there are no official air quality descriptors affiliated with

the three-hour index, a reading of these levels on a 24-hour index would mean that air quality is in the "very unhealthy" range, according to the National Environment Agency.

High-rise buildings surrounding Masjid Hajjah Fatimah, a mosque in an area historically associated with the island nation's Malay community, were barely visible through the veil of smog.

While some faithful were seen covering their mouths to block out the haze, none wore masks as prayers conducted in-

side the mosque required them to wash their faces.

Mustafa Muhamad, 61, said the bad air quality caused some of his friends to say prayers to mark the Eid-al-Adha, or festival of sacrifice, at home instead. From a group of 40 usually seen at each of the day's five prayer sessions, the number had dwindled to around 20, he added.

"The haze is very bad, there are less people in the mosque this year. Coming to the mosque to pray used to be very nice because we would mingle around after," the teacher

explained.

At the nearby Sultan Mosque, tourists wearing masks were taking pictures of its iconic facade.

Preparations for the Chinese mid-autumn festival on Sunday, when farmers traditionally celebrate their harvest, were in full swing.

One such celebration will feature giant lantern sets, nightly cultural performances and a food street.

"My son is very sensitive to dust and has lung issues, so I'm limiting his outdoor time," said Esther Au Yong, 34, a freelance editor. A trip to the gardens with her 3-year-old son on Friday night, on an outing organized by his kindergarten is on the rocks due to the haze. AP

BOAT PEOPLE

Vietnamese refugees reach out to Syrians fleeing in the Mediterranean Sea

Amy Taxin, Fountain Valley, CA

WHEN Jonathan Huynh heard the haunting story of two young Syrian boys and their mother fleeing their country and drowning when their small rubber boat capsized on its way to Greece, he saw himself.

The 37-year-old California chiropractor was a toddler when his family took to the seas to flee communist Vietnam. They survived and wound up at a Malaysian refugee camp.

"I just felt like history is repeating itself," said Huynh, who along with other Vietnamese Americans is helping organize a walk-a-thon in Fountain Valley, California, to send medical aid to Syrians fleeing their country's 4 1/2 year-civil war.



Jonathan Huynh

Seeing their community's story in the plight of those boarding tiny, rickety boats for Europe, some Vietnamese Americans are reaching out to help. In addition to the 4-mile walk, some in California have started a Twitter campaign to generate compassion for those taking to the seas and a fundraising drive to support migrant rescue efforts.

More than three decades ago, Vietnamese began fleeing in tiny boats to try to find a better life. Some died, and others wound up in refugee camps before heading to the United States.

Today, the Vietnamese-American population is approaching 2 million, and its influence is growing, especially in Orange County, home to the largest seg-

ment of the population.

While the politics surrounding the Syrian conflict differ from those after South Vietnam fell to communist rule in 1975, many Vietnamese Americans said they feel connected to the new refugees.

"I want to see what we can do to help the Syrians because that is us," said Tom Q. Nguyen, a 48-year-old escrow business owner whose mother and sister died at sea in the 1980s.

Several hundred thousand people fleeing war-torn areas in the Middle East, Africa and Asia have sought to reach Europe by sea this year in a growing crisis that has raised diplomatic tensions across the continent.

The U.S. has announced plans to take in 10,000 additional Syrian refugees in the next fiscal year. And Secretary of State John

Kerry has said the U.S. will accept 85,000 refugees from around the world next year, and up to 100,000 in 2017.

Humanitarian groups have urged the U.S. to do more to help, while some U.S. intelligence officials and lawmakers have raised concerns that Islamic State group extremists may have infiltrated migrant groups.

Duc Nguyen, who was rescued by a U.S. Navy vessel after escaping Vietnam as a teenager, said he faced reluctance from some community members when he started trying to raise money this summer for the Migrant Offshore Aid Station, a rescue group based in Malta.

So the 51-year-old filmmaker and other Vietnamese Americans started a Twitter campaign asking people to make and upload videos saying why they care. Since then, he said, he's getting a positive response.

"I want to create a movement to get people to choose whether they care," he said.

