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CHINA-US A man has been sentenced to three years and one month in prison for importing counterfeit electronic components from China and Hong Kong for use by American customers, including builders of the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarines. Peter Picone, 42, was sentenced in federal court in Hartford, Conn. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit military goods. In addition to the prison sentence, the judge ordered him to pay USD352,076 in restitution to 31 companies whose circuits he counterfeited.

CHINA The death toll from a powerful typhoon in southern China has reached 20 people, Chinese state media reported. The official Xinhua News Agency said that the southern region of Guangxi reported an additional two deaths, in addition to the 18 deaths reported earlier from the neighboring province of Guangdong.

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has reshuffled his Cabinet to focus on reviving the world's No. 3 economy. A newly appointed minister will steer programs aimed at achieving a strong economy and increased birth rate so the population stabilizes and the country can stay afloat. Nine ministers were replaced in the reshuffle.

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U.S. officials say that the arrests of the former president of the United Nations General Assembly, John Ashe, and Macau developer Ng Lap Seng are part of the early stages of a probe into corruption at the organization.

Preet Bharara, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, issued a warning to officials at the UN Tuesday as he announced the charges against John Ashe, who's accused of taking USD1.3 million in bribes, and Francis Lorenzo, the ambassador to the UN for the Dominican Republic, who's accused of helping Macau developer Ng Lap Seng pay bribes to Ashe and others.

"There is a lot more work to do," Bharara said at a press conference, adding his team had only scratched the surface. "Is bribery business as usual at the UN?"

The complaint lays out in detail a series of payments from Chinese nationals, as well as Lorenzo, to Ashe, that were intended to get UN support for a multibillion-dollar project in Macau. Separately, other Chinese nationals paid Ashe hundreds of thousands of dollars to open doors in his native Antigua, according to the complaint. Ashe also introduced a Chinese business executive to a UN counterpart from Kenya, with the goal of facilitating business investments in Nairobi, the U.S. said.

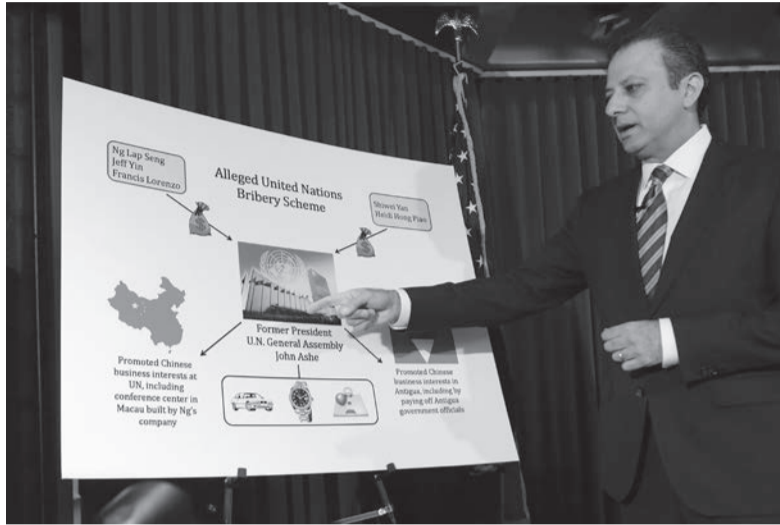
The new charges may be connected to other cases, with Ng last year having failed to comply with a request from U.S. prosecutors to answer questions before a Nevada grand jury in an overseas bribery investigation. His name also came up in a lawsuit alleging Sheldon Adelson, the 82-year-old billionaire founder and chairman of Las Vegas Sands Corp., ordered secret investigations in business and financial affairs of Macau government officials.

Adelson said he didn't know Ng in testimony at a May hearing in Las Vegas.

Ng, 68, who has a personal net worth of about \$1.8 billion, has been held in a federal jail in Manhattan since he was arrested Sept. 19 in a separate case, accused of bringing \$4.5 million into the country and lying about its purpose to U.S. authorities. Bharara said prosecutors were investigating

In February 2012, Ashe submitted a document to the UN supporting Ng's Macau Conference Center

UN corruption probe at its



U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara announces an indictment against six United Nations individuals during a news conference

what Ng did with the cash.

"We're looking at all the money," Bharara said. "We follow the money."

Ashe, the former ambassador to the UN for Antigua and Barbuda, was also accused of sharing some of the bribe money with the Caribbean nation's prime minister as he lobbied for the Chinese interests, the U.S. said.

"Going to Antigua on Thursday to vote and would need to take something for the PM," Ashe wrote Lorenzo in a June 8, 2014, e-mail, according to the U.S. "Hope I can have the \$26 K in cash before then."

According to the complaint,

Ashe sent \$100,000 to the prime minister in a series of \$20,000 checks and he sent about \$13,000 to the prime minister's political party. That was part of the \$170,000 in total the prime minister received from one of Ashe's bank accounts, the U.S. said.

The Antigua mission to the UN didn't respond to multiple requests for comment.

Five of the Six defendants named in the criminal complaint unsealed in Manhattan federal court were arrested and held without bail after appearing in court, said Kelly Langmesser, a spokeswoman for the FBI's New York office.

Lorenzo was arrested outside the midtown Manhattan offices of the South-South News. He's the president of the news organization, which covers global development issues as well as the United Nations.

"Ambassador Lorenzo acted in good faith at all times," said his lawyer, Brian Bieber. "He trusted the people he associated with and relied upon their integrity in all business dealings. He had no knowledge of any of their criminal actions."

U.S. Magistrate Judge James Francis agreed to release Ashe on \$1 million bond secured by his property and directed that he remain under house arrest with electronic monitoring.

Robert Van Lierop, Ashe's lawyer, said his client had a "sterling reputation" and wouldn't leave the U.S. because his family lives here.

"We will fight the charges and he will be acquitted," Van Lierop said after court.

Shiwei Yan and Heidi Hong Piao, whom the U.S. accused of arranging bribes for Ashe, were both arrested at a Manhattan residence near the UN's Manhattan headquarters, Langmesser said.

Lawyers for the other four defendants declined to comment on the charges.

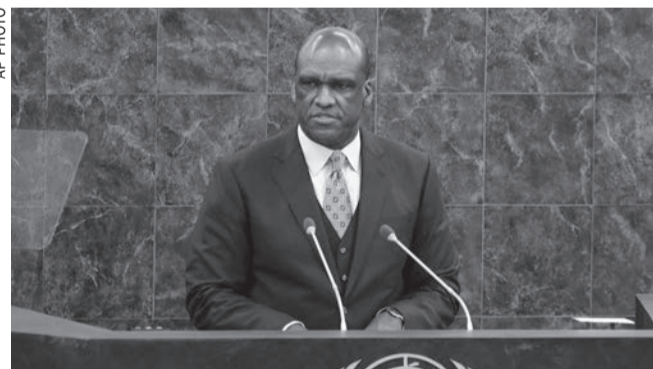
One of Ng's lawyers is Guy Da-

THE latest on allegations that former United Nations General Assembly President Josh Ashe accepted bribes to help a Chinese real estate mogul and other businesspeople gain investments and government contracts (all USA time):

8 p.m. A prosecutor says charges against a former United Nations General Assembly president accused of accepting USD1.3 million in bribes may be upgraded.

The prosecutor — Daniel Richenthal — told a Manhattan federal magistrate judge Tuesday that John Ashe made incriminating statements after his arrest at

The Latest: Ashe implicated himself



John Ashe speaks at United Nations headquarters

his Dobbs Ferry home. Ashe was arrested on tax charges that carry a potential maximum penalty of six years in prison. A magistrate judge set bail at \$1 million, citing the relatively light

charges. Authorities say Ashe conspired with Chinese businesspeople who paid him \$1.3 million since 2011 to support building a multibillion dollar conference cen-

ter in the Chinese region of Macau.

Arguing for detention, Richenthal said more serious charges were possible. Defense lawyer Robert Van Lierop said the defense would assert Ashe's immunity and Ashe will be vindicated.

7:15 p.m. Bail has been set at \$1 million for a former United Nations General Assembly president charged in connection with a bribery conspiracy.

John Ashe was also ordered Tuesday to wear an electronic bracelet

to secure his appearances in Manhattan federal court on tax charges. Prosecutors say Ashe accepted \$1.3 million in bribes from 2011 through 2014 from Chinese businesspeople to obtain his support for the construction of a multibillion dollar conference center in the Chinese region of Macau.

It was unlikely he would be released Tuesday. His lawyer told reporters outside court he expects Ashe to be vindicated. The government opposed bail.

Ashe was the only one of six people charged

in connection with the bribery conspiracy to have bail set. The others were detained.

3:55 p.m. The government of Antigua and Barbuda says a former United Nations General Assembly president who has been charged in connection with a bribery conspiracy holds no position in the government.

A government statement sent to The Associated Press on Tuesday says John Ashe was U.N. ambassador under the former United Progressive Party govern-

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vid Singer, a partner at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe who specializes in foreign bribery cases. Singer was also the lead prosecutor of the government's case against lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who went to prison after bilking Indian tribes.

The UN wasn't told about the U.S. investigation and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon learned of the allegations Tuesday morning, Stéphane Dujarric, a spokesman for Ban, told reporters at a daily briefing.

Ban "was shocked and deeply troubled to learn of the allegations, which go to the heart of the integrity of the UN," Dujarric said. "Corruption is not business as usual at the UN."

The organization will cooperate with U.S. authorities, he said.

In February 2012, Ashe submitted a document to the UN supporting Ng's Macau Conference Center, the U.S. said. Lorenzo used the document in promotional materials with other officials and an investment bank to imply the center was likely to be supported by the UN, the U.S. said.

Ban's staff "have no recollection of any discussion between John Ashe and the Secretary-General relating to a center in Macau," Dujarric said.

Ashe was also charged with failing to report \$1.2 million in income, including the bribes, to the Internal Revenue Service. It's the only charge which wouldn't be covered by diplomatic immunity, although he waived that privilege when he applied to be a permanent resident in the U.S. in 2000, according to the complaint.

After his arrest, Ashe told investigators he had accepted bribes, prosecutor Daniel Richenthal said in court. "Over



On this Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013, file photo, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, left, shakes hands with John Ashe

the course of years he accepted millions of dollars in bribes in various forms, some of which he admitted after he was arrested today," Richenthal said.

He may have residual immunity for acts that were done within the scope of his official positions, the U.S. said.

Ashe received money for a family vacation and the construction of a basketball court at his house in Dobbs Ferry, New York, prosecutors said. Some of the bribes went to bank accounts Ashe set up to fund his presidency, according to the complaint.

Money from those accounts also went to pay his mortgage and other items such as a \$40,000 lease on a new BMW, \$54,000 for a pair of Rolex watches and \$59,000 for a

single order of custom-tailored suits, Bharara said.

"For Rolexes, bespoke suits and a private basketball court, John Ashe, the 68th President of the UN General Assembly, sold himself and the global institution he led," said Preet Bharara, the U.S. Attorney in

GOV'T UNAWARE OF INTENTION TO BUILD CENTER IN MACAU

THE MACAU government could not provide any information on "the arrest of a MSAR resident in the USA." In a statement issued by the Government Spokesperson Office, which never names Ng Lap Seng (who is a member of Macau's Economic Development Committee), it is mentioned that "the government

issues no comment on cases that are under legal proceedings." In an apparent reference to the South-South Expo in Macau, which Ng wanted to build in Macau under the auspices of the UN, the government says that it "has no details regarding the construction project mentioned in news coverage."

ment and was replaced when the Labor Party government was elected in 2014.

It says the government learned of Ashe's arrest from media reports. It noted that the complaint also identifies senior officials in the former government as well as the former prime minister, Baldwin Spencer.

The statement says, "The present government of Antigua and Barbuda has implemented and upholds the highest standards of good governance and accountability." The government says it will continue to monitor the situation.

3:40 p.m. The current president of the U.N. General Assembly says it will be up to member states to decide whether to create more transparent vetting and disclosure requirements for the world body.

12:55 p.m. The United Nations is defending itself against a

prosecutor's claims that a bribery case against a former United Nations General Assembly president and five others might just be the tip of the iceberg.

The spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told reporters Tuesday that "corruption is not business as usual at the U.N."

Spokesman Stéphane Dujarric spoke shortly after U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara told reporters his investigation was continuing and his office plans to be asking if bribery is "business as usual at the U.N. as the probe proceeds."

Former President John Ashe was arrested Tuesday, a year after finishing a yearlong stint in the largely ceremonial post. It wasn't clear who will represent Ashe in court against charges he accepted over \$1 million in bribes.

11:55 a.m. A federal prosecutor has formally announced a bribery

conspiracy case against a former United Nations General Assembly president, a billionaire Chinese real estate mogul and four others.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara in New York said Tuesday that John Ashe sold himself and the global institution he led while he served in the largely ceremonial post for a year in 2013 and 2014. He also was an ambassador from Antigua and Barbuda at the time.

The prosecutor says the charges show that the "cancer of corruption that plagues too many local and state governments infects the United Nations as well." It was not immediately clear who will represent Ashe in court.

The billionaire businessman, Ng Lap Seng, and his chief assistant were arrested two weeks ago. Their lawyers didn't immediately return messages seeking comment.

9:05 a.m. U.S. prosecutors say former

United Nations General Assembly President John Ashe took more than \$500,000 in bribes from a Chinese real estate mogul and other businesspeople.

In exchange for the money, federal prosecutors say, Ashe used his position as Permanent Resident to the United Nations for Antigua and Barbuda and General Assembly head to help the businesspeople gain investments and government contracts from 2011 through 2014.

Prosecutors say some of the bribe money was used to pay for Ashe's family vacation and to construct a basketball court at his home in Dobbs Ferry, New York.

In all, six people, including another diplomat, were ensnared in the probe.

Ashe was arrested Tuesday and is being held.

No one answered a phone call to the mission for Antigua. Ashe's legal representation isn't clear. **AP**

Manhattan.

Ashe steered a Chinese technology executive to a Kenyan UN official in order to facilitate meetings between the Chinese and government officials in Nairobi, according to the complaint. The meetings took place and the U.S. suggests, but doesn't state explicitly, that similar bribes were paid.

Bharara's corruption allegations at the UN follow his pursuit of similar crimes in New York's state capital of Albany and come several months after Loretta Lynch, the U.S. Attorney General, announced charges against officials from the international soccer federation.

"If proven, today's charges will confirm that the cancer of corruption that plagues so many state and local governments infects the United Nations as well," Bharara said.

The case is U.S. v. Ashe, 15-mag-3562, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (Manhattan). **MDT/Bloomberg**

Lykketoft: 'Corruption has no place in the United Nations'

MOGENS Lykketoft, the U.N. General Assembly's current president, told reporters Tuesday that member states would decide whether to create more transparency for the world body.

"Corruption has no place in the United Nations or anywhere else," he said.

Prosecutors said two other arrested individuals were involved with Ng. They were identified as Sheri Yan, 57, and Heidi Park, 52, both naturalized U.S. citizens who reside in China and helped facilitate the scheme, prosecutors said. Both were ordered held without bail. Their lawyers did not comment outside court.

The United Nations has known for years that



Mogens Lykketoft, president of the UN General Assembly

the office of the General Assembly president had transparency issues.

A U.N. internal audit warned in 2010 that some General Assembly presidents had supplemented their office's budgets with "direct agreements" with member states and that the presidents were not required to report that money. It gave no details.

"The lack of transparency concerning such funds may pose a reputational risk for the organization," the audit said.

MADONNA has announced a second Bangkok date for her "Rebel Heart" world tour, after the first show sold out in under an hour.

With this world tour, Madonna is promoting her latest album of the same name. It is the pop-queen's tenth world tour after her record-breaking "The MDNA Tour" in 2012.

Tickets for the first show on February 9 went on sale on Saturday and reportedly sold out within an hour. A second show was announced yesterday for February 10 at the 15,000-seat Impact Arena.