Nam Loc Nguyen, who recently retired from refugee work at Catholic Charities in Los Angeles, said he has been in touch with Vietnamese groups in California and Texas that want to help resettle Syrian refugees. In Canada, Vietnamese community members are helping raise money to sponsor them, he said. **AP**

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MIGRANT SUMMIT

EU leaders finally agree on broader approach to refugee crisis

John-Thor Dahlburg,
Associated Press

AFTER months of delay and debate, European Union leaders agreed early yesterday to mount a broader, more comprehensive response to Europe's migration crisis, including ponying up more money to aid refugees in the Middle East, both to feed them and to reduce the chance they will come to Europe, and to toughen EU border controls.

"In the face of a major challenge, Europe can't just say: we will not deal with this. That would completely wrong," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel. "We have to find answers together."

EMERGENCY AID

"Urgent needs" of refugees currently in the Middle East will be



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, center right, listens to European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, center left, as they arrive for an emergency EU heads of state summit on the migrant crisis at the EU Commission headquarters in Brussels

met with at least 1 billion euros (\$1.1 billion) in fresh EU funding to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Food Program and other

agencies, the leaders decided. Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and other countries dealing with refugees fleeing the Syrian civil war should also receive greater injec-

tions of EU assistance, including through a "substantial increase" in the EU's Regional Trust Fund.

"We need to do more to stabilize the countries and the regions from which these people are coming," British Prime Minister David Cameron said as the meeting began. He announced Britain would commit another 100 million pounds (\$152 million) for Syrian refugee relief.

HARDENED BORDERS

Around a half-million people, many of them fleeing conflict and poverty in the Middle East and Africa, have entered the 28-nation EU already this year. For the bloc, EU President Donald Tusk said Wednesday, the most urgent question "is how to retain control of our external borders." The leaders agreed to beef up border controls by providing more resources, including personnel and equipment from their countries, to help Frontex, the EU's border agency, Europol and other EU organizations. By November, new EU dedicated teams will be fully deployed to assist local authorities in Greece and Italy — where most people have been arriving — with identification, fingerprinting and registration to see whether they qualify for asylum.

GREATER COOPERATION

The leaders called for stepped-up dialogue with Turkey, home to nearly 2 million refugees, as well as assistance to non EU-member countries in the Balkans through which large numbers of refugees now transit. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is expected to visit Brussels Oct. 5. Member states should also contribute more to stabilize Afri-

can countries that have become a source of displaced persons, the leaders said.

PEACE IN SYRIA

The EU summit called for a "renewed UN-led international effort" to end the war in Syria, which it said has driven an estimated 12 million people from their homes. "The EU commits to doing its part in this respect," the leaders said.

To broker peace in Syria, Merkel said, "you have to talk to a lot of actors, and that includes (President Bashar) Assad."

UNITY AGAIN

On Tuesday, EU nations clashed on a plan to relocate 120,000 migrants, with four EU countries — the Czech republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania — in opposition. Despite that, the official summit communique stressed that all EU member states share the commitment to dealing with the migration crisis together. "We all recognized that there are no easy solutions and that we can only manage this challenge by working together, in a spirit of solidarity and responsibility," the statement said.

WHAT COMES NEXT

The decisions taken at the EU summit show "a common understanding that we cannot continue as before," but won't be enough by themselves to end the crisis, Tusk said. The issue will be back on the agenda at the next meeting of EU presidents and prime ministers Oct. 15-16 in Brussels. Between now and then, the leaders said, their governments and EU institutions should take "operational decisions" on the most urgent actions agreed to yesterday. **AP**

Teenage migrant dies in Channel Tunnel

FRENCH officials said yesterday a teenage migrant from east Africa was struck and killed by a freight train as he tried to make the dangerous crossing from northern France to Britain through the Channel Tunnel.

The Calais prefecture's office said the man's body was discovered around 2 a.m. yesterday (GMT) by rescue workers near the tracks. Eurotunnel, which operates the freight service, also confirmed the death in the French terminal area.

About a dozen migrants have died since this summer in Calais, where they are camped in hopes of reaching a better life in Britain. Britain and France have reinforced security at the entrance of the Tunnel linking the two countries after a series of attempts to rush the site en masse.