The first show will be Madonna's debut performance in the Thai capital. Thai media have heralded the Bangkok show capital as a "once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Madonna tour adds second date in Bangkok

Madonna's world tour comes to Asia in February, with shows in Taipei, followed by Bangkok, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Macau and Manila.

The "Queen of Pop" will perform twice in Macau at Melco Crown Entertainment's soon-to-be-opened property, Studio City, on February 20 and 21. The shows will be held in the 5,000-seat Studio City Event Center.

Organizers also recently added a second date in Hong Kong. Tickets for the February

AP PHOTO



Madonna performs at the 57th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles

17 show were sold-out within 30 minutes of going on sale on September 25. The SCMP reported this as a record for the fastest Hong Kong concert to sell out. Subsequently, a second date was announced for February 18.

After the Asian leg of the tour, Madonna will head to Oceania in March for a number of dates in Auckland, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Her previous world tour had been scheduled to include Australia in January 2013, but the shows were cancelled.

Madonna's album has received generally good reviews from the press. The NY Daily News said: "Rebel Heart's best moments boast some of the most finely structured pop melodies of Madonna's 32-year career." **Staff Reporter**

ARTS

CCM highlights winter performances

THE Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) has released the highlights for its winter season performances. This year will include performances of "Anna Karenina" from Boris Eifman's ballet company, as well as Edward Lam's "Art School Musical" – an adaptation of a classic Chinese tale.

The CCM will showcase the two performances on a number of dates throughout November and December. "Anna Karenina," Tolstoy's acclaimed masterpiece, is the classic tale of one of literature's most charismatic women and the love triangle between Anna, her husband, and her lover. Driven by passion, Anna is the fearless protagonist who defies social norms when she abandons domestic safety to pursue a passionate affair with an aristocratic officer.

Set to Tchaikovsky's compositions, the ballet's choreography reflects the psychological twists and turns of the story, exploring controversial topics through a highly physical and glamorous



ballet.

This winter will mark Eifman's return to Macau after their debut at CCM with "Red Giselle" back in 2004. In addition, members of Eifman's company will host a workshop on November 29 to introduce their methods to local dancers.

"Art School Musical" is a thought-provoking reflection on love and art inspired by the Chinese

legend "The Butterfly Lovers." Having premiered last May, this humorous and personal vision is performed in Mandarin and addresses a variety of themes, including gender issues and the essence of ingenuity.

The cast for the performance includes 18 actors, who are mostly from Taiwan and Hong Kong but also feature Macau's rising star, Jordan Cheng.

TOURISM

MGTO wins award in Thailand

THE Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) has been presented with the Best National Tourism Office of Travel Services Award at the 23rd Incentive Travel & Conventions and Meetings Asia (IT&CMA 2015) conference that took place in Thailand from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1.

MGTO led a delegation of local industry partners as part of its plans to promote Macau as a destination for business travel. The office's booth was based on the theme "Touching Moments, Experience Macau" and partnered with around 30 enterprises to present products and facilities relating to Macau's tourism business opportunities. The MGTO also took the opportunity to advertise its "Travel Stimulation Program" among incentive travel organizers.

On the closing day of IT&CMA 2015, MGTO was awarded the Best National Tourism Office of Travel Services Awards in acknowledgement of its excellent work as a tourism-promoting entity. MGTO had been selected as the winner through a selection process by tourism industry professionals.

IT&CMA 2015 was hosted in Bangkok, providing a platform for industry partners to promote incentive travel. It was attended by around 900 exhibitors, and 400 industry buyers from about 50 countries and regions. International industry buyers from India, Poland, and the U.S. accounted for the biggest proportion of participants this year.

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Top racers to storm through Guia Circuit for 62nd year

LAST year's Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix champion, Felix Rosenqvist, is slated to return to the Guia circuit this November to defend his title when the starting flag is waved for Macau's 62nd race.

The newly-crowned FIA F3 European winner will be among the 28 racing drivers to be lining the grid on November 22 for the 15-lap race. The Swedish driver will be in his number-one racer representing Italian-based SJM Theodore Racing by Prema Powerteam, ready to catch up to Edoardo Mortara, the only two-win record-holder in 32 years.

Joining him on the track will be Britain's Jake Dennis and Canada's Lance Stroll on their maiden visits to the territory. The former is a multiple race winner in European F3 this season while Stroll, from Ferrari Driver Academy, is a rising star who is under the spotlight for his breathtaking speed.

Another highlighted race, the Guia Race 2.0T (TCR International Series), will see seven-time WTCC winner Rob Huff from England and three-time champion Alain Menu speeding around the circuit with other newcomers, competing for the trophy. Other celebrated racers include Swiss driver Stefano Comini



Felix Rosenqvist celebrates the 2014 victory. He will return to the F3 race this year

and Italy's Gianni Morbidelli. Up to 31 racers will compete in the 49-year-old Motorcycle Grand Prix with the focus possibly falling on Stuart Easton, Ian Hutchinson, Michael Rutter and John McGuinness – all common

champions in the race.

The schedule for the four-day event also includes four other supporting races. The CTM Macau Touring Car Cup welcomes 34 drivers from Macau, Hong Kong and the mainland, with the 1,600cc fleet to be unveiled, ranging from Chevrolet and Ford, to Peugeot and Mini. The defending champion from Hong Kong, Andy Yan, will be in his Peugeot RCZ ready to break his own record of 2.087 seconds over his closest challenger last year.

For the Road Sport Challenge, which is entering its eighth year, the previous winner Wong Wan Long, a local, will

compete against Leong Ian Veng, who was the first to have crossed the line in the four-round qualifying stage earlier.

In addition, Hong Kong and Taiwan's show biz entertainers Chrissie Chau, Shawn Yue, Alex Fong, Christine Kuo and Wu Chun will compete in the Celebrity Cup Race, a new addition to the race program.

Returning to the race program for the second year, the Chinese Racing Cup continues to serve as a platform for 21 racing drivers from the mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau to gauge each other's capabilities while promoting sportsmanship.



Costa Antunes supervises last GP

JOÃO Manuel Costa Antunes, coordinator of the Macau Grand Prix Committee, has told media that this would be his last time assisting with the annual car-racing event, saying he would now be able to spare more time for his family and his favorite sport, golf. The Portuguese engineer started serving the commission in 1988. The committee will be managed by

the Sport Development Board by the end of the year, after an administrative reshuffle.

As the Times reported earlier, Mr Antunes will serve as an adviser to the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam. He will be providing advisory services for two of his Secretariat's main projects: the Hotel Estoril and the new public hospital.

Five former champions confirmed for FIA GT World Cup

FIVE former champions from Macau's annual car race will set their eyes on claiming the trophy for the first-ever FIA GT World Cup. The championship is slated to make its debut during this year's Grand Prix.

Edoardo Mortara, Darryl O'Young, Maro Engel and Andre Couto, each representing one of the five manufacturers, will

race each other for the GT3 machinery, according to the car-racing committee's entrant list. Two-time Macau winner Keita Sawa will also be seen during the race, which has attracted a total of 24 drivers from around the globe.

Mortara, twice a winner of the F3 Macau Grand Prix and three-time victor in the Macau GT Cup, will

be racing on the challenging 6.2-kilometer Guia Circuit in an Audi R8 LMS for one of the leading teams from German manufacturer Audi Sport Team Phoenix.

Belgium's Laurens Vanthoor and Hong Kong's Marchy Lee will be there on the circuit to race against the 28-year-old, also in Audi racers. The former, who drives for

Audi Sport Team WRT, has clinched 18 major race victories over the previous four seasons, while the latter, a frequent racer in Macau, competes with the Audi Hong Kong squad.

The first winner of Macau's 2008 GT Cup will take a spin in one of the three Aston Martin V12 Vantages entered by Craft-Bamboo.



Local driver André Couto, a regular in the MGP for the past 20 years, has joined McLaren's roster

for the World Cup. He will be driving a McLaren 650S GT3 for the FFF Racing Team.

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MGM praises Beijing's assistance to local economy

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MGM China head Grant Bowie yesterday welcomed Beijing's helping hand to Macau's flagging economy, and highlighted its significance in boosting mainland tourists' confidence in and access to the city.