More than 10,000 refugees and other migrants have entered Hungary in a single day, the highest figure this year, as Prime Minister Viktor

Orban said he was willing to consider letting people through to Western Europe.

Police said yesterday that 10,046 people arrived in Hungary the day before, surpassing the previous mark of 9,380 set Sept. 14, just before Hungary closed down its border with Serbia.

While nearly all the migrants are now taking a detour and entering from Croatia, Hungary is also building a fence on that border which Orban said would be ready by the weekend.

Early yesterday, however, after a meeting of EU national leaders in Brussels, Orban said Hungary would consider giving the migrants free passage toward Austria and Germany, where many want to go.

Orban cited Austrian Chancellor Werner Faymann, who "clearly said that if we can only stop them with the fence, then we should rather let them through. This is what must be considered." **AP**

SAUDI ARABIA

Over 700 pilgrims dead in hajj stampede

AT least 700 people were killed and hundreds were injured in a stampede yesterday on the outskirts of Mecca, the deadliest such tragedy to strike the annual hajj pilgrimage in nearly a decade.

It was the second major disaster during this year's hajj season, raising questions about the adequacy of measures put in place

by Saudi authorities to ensure the safety of the roughly 2 million Muslims taking part. A crane collapse in Mecca nearly two weeks earlier left more than 100 people dead.

Yesterday's crush happened in Mina, a large valley about five kilometers from the holy city of Mecca that has been the site of hajj stampedes in

years past.

Mina is where pilgrims carry out a symbolic stoning of the devil by throwing pebbles against three stone columns. It also houses more than 160,000 tents where pilgrims spend the night during the pilgrimage.

The stampede occurred in a morning surge of pilgrims at the intersection of streets 204 and 223 as

the faithful were making their way toward a large structure overlooking the columns, according to the Saudi civil defense directorate.

The multi-story structure, known as Jamarat Bridge, is designed to ease the pressure of the crowds and prevent pilgrims from being trampled.

The civil defense directorate, which provided the death toll, said at least 631 other pilgrims were injured in the stampede on Street 204 in Mina.

Ambulance sirens blared as rescue crews rushed the injured to



Muslim pilgrims gather around the victims of a stampede in Mina, Saudi Arabia during the annual hajj pilgrimage

nearby hospitals.

More than 220 rescue vehicles and some 4,000 members of the emergency services were deployed

soon after the stampede to try to ease the congestion and provide alternative exit routes, according to the directorate. **AP**

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19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	News
21:45	Miscellaneous
22:10	Trail of Lies
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Film
01:10	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:00	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:45	Boonie Bears
11:35	Young Adult
12:00	Cooking
12:30	Cooking
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
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18:30	Contest
19:20	Miscellaneous
19:50	Macau 360° (Repeated)
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Drama
22:00	Drama
23:00	TDM News
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00:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SUNDAY

10:30	Young Children
11:00	Sunday Mass
12:00	Miscellaneous
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18:20	Miscellaneous
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offbeat

IRANIAN IN UK TRIES TO GET SENT HOME BUT IS IN UK LEGALLY

Tens of thousands of people fleeing warfare and poverty are trying to enter Europe but at least one Iranian man who has made his home in Britain seems desperate to leave.

Manchester Police say Arash Aria turned himself in Monday, claiming to be in Britain illegally, but after arresting him police found out he had legal permission to live in Britain.

An official police tweet said: "Checks with the immigration enforcement team revealed that the man had indefinite leave to stay in the country."

Police said Aria seemed angry and agitated and demanded to be sent home to Iran after 10 years in Manchester.

The Daily Telegraph yesterday quoted the 25-year-old Aria as saying he was "fed up" with the rude way British people treated him.

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24 SEP - 30 SEP

EVEREST

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Baltasar Kormakur

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Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 121min

MAZE RUNNER: THE SCORCH TRIALS

ROOM 1

7.15 pm

Director: Wes Ball

Starring: IDylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Thomas

Brodie-Sangster

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 131min



OFFICE

ROOM 2

2.00, 5.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Johnnie To

Starring: Chow Yun-Fat, Sylvia Chang, Eason Chan, Tang Wei

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 117min

ATTACK ON TITAN: END OF THE WORLD

ROOM 2

4.05, 9.50 pm

Director: Shinji Higuchi

Starring: Haruma Miura, Kiko Mizuhara

Language: Japanese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 90min



THE INTERN

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Nancy Meyers

Starring: Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 121min

MACAU TOWER

10 SEP - 30 SEPT

MAZE RUNNER: THE SCORCH TRIALS

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

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Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 131min



this day in history



1957 TROOPS END LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL CRISIS

Nine black children have finally been able to attend Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. But they had to be surrounded by more than 1,000 US paratroopers to protect them from segregationist whites.

On the orders of President Dwight D Eisenhower, the troops arrived last night in full battledress with fixed bayonets and rifles and took over from local police following three weeks of disturbances.

The children, six girls and three boys, had to walk through a cordon to get to the school building.

Outside about 1,500 whites demonstrated and at least seven were arrested.

Inside, students were warned by the commanding officer, General Walker, that anyone who disrupted the school day would be handed over to local police.

In 1954 the US Supreme Court ruled segregated schools were unconstitutional.

The decision was prompted by a case brought by the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People) on behalf of a black schoolgirl from Kansas forced to attend a blacks-only school.

But Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus refused to abide by the ruling.

Little Rock became of symbol of southern resistance to government attempts to desegregate American society.

On 2 September this year the governor ordered Arkansas state troops to stop the nine black children attending school. Three weeks later he was forced to withdraw them by a federal judge.

But a white mob took over the streets and the mayor of the city appealed to the president to help to control the situation.

The southern governors are meeting today to find a way of persuading the president to withdraw the troops.

After yesterday's disturbances, the city was calm.

But once the troops are gone it is feared the white mob may retaliate against the 30,000 black residents at Little Rock, especially leaders of the NAACP.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

A year later Little Rock's white residents voted to close the high schools rather than keep them open on a desegregated basis.

They re-opened as desegregated schools in 1959 after the Supreme Court refused to allow them to be turned into private schools and therefore be exempt from desegregation.

Governor Faubus' resistance to integration was popular with locals and he remained governor for the next ten years. In 1986 he ran for governor once more but was beaten by Bill Clinton.

In 1964 the Civil Rights Law prohibited racial discrimination in education, employment or in public places.

However, the move to desegregate schools received a setback in 1974 when a Supreme Court decision banned plans to mix schools across city-suburban boundaries. It has meant central city schools have become increasingly attended by non-white students.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Your drive for success is like a monkey on your back...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You finally get a little break, and you have definitely earned it yet...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 If you live with a partner, you may be scratching your head and wondering how they suddenly decided they were the boss of you...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Problems at work are one thing, but at home you want to be understood. Someone is misinterpreting your spending ideas...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Today is rejuvenating in more ways than one. Going after the almighty dollar can be demoralizing...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Today is the day when all your hard work finally pays off. Whether it's romance, fun or simply relaxation...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You're the king of the castle today but that's not a good position to be in. Watch out, because someone wants the throne...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Everyone at home is getting along well together. It's the right time to implement your new budget...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may find yourself drumming the table with your fingers or sighing audibly. What else is new? Well, your ban on shopping for starters...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You can be forgiven for having less than high energy levels today. Give yourself a chance to do some catching up instead of refueling with shopping...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 If you're tired, why try and fight it? If you've spend most of your time earning money, then you have a good reason to get some rest...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 It's not easy to find inexpensive things to do. Use a skill you've learned in business. Namely pick out someone who's already an expert...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