Late last week, the top liaison official in Macau, Li Gang, hinted that Beijing would roll out a set of supporting policies for Macau's economy.

On the sidelines of a press conference on business partnerships co-hosted with the Macau Chamber of Commerce, Grant Bowie, who is MGM China's chief executive officer and executive director, noted that efforts to bring more tourists into the region could be more crucial than any others – especially at a time when the world's gambling hub has started to diversify its appeal towards being a more versatile entertainment destination.

"I think the critical point for us is consumer confidence.



Grant Bowie

The Chinese consumers are obviously, I think, a little bit confused about their ability to travel to Macau," said Bowie. "That would be the simplest and the best thing we could achieve [...] for the Chinese consumers to feel comfortable about coming to Macau."

Rather than simply depend on Beijing's assistance, Mr Bowie believes that self-positivity, innovation and competence in offering quality services would always lead the industry to success.

Furthermore, he likened the economic adjustment that the territory has been going through to a "marathon," which requires persistence and concentration if Macau aims to extend its previous heyday.

"I think we all need to be very focused, diligent and determined to work hard every day," he added. "It's now going to be up to us in Macau, Macau people, to reinvent themselves and deliver the outcomes that'd make us successful."

Although the golden week came with squally weather that might take a toll on casinos' earnings, the CEO claimed that the group was still "satisfied with the performance they have seen during the holiday period."

Mr Bowie also commented on the Dore Group's theft

scandal, which has been on the news for almost a month. He said that now is an appropriate time for all the industry's stakeholders and the authorities to "improve and consolidate the industry," while also stressing that the group runs its business within regulations.

During yesterday's conference, MGM China stressed that it is seeking to forge business partnerships with local small and medium-sized suppliers in the run-up to the opening of its new premises on the Cotai Strip. A matching session will be held on November 30 for interested enterprises.

"The critical point is to open the door, to hand out invitations and encourage people to not be put off just because of their size, or just because you might not appreciate how to engage with us both, but to start building a relationship so that we can actually collaborate, work on exploring opportunities," the CEO explained during the event.

Qatar Airways looks to recruit in Macau

Qatar Airways, the national airline of Qatar, is hosting a cabin crew recruitment event in Macau on October 18. The airline highlights the job benefits for its cabin crew in its advertisement, including: world travel opportunities; competitive compensation; and a tax-free remuneration package including accommodation, allowances and transportation for duty. Applicants must be willing to relocate to Doha, Qatar. The event will be held at the Sofitel Macau.

CTM: Submarine cable fixed

Part of the SMW3 submarine cable located near Singapore was damaged on the afternoon of September 24, affecting access to international websites among CTM Internet customers. According to a CTM press release, restoration work took place on the damaged submarine cable yesterday between midnight and 5 a.m. CTM stated that during that period, telecom services of Shan Tou, Macau, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, Vietnam and Singapore were affected. The telecom operator added that it has now put in place a number of contingency measures to ensure the stability of its internet services, including increasing bandwidth resources and rerouting data traffic via alternative means.

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TPP

Vietnam set to be Pacific trade pact's big winner

AN ambitious Pacific Rim trade deal anchored by the U.S. promises to boost the economies of its 12 participating countries by opening their markets to one another, but not all the gains will be spread evenly.

Among the biggest winners of the Trans-Pacific Partnership is Vietnam, where booming garment and shoe industries are poised to benefit from the elimination of tariffs in the United States and other major importing nations.

Experts say Japanese car and auto parts makers and Malaysia's electronics and semiconductor industry will also benefit from the trade deal, which was agreed this week after more than five years of negotiations.

The pact, which still needs ratification from individual countries, aims to liberalize commerce and tighten labor and environmental standards across member nations that account for two-fifths of the world economy.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership is central to President Barack Obama's policy of greater



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speaks about the agreement on the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal at his official residence in Tokyo

Vietnam's going to get a very big advantage over many other exporters of garments into the U.S. market.

RAJIV BISWAS
IHS GLOBAL INSIGHT

engagement with Asia to offset rising Chinese influence in the region. In theory, China could eventually join the pact if it met environmental and labor standards. As a result of being outside the club, some trade opportunities are likely to slip away from Chinese manufacturers, particularly as more Asian countries sign up.

Many of the benefits of the free trade deal will flow to Vietnam, where the economy has been growing at a decent clip as manufacturers beef up their presence.

"This is really transformational for Vietnam," said Rajiv Biswas, Asia Pacific chief eco-

nomist at IHS Global Insight. "They're going to get a very big advantage over many other exporters of garments into the U.S. market," which currently imposes a 17 percent duty on clothing imports, he said.

Vietnam's gains are likely to come at the expense of jobs in Mexico's apparel and footwear industry as well as the last outposts of those industries in Canada and the U.S. Proponents of the deal say those three countries will see benefits in other industries such as agriculture, machinery and electrical equipment.

The trade pact, combined with a recently signed Euro-

pean Union free trade agreement, is expected to accelerate foreign investment into Vietnam. Manufacturers such as Samsung Electronics have been setting up new factories in Vietnam for several years, underscoring its rising attractiveness over China, a long-time global manufacturing powerhouse that's been hit by surging labor costs.

Biswas and other analysts say Vietnam's economy will get the biggest proportionate boost because of its relatively small per-capita GDP. Other countries signing up to the deal include Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Mexico, New

Zealand, Peru and Singapore.

By 2025, Vietnam's economy will be 11 percent, or \$36 billion, bigger than without the trade deal while exports will be 28 percent larger, according to a Eurasia Group report released in July.

"This percentage increase dwarfs the gains made by any other country," the report said. Vietnam will become the "preferred destination" for low-cost manufacturers looking to stay competitive, with industries relying on cheap labor, chiefly clothing, shoes and textiles, set to reap the biggest gains, it said.

Manufacturers, especially garment makers, are scrambling to move part of their production to Vietnam in anticipation that the deal will require sourcing materials from participating countries.

"What we're now seeing is that some of the upstream parts of manufacturing, yarn, fabrics is now shifting to Vietnam as well, so that they're getting a more significant part of the total output. So there's a lot of positioning going on right now," said Biswas.

Hong Kong-based contract garment maker Lever Style, whose clients include Hugo Boss and J. Crew, has been shifting production from southern China to Vietnam in recent years. The trade pact "will encourage us to migrate even more production," Chairman Stanley Szeto said.

However, he said its effect on the company's bottom line would be neutral and "possibly negative." **AP**

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SANDS PRESENTS HAIRY CRAB SEASONAL MENU

Three restaurants at Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macao and Sands Macao are offering special seasonal menus featuring Shanghai hairy crabs in a promotion that started yesterday and will continue until November.

The crabs will be featured on the autumn menus of the hotel group's "Dynasty 8", "Golden Court" and "Canton" restaurants, the latter of which is offering a hairy crab set menu featuring six dishes created by chef Mak Wai Ming.

Mak Wai Ming is an award-winning chef with nearly 40 years of professional culinary experience. He has participated

in a number of culinary competitions in Macau and Hong Kong, and has won awards such as the 2011 GHM Best Chef Award.

The hairy crab a-la-carte menu features steamed "Yang Cheng Hu" hairy crab, crab coral abalone dumplings in superior broth, and braised Chinese spinach with Parma ham and crab coral, among other dishes.

Shanghai hairy crabs, also known as Chinese mitten crabs, are a delicacy in Shanghai cuisine and eastern China. They are prized for their crab roe, which ripens in females during the ninth lunar

month.

Crabs, which are considered by the Chinese a 'cooling' dish because of their energizing effect on the body, are normally accompanied by a 'warming' drink such as Shaoxing rice wine or ginger tea.

The "Canton", "Dynasty 8" and "Golden Court" restaurants are located in the Venetian Macao, Sands Cotai Central, and Sands Macao, respectively. The seasonal offer at "Canton" and "Golden Court" will last until November 30, while the "Dynasty 8" menu will be available until November 15. **Staff reporter**



HONG KONG

One year on, mixed views on what Occupy Central achieved

Vincent Yu, Hong Kong

A year ago, Hong Kong's famously busy streets were shut down by pro-democracy protesters in the so-called "Umbrella Movement" — a moniker that came from the umbrellas used by demonstrators to fend off pepper spray used by police early in the nearly 80-day face-off.

Students, retirees and others took to the streets to express their opposition to Beijing's plan to restrict candidates in elections for the city's top leader. Hong Kong is a semiautonomous part of China, with its own legal system, free-wheeling press and local government, but is ultimately under Beijing's rule.

The movement, also called Occupy Central, saw thousands of people gathering at rallies and camping out in the streets. The demonstrations fizzled out as the government stuck to a hard line and authorities eventually cleared out the protest camps.

Today there is li-



Jay Koon, 19, a university law student, posing for a portrait in a tent on a main road in an occupied area outside government headquarters in Hong Kong on Oct. 11, 2014, and Koon posing for a portrait in a protest area outside government headquarters in Hong Kong almost one year later Sept. 28, 2015



tle physical sign of Hong Kong's biggest turmoil since its handover from Britain in 1997, but the event appears to have sparked a political awakening among many of the city's younger generation amid signs of mainland China's tightening grip.

Last year, Associated Press photographer Vincent Yu captured images of a number of these protesters and asked

them, "How has Occupy changed Hong Kong? And what's the future of the movement after the protest?" Nearly a year later, Yu took photos of the same group and asked, "Has the Umbrella Movement accomplished anything? If so, what?"

MELVIN LEE, 43

THEN: "We have never been this resolute, never this determined.

... Hong Kongers will be more concerned with issues on rights, and be more careful on its political policy. They will not simply allow others to represent them ... but instead will express their views by themselves."

NOW: "It has no result practically. However, after the 79 days (of) Occupy, we can see clearly whether a person is a man or demon. As far as I can tell, it provoked

concerns and actions of a large group of young Hong Kong people toward current affairs and politics."

MO, 23

THEN: "Many Hong Kong people have woken up. ... I firmly believe Hong Kong people will fight for the things they want."

NOW: "I think Occupy tells Hong Kong people that peaceful protests

won't achieve anything. After Occupy, neither democracy, universal suffrage nor the separation of powers were successfully achieved. I believe this has made a small amount of Hong Kongers know only a more radical way of protests can fight against authorities."

KELVIN LEE, 22

THEN: "It has made many students begin to show political awareness. ... Honestly, in the imminent short term, Hong Kong will not have too many changes. But in the long run, this movement is an important milestone."

NOW: "Even though the end of Umbrella Revolution did not make any significant changes, it increased the attention of society. And though there were many contradicting opinions made, it awoke people, especially teenagers, to how the society was changing."

HACKEN TSE, 39

THEN: "It has increased people's civil awareness, but the youngsters have yet to learn many things. ... The development of the movement has come to a time when they should take a turn, but they still haven't realized it. Some people just want to get the aura of glory, yet have done nothing since the beginning. They don't know their rights and duty."

NOW: "The Umbrella Movement has brought out an answer for those selfish people who hate politics that civil education, political livelihood and civil obligations are inevitable. After the handover, democratic politics and the rule of law are something that every Hong Konger should learn about in his lifetime."

TABRIS HO, 26

THEN: "Firstly, it exposes to public knowledge that the youths in Hong Kong are not like hothouse flowers. They can stand the test of hardships and challenges."

NOW: "Speaking of the result, it achieved nothing at all. It couldn't fight for any change on political reform plans. Yet it had great influence. ... More civic society organizations and political groups sprang up, showing increased political participation of citizens."



Summer Tsang (left), 24, a student, posing for a portrait in front of a wall with anti-government slogans in an occupied area outside government headquarters in Hong Kong on Oct. 22, 2014, and Tsang (right), 25, a property salesman, posing for a portrait outside government headquarters in Hong Kong almost one year later on Sept. 28



Left, Suen Yuk Ming, 20, a student, posing for a portrait in front of a first aid booth on a main road in the occupied area of the Mong Kok district in Hong Kong on Oct. 11, 2014, and Suen Yuk Ming (right), 21, now a graduated student, posing for a portrait near his home in Hong Kong almost one year later on Sept. 27



Left, Tabris Ho, a salesperson, posing for a portrait with his "I love HK" T-shirt on a main road in the occupied areas at Causeway Bay district in Hong Kong, on Oct. 10, 2014, and right, Ho posing for a portrait near a subway station in Hong Kong almost one year later on Sept. 27



Hacken Tse, 38, a freelance photographer, posing for a portrait on a main road in an occupied area near government headquarters in Hong Kong on Oct. 10, 2014 and Tse posing for a portrait at the same place almost one year later on Sept. 26



Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

Bank of China ordered to release counterfeiters' records

A New York judge has ordered the Bank of China to hand over detailed information about Chinese bank accounts used by a counterfeiting ring that allegedly sold millions of dollars of fake Gucci handbags and wallets in the U.S.

The decision could have far-reaching impact on the ability of U.S. courts to extract information about criminal activity from Chinese banks, which serve as safe havens for counterfeiters and money laundering on a large scale, investigations and lawsuits in the U.S. and Europe show.

Chinese banks have put up a fierce fight, claiming that such disclosures would be an affront to China's sovereignty. The case has drawn political attention from both sides, prompting inputs from both the Chinese Embassy in Washington and the U.S. Justice Department.

At stake are fundamental questions about whose rules Chinese banks operating in the U.S. must play by. Major state-run Chinese banks are frequently used by counterfeiters to move their ill-gotten gains beyond the reach of Western law enforcement, the Associated Press showed in an article this year.

China's financial system is also used to launder money, both by members of the Chinese diaspora and criminal groups of other nationalities, lawsuits and investigations in Europe and the U.S. show. Yet under China's legal system, it's difficult to get detailed banking records that can help

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A security guard stands outside a Bank of China branch in Beijing

investigators trace the flow of criminal profits and to freeze illicit funds.

In the Gucci case, U.S. District Judge Richard Sullivan ruled that U.S. courts have

jurisdiction over the Bank of China, which has four branches in the United States and claims to be the top choice for U.S. dollar wire transfers to and from China. Underlying

his decision was a stinging dismissal of China's legal system and existing international mechanisms for judicial information sharing.

"Forcing Gucci to initiate this process in China would be significantly less efficient, extremely time consuming, and potentially fruitless," he wrote in the Sept. 29 order.

Chinese banks have been facilitating payments for Chinese counterfeiters, said Geoffrey Potter, an intellectual property lawyer at New York's Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler. If the banks can be compelled to reveal details about client accounts, it will be more difficult for counterfeiters to do business.

"Counterfeiting is a crime committed in order to make money," he said. "In order to get paid you need to be part of the banking system."

The decision, which could be appealed, may "be helpful to other plaintiffs that want this type of information from the Bank of China in the future," said Dan Plane, an intellectual property lawyer at Simone IP Services in Hong Kong.

But he cautioned that any victory, should the judgment stand, could prove hollow. The Bank of China is likely to disclose as little information as it can, while comforting its own customers with infor-

mation about how to mitigate risks that may arise from disclosure, he said.

"It gets you over the initial hump, but there are still going to be challenges, particularly in actually collecting a damages award," he said. "The biggest question of all is: Are you ever going to be able get your hands on counterfeiters' funds in the control of Chinese banks?"

Even if Gucci ultimately gets the information it wants from the Bank of China, it is likely to hit a legal firewall when it tries to collect damages, should any be awarded.

Tiffany & Co., which has been mired in litigation of its own against Chinese counterfeiters, offers an instructive lesson. In two recent cases, Tiffany won large default judgments, one in June for USD52.3 million and the other in September, for \$26.5 million.

Now Tiffany faces the tricky task of actually collecting the funds from the defendants, none of whom bothered to show up in court. Most are believed to be beyond reach, in China, where U.S. court judgments have no sway.

Tiffany and Gucci declined to comment. Bank of China lawyer Andrew Rhys Davies did not respond to requests for comment. **AP**

SUEN YUK MING, 21

THEN: "Even if we can't achieve democracy, this movement will pass down through history and become a reference for other social movements, paving a path for future protest."