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

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Diamond cover; 5- Architectural pier; 9- Publisher Adolph; 13- Chemical used on trees; 14- Idaho capital; 16- La Scala solo; 17- After the bell; 18- Corpulent; 19- Mountain lake; 20- Neeson of 'Rob Roy'; 21- Gore and Hirt; 22- Having a rim; 24- As to; 26- Cosecant's reciprocal; 27- Winning the race; 29- Roman capital of Palestine; 33- Acute; 34- Optical device; 35- Actress Petty; 36- Architect I.M.; 37- West Pointer; 38- Boy; 39- Bern's river; 41- River of Flanders; 42- Tortilla chip dip; 44- Small telescope; 46- Entertain; 47- Vintner's prefix; 48- Sulk; 49- Lipton competitor; 52- Intangible mixture of gases used for breathing; 53- Final notice; 57- 'The Time Machine' people; 58- Pull on; 60- South American country, famous for Macchu Picchu; 61- Fast fliers; 62- Actress Verdugo; 63- Highbrow; 64- Try out; 65- Those, to Juan; 66- Longings;

DOWN: 1- Hard to believe; 2- Jai ___; 3- Pro Aristocratic; 7- Connections; 8- Beast of burden; 9- Breakfast choice; 10- Burn the midnight oil, studying; 11- Bring on board; 12- Beach blanket?; 15- Most strange; 23- Connections; 25- Forty winks; 26- More reasonable; 27- Lots; 28- Like a sasquatch; 29- Gives up; 30- Tumbles; 31- Wipe out; 32- Verdi heroine; 33- Pampering places; 34- Cow catcher; 37- An anion of one oxygen, carbon, and nitrogen atom; 40- Boastful person; 42- The Mustangs' sch.; 43- Postmortem examination; 45- Shelter; 46- Main arteries; 48- Device with 88 keys; 49- Treehouse used by birds; 50- Anything ___?; 51- Drunkards; 52- Matures; 54- Nota ___; 55- Wrinkle remover; 56- Baths; 59- Suffix with glob

Yesterday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for clues.

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England v Wales
H 1.33, D 26, A 4.3

ENGLAND and Wales rolled the dice with their inside backs and front row respectively for their crunch Rugby World Cup match tomorrow (Sunday, 3am) at Twickenham.

With Australia in their Pool A, one of the three rugby heavyweights will not qualify for the quarterfinals, making their series of three matches mouth-watering. This is the first.

England dropped the biggest surprise by demoting flyhalf George Ford and recalling Owen Farrell to start. Ford has been Stuart Lancaster's preferred flyhalf since last November's home tests, and was the inspiration for England's new, bold approach in the Six Nations. Sam Burgess, who switched from rugby league only 11 months ago, was at No. 12, and Brad Barritt at No. 13 in a combination that looks like a wall, but also has the pace of one.

Meanwhile, Wales has starting tighthead prop Tomas Francis less than a month after he made his debut. Samson Lee and loosehead Paul James suffered calf injuries in the win over Uruguay last weekend, and Lee recovered to make the reserves, while James didn't.

Francis, born in England and qualified for Wales through a grandmother, debuted in the warm-up win over Ireland in Dublin on Aug. 29. At white-hot Twickenham, he will make his fourth start in his fifth test. Filling in for James will be Gethin Jenkins, who will play in his fourth Rugby World Cup. He's backed up by Aaron Jarvis, who popped a rib cartilage against Uruguay but passed fit.

England hinted at its changes two days before the team announcement on Thursday. Two were forced by injuries to outside center Jonathan Joseph and No. 8 Ben Morgan, who injured a pectoral muscle and knee respectively in the tournament-opening win against Fiji last Friday, and also may not be available for the third pool match against Australia.

Ford's was signaled, but still a jaw-dropper. He appears to have paid for only a solid performance against Fiji, and was in the reserves.

His father, Mike Ford, also the coach of Bath, said the flyhalf was "devastated" at his demotion.

"Of course George was down when he was told which way they were going to go, after having led the line over the last year," Mike Ford told the Daily Telegraph.

"Having a setback like that is all about how you respond to it. You want players to be emotio-



England's Will Carling, centre white jersey, is caught by Australia's Michael Lynagh, centre right, during the Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham (1991)

RUGBY

England, Wales patch their teams for World Cup clash

nal about it because that shows they care. George will absolutely respond in the right way."

Burgess has replaced his Bath clubmate Joseph for his first start in a competitive match.

Billy Vunipola, who scored the last-gasp bonus-point try against Fiji, was in at No. 8 for Morgan.

James Haskell and Alex Goode were in the reserves to cover the loose forwards and outside backs respectively.

Wales recalled its stars amid 10 changes from the side which beat Uruguay 54-9 in Cardiff in its Cup opener last weekend.

Having endured a miserable run of injuries in the past month, the Welsh were sweating

most of all on props Lee and James, and could only recover Lee. The rest of the lineup was as expected.

Lock Alun Wyn Jones was over a knee ligament complaint from the warm-up win over Ireland in Dublin last month to pack down with Bradley Davies.

Captain Sam Warburton was reforming Wales' most capped back row with Dan Lydiate and Taulupe Faletau for the 26th time, and Dan Biggar was at flyhalf.

Scrumhalf Mike Phillips, sitting on 99 test caps, couldn't break into the 23, and Jamie Roberts and Scott Williams were in midfield.

George North was on the right

wing, and Hallam Amos on the left, ahead of British Lion Alex Cuthbert. Amos, who turned 21 yesterday, received only a third

start in his fifth test. Liam Williams was at fullback after suffering a dead leg against Uruguay. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

LINEUPS

ENGLAND: Mike Brown, Anthony Watson, Brad Barritt, Sam Burgess, Jonny May, Owen Farrell, Ben Youngs; Billy Vunipola, Chris Robshaw (captain), Tom Wood, Courtney Lawes, Geoff Parling, Dan Cole, Tom Youngs, Joe Marler. Reserves: Rob Webber, Mako Vunipola, Kieran Brookes, Joe Launchbury, James Haskell, Richard Wigglesworth, George Ford, Alex Goode.

WALES: Liam Williams, George North, Scott Williams, Jamie Roberts, Hallam Amos, Dan Biggar, Gareth Davies; Taulupe Faletau, Sam Warburton (captain), Dan Lydiate, Alun Wyn Jones, Bradley Davies, Tomas Francis, Scott Baldwin, Gethin Jenkins. Reserves: Ken Owens, Aaron Jarvis, Samson Lee, Luke Charteris, Justin Tipuric, Lloyd Williams, Rhys Priestland, Alex Cuthbert.

Australia struggles to put away spirited Fiji 28-13

AUSTRALIA struggled to put away a spirited Fiji side playing its second game in five days at the Rugby World Cup, winning 28-13 mainly thanks to a quick brace of first-half tries from No. 8 David Pocock yesterday.

Pocock dived over at the base of rolling mauls to help the Australians to an 18-3 halftime lead in their first Pool A game of the tournament. And when prop Sekope Kepu barged over for a third try early in the second half, Fiji faced a huge task so soon after losing to England in the opening game on Friday.

Yet flyhalf Ben Volavola's solo try in the 60th inspired the Fijians to a strong finish, with Australia getting pinned back in its own half in the final minutes. The Wallabies failed, unlike England, to earn the bonus point for four tries that could yet prove significant in what is expected to be a tight pool as it also contains Wales.

"I'm new to test footy, right, but for me winning a test match, that's all you need to do and then move onto the next one," Cheika said, playing down the impact of the missed bonus point. "I'm not counting



Australia's David Pocock tackles Fiji's Netani Talei during the Rugby World Cup Pool A match

points." Flyhalf Bernard Foley kicked 13 points for Australia, which has won the World Cup both times it has been held in Britain — in 1991 and 1999.

The Wallabies had the luxury of a belated start to the tournament, having been holed in Bath in southeast England while their rivals slugged it out over the opening weekend.

So while Fiji arrived in Cardiff battle-hardened but potentially sore from a 35-11 loss to England at Twickenham, the Australians were fresh and buoyed from winning the Rugby Championship this year.

As it turned out, Pocock's brace of tries proved crucial. He is a recent convert to the No. 8 shirt but he looked at home there as he controlled the ball at the base of mauls before diving over the tryline in the 27th and 31st minutes.

Kepu ran through Fiji hooker Tuapati Talemaitoga's attempted tackle to scurry over in the 43rd and Australia looked set for a bonus-point win to keep pace with England.