NOW: "It provided a space for people to think

about Hong Kong's future, underpinning social movement in the future."

SUMMER TSANG, 25

THEN: "More people will be concerned about politics, more people will stand up. ... This time it's an irreversible change. So many young

people have been fighting more fiercely than before, that from now on it will never again be as tranquil as it was before."

NOW: "Occupy Central has no result at all! ... Young people start to question whether they should be less involved in

Hong Kong's society, or incubate larger protests."

JAY KOON, 20

THEN: "More youths now care for Hong Kong. ... If needed, a large crowd of citizens are ready to come out and sacrifice. The previous demonstrations were

like carnivals, but the future movements will never be the same."

NOW: "It's unfair to say the Umbrella Movement hasn't achieved anything. For Hong Kong, the political reform proposal is vetoed and we have prevented the worst sce-

nario from happening. There is a huge impact to individuals as well. Participating in the movement provided us opportunities to distinguish between right and wrong, it also helped us realizing what kind of persons we would like to be in the future." **AP**

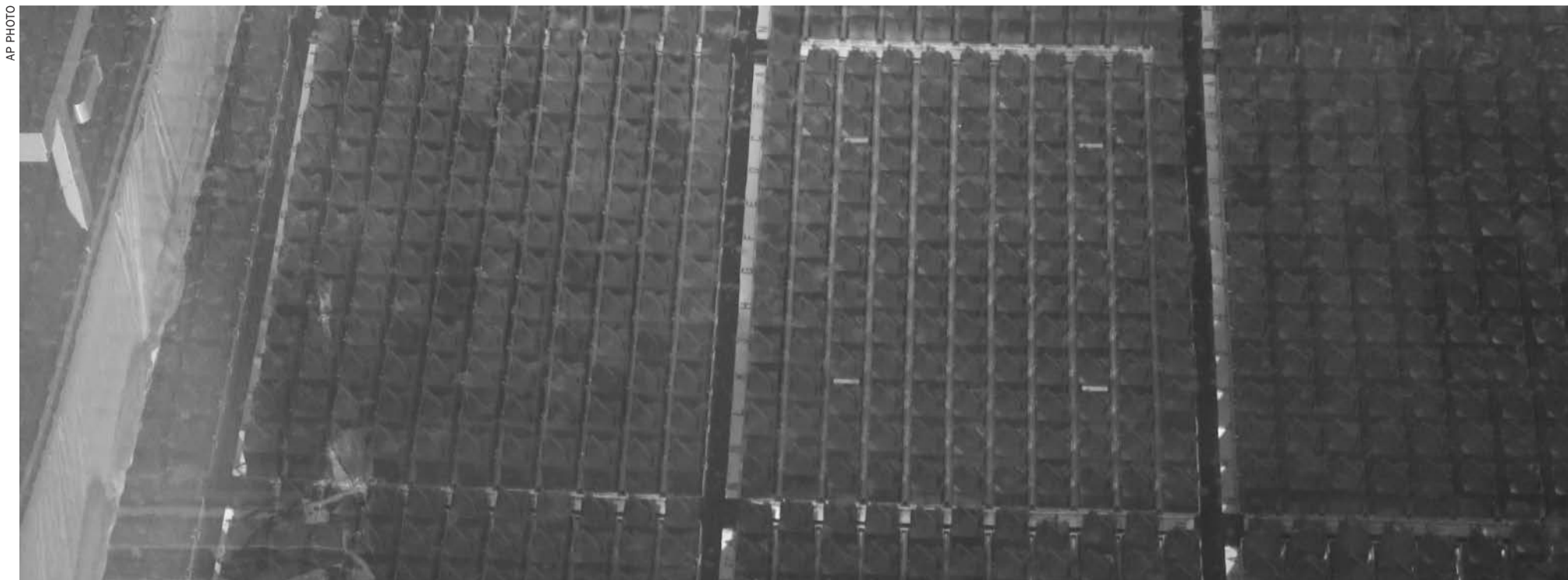
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Left, Kelvin Lee, then a student studying aviation management, posing for a portrait in front of a makeshift tent on a main road in an occupied area near government headquarters in Hong Kong on Oct. 10, 2014, and right, Lee, now a graduated student, posing for a portrait near a subway station in Hong Kong almost one year later on Sept. 25



Mo, 22, an accountant, posing for a portrait in front of a makeshift tent on a main road in an occupied area in Hong Kong's Causeway Bay district on Oct. 14, 2014, and right, on Sept. 25, 2015, Mo posing for a portrait in front of a subway station in Hong Kong almost one year later



Spent nuclear fuel rods are stored in a storage pool at the Rokkasho nuclear fuel reprocessing plant, run by Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd. in Rokkasho village in Aomori Prefecture, northern Japan

NUCLEAR WARFARE

US experts warn plutonium stocks could soar in East Asia

Matthew Pennington & Mari Yamaguchi, Washington

EXPERTS warn that Northeast Asia could see a dangerous growth in stocks of weapons-usable plutonium — and U.S. lawmakers say Obama administration policies could be making matters worse.

Japan plans to open as early as next spring a plant that could reprocess enough spent reactor fuel to make as many as 1,000 nuclear bombs a year. The plutonium that is produced is supposed to be for generating electricity, but Japan already has tons on hand and no use for it, with its reactors at a virtual halt following the 2011 Fukushima Dai-ichi disaster. Local politicians are aggressively backing the plant, eager for investment in a remote northern region.

Meanwhile, the U.S. is renewing civil nuclear agreements with China and South Korea on less restrictive terms.

For the first time, China has prior consent to extract plutonium from the spent fuel generated in U.S.-designed reactors. The plutonium could potentially be used for nuclear weapons, though the agreement bars the use of American technology for military purposes. South Korea could also get permission to reprocess within six years.

Some lawmakers say that sends the wrong message.

"We should not leave doors open for our partners to use U.S. technology to process spent nuclear fuel in ways that produce material that can be

used as the building blocks for nuclear weapons," Democratic Sen. Ed Markey told the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations last week.

Reprocessing is the method by which spent reactor fuel is recycled chemically to separate nuclear waste from plutonium that can be used as fuel.

■ For the first time, China has prior consent to extract plutonium from the spent fuel generated in U.S.-designed reactors

From the inception of its nuclear energy program, Japan decided to pursue reprocessing to provide a self-sustaining nuclear fuel source. But technical hurdles and the growing availability of uranium on the international market has diminished the economic rationale.

Japan has already accumulated a massive stockpile of plutonium it sent overseas for reprocessing. There are 11 metric tons in Japan and another 36 metric tons reprocessed in Britain and France waiting to be returned to Japan — in all enough for nearly 6,000 atomic bombs.

Few question Japan's oppo-

sition to nuclear weapons. It is the only nation to have suffered an atomic attack, and unlike nuclear-armed China, it has an impeccable nonproliferation record. Like South Korea, Japan relies on U.S. nuclear deterrence in the face of the growing threat from North Korea.

But experts say that if Japan opens the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant when it's unclear how it would use the plutonium, alarm bells would ring in Beijing and Seoul, which are already suspicious of the current government's tougher national security posture. Some fear a regional fissile production race could ensue.

"It sets a bad example, precisely because Japan is such a well-respected country in terms of non-proliferation. If in future a different country starts to stockpile — could be enriched uranium, it could be plutonium — that country could cite Japan as a precedent," said James Acton, author of a new report on Japan's reprocessing policy at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace think tank.

President Barack Obama, who has made international nuclear security a policy priority, has highlighted the dangers of stockpiling fissile material.

"The very process that gives us nuclear energy can also put nations and terrorists within the reach of nuclear weapons. We simply can't go on accumulating huge amounts of the very material, like separated plutonium, that we're trying to keep away from terrorists," Obama told a nuclear summit

in Seoul in 2012.

But Robert Gallucci, a former chief U.S. negotiator with North Korea, has criticized the administration for failing to address the threat posed by what he calls a "tsunami of rising plutonium stocks."

China, which has its own military stockpile of 1.8 metric tons of plutonium, has yet to decide to reprocess spent nuclear fuel on a commercial scale for its fast-growing atomic energy industry. But its new 30-year agreement with the U.S., negotiated by the Obama administration, allows for that eventuality.