Fiji summoned up energy out of nowhere, and produced some wonderful offloads and one-handed passes that thrilled a near-capacity crowd. Volavola's try was a delight, sidestepping Rob Simmons and dummieing past another lock in Kane Douglas to battle across the line and between the posts.

By the end, the Australians were hanging on and Foley kicked a penalty in the 70th minute to put a margin of two converted tries between the teams, when they could have gone for a fourth try and bonus point. **AP**

opinion

Kapok
Eric Sautédé



WHO IS IN CHARGE?

Back in my student years, I wrote a short essay about the massive peasant demonstrations that took place in France in the 1960s, which started before the May 1968 social unrest: Common Agricultural Policy was just starting (1962); younger and more challenging farmers' unions were coming of age; and Charles De Gaulle, the tutelary figure who had given pride back to the French in 1940, had become the first-ever directly elected president in 1962, and yet he was getting old and his prestige was fast-eroding - political personnel, institutions and society were not in congruence anymore.

On the one hand, peasant demonstrations were pointing to a chiasm between the demands of a significant part of the population who were confronted with a fast changing environment and disappointing answers given by a far too rigid domestic political establishment. On the other hand, these rallies were in effect strengthening the state as they considered public institutions as the necessary and exclusive intercessor, and this even when unloading rotten fruits and vegetables in the courtyards of the 'préfectures,' the symbols of the state in local administrative units. Challenging and yet legitimizing!

What is presently happening with the Dore case in Macao and what occurred in May with the disgruntled construction workers taking to the streets to protect their rights are two instances of this tumultuous interplay between state, government policies, corporate practices and segments of the society being confronted with unfair situations. Not only are they revealing a lack of appropriate regulatory environment but also of a possible challenge to the legitimacy of the local state apparatus.

Both cases involve mainland workers or investors, and each time we were made aware of their pleas because the victims took their cases to the China Liaison Office.

In May, the number of people involved was in the hundreds and it lasted almost two weeks - images of disgruntled workers marching from Taipa and occupying the street in front of the Liaison Office were splashed across social networks as well as the pro-government and liberal Chinese press. At stake were large dismissals at several casino construction sites and claims of unpaid wages (up to seven months), and the realization that with only one-month to settle their case, dismissed workers might be in for spoliation.

Lionel Leong, the secretary for economy and finance, had to step in heavily and openly state that instructions were being coordinated by his own secretariat as well as other administrative units, including the Human Resources Office and the Labor Affairs Bureau.

Still, one can wonder why disgruntled workers would turn to the Liaison Office. Could it be because they have more trust in the higher echelon of the Chinese state to protect them? Could it be because the labor laws are in Macao exclusively drafted by their employers? Or because these laws as they exist are conducive to many forms of discrimination?

Earlier this week, a handful of investors in the Dore junket who are not able to withdraw funds they placed with the company also ended up in front of the Liaison Office. Although there is a clear irony involved in these claimants concerns for the whereabouts of what they call their "hard-earned money", the questions that arise are of the same nature. Why would they turn to the Liaison Office to protect their assets within the gaming sector? Could it be because the laws allow both the gaming operator - Wynn - and the gaming promoters to play dumb? Could it be because the regulator itself is in denial of the reality regarding the adequacy of the laws and the scale of money laundering that goes on unsanctioned? It was only last week that the legal advisor of the DICJ was recommending a mere Code of Ethics for junkets! Once again, Lionel Leong had to vehemently step in... only after.

In the end, legitimacy will be secured if the right tools and the right channels for mediation are put in place.

THE CAST OF JOLIE PITT'S CAMBODIA-SET FILM TO BE ENTIRELY LOCAL

Angelina Jolie Pitt has been in scouting locations in Cambodia for her next film, "First They Killed My Father," which she is casting entirely with local talent.

Jolie Pitt told AP she has spent the last week doing research and pre-production on the film before beginning shooting in Cambodia in November. She said she's striving, through meetings with Cambodians, to ensure the movie about the deadly Khmer Rouge regime is "accurate and

faithful" to the 1970s events.