The proposed 20-year U.S. agreement with South Korea, currently under congressional review, provides a pathway toward reprocessing as early as 2021 pending the results of a joint study into the viability of a method of recycling nuclear waste called pyro-processing.

Republican Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee said the Obama administration was leading Seoul "with a bread trail toward reprocessing" and undermining the goals of nonproliferation.

"It's as if they are being treated less well (than Japan) if we did not allow them to do this," said Corker, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Thomas Countryman, U.S. assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, said it was a "reasonable compromise" with Seoul to postpone the decision on the right to reprocess. He denied that regional competitiveness

entered into the negotiations.

"The message for partners in East Asia or anywhere else is that decisions about enrichment and reprocessing technologies must be transparent, must be economically logical and must be defensible on the basis of the physical security and the safeguarding of such fissile material," he told the hearing.

Whether the Rokkasho plant meets those standards is doubtful.

The operator, Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd., or JNFL, says government and U.N. surveillance would make illegal removal of plutonium "impossible."

But the economic fundamentals of the delay-plagued plant are lousy.

Now scheduled to be completed in March 2016, it has cost USD22 billion so far — four times the planned cost in 1989. Further delays are likely because of stricter safety screening by the nuclear regulators required after the Fukushima disaster. The plant depends on nine regional utilities for funding, based on their reactor operations, the prospects for which are uncertain. Most experts contend it would make more sense to bury the nuclear waste in concrete casks rather than try to recycle it.

But local pressure to proceed with the plant is intense. The local prefecture wants the jobs and has threatened to demand the removal of the more than 3,000 tons of spent fuel if the project falls through. **AP**

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MYANMAR

Suu Kyi says she will lead gov't if party wins polls

MYANMAR opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi said yesterday if her party wins upcoming elections she will lead the country from behind the scenes — circumventing a clause in the constitution that bars her from the presidency.

If the Nov. 8 vote is credible, most observers believe Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party will win the most seats in the country's parliament.

By forming a coalition with smaller parties, it could control a majority.

A clause in the 2008 constitution, drafted when the country was under military rule, prevents Suu Kyi from taking the top job because her



Supporters holding flags of Myanmar's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party

late husband and two children are British.

There are no obvious alternatives within her party's ranks.

"I've made it quite clear that if the NLD wins the elections and we form a government, I'm going to be the leader of that government whether or not I'm the president," Suu Kyi told Indian television channel India Today TV.

"Why not?" she asked with a smile. "Do you have to be a president in order to lead a country?"

Myanmar began moving from a half-century of military rule toward democracy in 2011. Though there are many concerns, including the exclusion of a million ethnic Rohingya Muslim voters, most observers believe next month's election is the best chance the country has had in decades for free and credible polls.

Under the constitution, however, the military will hold 25 percent of the seats in parliament regardless of the outcome of the vote. **AP**

Oliver Teves, Manila

PHILIPPINES

Dictator's son says Filipinos care less about Marcos abuses

THE son of late strongman Ferdinand Marcos said yesterday that Filipinos are no longer concerned about human rights abuses committed under his father's rule, angering activists who said he wants people to forget his father's dictatorship, which a popular revolt ended 29 years ago.

Speaking to reporters two days after announcing he is seeking the vice presidency in next year's elections, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. said Filipinos these days are more concerned about their livelihood, crime and other day-to-day problems.

Retired Commission on Human Rights Chairwoman Loretta Ann Rosales, who was tortured and detained under President Marcos, said Marcos Jr., a senator, was glossing over a law passed in 2013 recognizing and compensating victims of human rights abuses during Marcos' 14-year strongman rule.

In a wide-ranging forum, the 58-year-old senator acknowledged yesterday that there have been many allegations of human rights violations against his father but that Filipinos "are not concerned about that" these days.



Philippine Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.

"They are concerned about their lives today," he said. "We want answers. Why are there drugs in our streets? Why is the crime rate going up at an alarming rate? Why is our educational sector miserable? Why is the distribution of wealth not happening? Why is the government not doing anything about it? Why is there no infrastructure development? Why is there

no agricultural development? This is what people are worried about."

He said the Marcos name will not be a hindrance to his election campaign.

"I am the luckiest person that I know, and being a Marcos is part of that," he said. "I have never felt it to be a burden. I have only felt it to be an advantage, a blessing, and I am very thankful that I am a

Marcos."

President Marcos declared nationwide martial law in 1972, a year before his term was to expire. He padlocked Congress, ordered the arrest of political rivals and left-wing activists, and ruled by decree until a "people power" revolt drove his family into exile in 1986.

He denied any wrongdoing, including charges of amassing and hiding

hundreds of millions of dollars in Swiss banks, before he died in Hawaii three years later. His widow, Imelda, and their three children were eventually allowed to return home.

A Hawaii court has found the elder Marcos liable for human rights violations and awarded \$2 billion from his estate to compensate more than 9,000 Filipinos who filed a lawsuit against him for torture, incarceration, extra-judicial killings and disappearances.

More than 75,000 Filipinos have filed compensation claims under the law providing reparations for victims of human rights violations, according to the government board reviewing the claims.

Marcos Jr. said he leaves the events of 1986 to historians to judge while he focuses on being a public servant.

"In my heart of hearts, I truly believe that I was put on this Earth to serve, to be a public servant and that is what I will continue to do until the day that I die," he said.

Rosales said other laws to protect human rights,

such as the Anti-Torture Act and the Anti-Enforced Disappearance Act, were inspired by "the rich experiences of the people's struggle" against President Marcos.

"The mindset (Marcos Jr.) instills among the people is to keep them ignorant of the truth," she said. "It is the height of political arrogance and elitism, so much like his father."

In an interview with ABS-CBN television two months earlier, Marcos Jr. did not directly apologize to the victims of abuses.

"We have constantly said that if during that time of my father, there were people who were knocked down or who were not provided assistance or they were victimized in some way or another, of course we're sorry that that happened. Nobody wants that to have happened," he said.

Bonifacio Ilagan, vice chairman of Selda, a group of former political detainees, who was severely tortured by Marcos' military, said "much of the Marcos regime is still with us," alleging human rights are still being violated.

He said Marcos Jr.'s vice presidential aspiration shows the "Marcoses' delusion of returning to power to re-establish their brand of anti-people and fascist rule." **AP**

Robert Burns
National Security Writer

ANALYSIS

Did US strike on Afghan clinic exceed combat authority?

THE deadly U.S. attack on a hospital in Afghanistan, which U.S. officials have called a "mistake," leaves open the possibility that the decision to open fire exceeded the authority under which American forces have operated since their combat mission ended nearly a year ago, officials say.

U.S. officials have declined to discuss most circumstances of the attack in Kunduz that killed 22 civilians, since American and Afghan investigations are under way.

Gen. John F. Campbell, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, told a Senate committee earlier this week that he is requiring that every U.S. service member in Afghanistan be retrained on the circumstances in which U.S. firepower can be used.

"To prevent any future incidences of this nature, I've directed the entire force to undergo in-depth training in order to review all of our operational authorities and rules of engagement," he said.

Campbell did not elaborate, but his statement pointed to the possibility that the U.S. attack mission was undertaken in error, even if the target had not been a hospital and there had been no civilian casualties.

Campbell said Afghan forces fighting to retake Kunduz from the Taliban had requested U.S. air power, and that a U.S. special operations unit in the "close vicinity" was communicating with the crew of the heavily armed AC-130 gunship that pummeled the hospital.

U.S. forces do not have blanket authority to fulfill every Afghan request for U.S. firepower.

When President Barack Obama ended the U.S. combat mission he directed the remaining U.S. forces to focus on training and advising Afghan security forces and on counterterrorism missions. Authority to use force was limited to three circumstances: "force protection,



U.S. Forces-Afghanistan Resolute Support Mission Commander Gen. John Campbell, walks past a map of Afghanistan on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015, after testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the Situation in Afghanistan

or the defense of U.S. and allied troops; support of missions targeting remnants of al-Qaida in Afghanistan; and assisting Afghan forces in extreme situations where they faced mass casualties.