Jolie is collaborating with Cambodian author and human rights activist Luong Ung, who said the film "will be made with Cambodians as a symbol of dignity and an act of memory." The two wrote the script together, adapted from Ung's 2000 memoir.

Jolie Pitt has said her 14-year-old Cambodia-born son, Maddox, is heavily involved in the movie, which is told from a child's perspective.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	20-40 Good	
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	
Ambient	35-55 Moderate	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

THAILAND Defense witnesses for two Myanmar migrant workers accused of murdering two young British tourists on a Thai resort island have testified that torture and intimidation are commonly used by local investigators. The three witnesses who testified yesterday - a member of the National Human Rights Commission, a lawyer and a fellow migrant worker - all described how a violent and abusive system caused the two defendants to make confessions they later recanted.

PAKISTAN Police say gunmen on a motorcycle have killed the deputy chief of a jail and his brother as they received guests for the Eid al-Adha holiday in northwest Pakistan. Senior police officer Shafiullah Khan says yesterday's attack took place in Charsadda, about 50 kilometers northeast of Peshawar, capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. No one claimed responsibility but suspicion fell on Pakistani Taliban who often target police and security forces.



PUERTO RICO Tropical Storm Ida is moving slowly eastward in the Atlantic. The storm's maximum sustained winds yesterday were near 65 kph with little change in strength expected over the next two days. The storm is centered about 1,855 kilometers east of the northern Leeward Islands and is moving east near 9 kph.

UK Human rights groups have accused the IOC of failing to include explicit requirements on human rights in the host city contract for the 2024 Summer Olympics. Amnesty International issued a statement on behalf of the "Sport and Rights Alliance" that also includes Transparency International Germany and the International Trade Union Confederation. Eduard Nazarski, director of Amnesty International Netherlands, says it is "astonishing" that the International Olympic Committee omitted explicit references to human rights in the contract.

GOD'S FELLAS

Scalpers turn papal tickets for profit, drawing church's ire



President Barack Obama leans over to talk to Pope Francis

Michael R. Sisak, Philadelphia

THE rosary beads cost USD175. Sounds a bit pricey, except the Craigslist ad says they come with tickets to see Pope Francis. Same with the \$10 train passes marked up to \$85 in another listing.

With the wildly popular pontiff's U.S. tour shifting to New York yesterday and Philadelphia for the weekend, ticket scalpers are getting creative to make sure their listings don't get deleted or lost among dozens of ticket offers pouring in daily.

The same tickets that papal visit organizers doled out free of charge through parishes and online giveaways weeks ago are available on the online gray market with hefty price tags.

Want a chance to see Pope

Francis roll through New York's Central Park on Friday? That'll be \$100. Or maybe you want to see him on stage alongside Mark Wahlberg, Aretha Franklin and Sister Sledge. Tickets to the Festival of Families in Philadelphia on Saturday are going for as low as \$25.

On Craigslist, one listing for tickets to see the pope in Central Park appeared below one for pop star Ariana Grande's concert the next night in Brooklyn.

Church and civic leaders denounced the sales and asked websites to remove the listings. The auction site eBay has complied, saying the sales violated its terms of service. Posts have continued to appear on Craigslist. The website did not respond to a message earlier yesterday.

"It's disgusting that anyo-

ne would take a free ticket for someone to see His Holiness and decide to re-sell it," New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "No one should buy such a ticket. It's just absolutely inconsistent with everything that this pope stands for."

Organizers made 80,000 tickets available to the public for the Central Park procession and 30,000 for the pope's three outdoor events in Philadelphia - 10,000 each for the festival, Mass and a speech on immigration and religious freedom at Independence Hall.

Scalpers started turning them for profit almost immediately, prompting an angry response from one Craigslist user who said they had ruined a "once in a lifetime chance" to see Pope Francis.

Several sellers, including the person offering rosary beads, did not respond to a request for comment.

Some people listing papal tickets were more charitable, giving them away because they didn't want them to go to waste. One asked for a one-page essay to help decide who should get the tickets.

One seller offered a set of three tickets to the festival in exchange for \$500 he said was being donated to charity. AP

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