It's not clear whether any of those three circumstances applied in Kunduz. Campbell has said that U.S. forces were

not directly threatened at the time, and there is no indication that al-Qaida was present.

In a report to Congress in June, the Pentagon said U.S. forces were no longer authorized to target individuals based on affiliation with the Taliban or any group other than al-Qaida. It said U.S. forces are permitted to take action against individuals that "pose a direct threat" to U.S. and coalition forces.

"For example, U.S. forces no longer target individuals solely on the basis of their membership in the Taliban; however, if a member of the Taliban threatens U.S. or coalition forces, or provides direct support to al-Qaida, U.S. forces may take appropriate action," the report said.

Campbell told the Senate Armed Services Committee that although Afghan forces requested U.S. air power, final responsibility lay with U.S. forces.

"To be clear, the decision to

provide (airstrikes) was a U.S. decision, made within the U.S. chain of command," Campbell said. "The hospital was mistakenly struck. We would never intentionally target a protected medical facility."

Defense Secretary Ash Carter, who was traveling in Europe, issued a statement promising a full and transparent investigation. "We will do everything we can to understand this tragic incident, learn from it and hold people accountable as necessary," he said.

Some international groups, including Human Rights Watch, are calling for an independent investigation.

"The U.S. should establish an independent panel outside the military chain of command with the aim of establishing the facts and assessing possible culpability for the strike that killed at least 22 medical staff and patients and wounded dozens more," the group said.

In his testimony, Campbell also recommended Obama revise his plan and keep more than 1,000 U.S. troops in the country beyond 2016.

Campbell said security and political conditions in Afgha-

nistan have changed since Obama announced his plan in 2014 to cut the current U.S. force of 9,800 to an embassy-based security contingent of about 1,000 in Kabul post-2016. Obama has vowed to a war-weary nation to end the U.S. war in Afghanistan and get American troops out by the time he leaves office in January 2017.

Campbell said, however, that Afghanistan remains engaged in a violent battle against the Taliban, military operations in Pakistan have pushed fighters, including those linked to al-Qaida, into eastern and northern Afghanistan and the emergence of Islamic State fighters has further complicated the conflict.

Reducing the U.S. presence to just a 1,000-person contingent based at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul would leave the United States with limited ability to train and assist the Afghan forces and even less capacity to conduct counterterrorism operations. He said the options he has provided to his superiors are for troop levels beyond 1,000, but he declined to reveal how many troops he believes may be needed or for how long. **AP**

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GEN. JOHN F. CAMPBELL
US COMMANDER, AFGHANISTAN

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS SEEKS FACT-FINDING MISSION

DOCTORS WITHOUT Borders is appealing to the United States, Afghanistan and other countries to launch an independent fact-finding mission under rules of the Geneva Conventions into the U.S. air strike on a hospital in Kunduz. The medical aid group, known by its French language acronym MSF, said its call would mark the first

time such a fact-finding mission would be commissioned under the Conventions. The group's international president, Joanne Liu, told reporters yesterday that the weekend strike "was not just an attack on our hospital, it was an attack on the Geneva Conventions. This cannot be tolerated."



Roni Dean-Burren

USA

Publisher apologizes for textbook calling slaves 'workers'

ONE of the biggest publishers in the U.S. apologized yesterday for calling slaves brought to America "workers" in a geography textbook used widely in Texas, where

the wording went unnoticed during the state's combative and politically charged classroom curriculum reviews.

Instead it was the mother of a 15-year-old high school freshman near Houston who prompted McGraw-Hill Education to take the unusual step of promising immediate

revisions and new supplemental lessons about the Atlantic slave trade. Roni Dean-Burren, whose son pointed out the wording in his world geography textbook to his mom, ignited outrage on social media last week after posting her disbelief.

Roughly a quarter of Texas' 1,200 school dis-

tricts use the textbook, according to state officials. The publisher didn't respond to questions about how many other classrooms in the U.S. purchased copies with the same phrasing.

"We are deeply sorry that the caption was written this way," McGraw-Hill Education CEO David Le-

vin said in a letter to employees. "While the book was reviewed by many people inside and outside the company, and was made available for public review, no one raised concerns about the caption. Yet, clearly, something went wrong and we must and will do better."

The caption in the nin-

th-grade textbook accompanies a map of the U.S. in a section about immigration. It reads: "The Atlantic Slave Trade between the 1500s and 1800s brought millions of workers from Africa to the southern United States to work on agricultural plantations."

Dean-Burren, a former English teacher who is now a doctoral candidate at the University of Houston, found out about the caption when her son texted her picture of the page, telling her, "We was real hard workers weren't we." **AP**

what's ON



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Offbeat

US: ART LOVERS STAGE MOCK ANTI-RENOIR PROTEST AT BOSTON MUSEUM



Renoir didn't leave much of an impression on a group of art lovers in Boston.

Protesters gathered outside the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to stage a mock demonstration against the French impressionist painter.

Some carried signs that read, "God Hates Renoir" and "Aesthetic Terrorism" and chanted, "Other art is worth your while! Renoir paints a steaming pile!"

The Boston Globe reports (bit.ly/1FViOZI) that Monday's playful protest was organized by Max Geller, creator of an Instagram account called Renoir Sucks at Painting. Geller says he wants the MFA to take down its Renoirs and replace them with works by other artists.

The museum isn't commenting, and the demonstrators acknowledge they were just trying to be ironic.

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22:10	Trail of Lies
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cinema

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08 Oct - 14 Oct

THE MARTIAN

ROOM 1
 (2D) 2.15, 4.45, 9.45 pm
 (3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Ridley Scott**Starring:** Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kate Mara**Language:** English (Cantonese)**Duration:** 141min

THE WALK

ROOM 2
 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Robert Zemeckis**Starring:** Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ben Kingsley,

Charlotte Le Bon

Language: English (Cantonese)**Duration:** 123min

THE INTERN

ROOM 2

7.15 pm

Director: Nancy Meyers**Starring:** Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway**Language:** English (Cantonese)**Duration:** 121min

SAVING MR WU

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Sheng Ding**Starring:** Andy Lau, Ye Liu, Wu Ruofu, Qianyuan Wang**Language:** Mandarin (Cantonese/ English)**Duration:** 105min

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2

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this day in history



1990 BRITAIN'S FIRST FULL DAY IN ERM

Britain's first day as a full member of the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) of the European Monetary System has been marked by hectic trading in the City. More than 500 million shares were traded in the first two hours and by the end of the day the turnover was 1.08 billion shares - the highest daily volume since the 1987 stockmarket crash.

Stirling and share prices then settled down towards the end of the day as a reflection of profit taking, with the pound up 1.75pf against the DM at 3.0312.

While the pound today ended comfortably within its 6% bandwidth of value against the DM, the Bank of England has warned the limit will eventually need to be narrowed.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England said a 2.5% band should be Britain's objective, but only once interest and inflation rates reflected that of other EC members:

"I think until we've settled down, until our economic performance, our indicators have converged more closely with the other members, it was absolutely right to go in at 6%."

The Chancellor, John Major, has said ERM entry is primarily a counter-inflationary measure, but business analysts were not convinced when he dropped interest rates last week 1% to 14%.

However, home buyers are likely to benefit alongside consumers after building society giant Halifax decided to cut its mortgage rate from 15.4% to 14.5%, underlying the strengthened pound.

Business leaders have warned membership could mean widespread job losses unless UK firms keep wage costs down.

Piers Morgan, from the Institute of Directors said: "To stay competitive our costs can't go up any more than Germany's, if they do our companies will become unprofitable."

Some European ministers have expressed concerns Britain's entry is a ruse to slow down EC progress towards full monetary union and a single currency.

Speaking in Luxembourg, Mr Major argued such a strategy would be illogical:

"It would seem to be rather a rum thing to get into the ERM which is a pretty substantive step...purely as a wrecking tactic,"

EC Commission President Jacques Delors said: "Frankly I am happy about the decision of the British Government but I remain vigilant."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The ERM was established in 1980 to bring stability to European currency markets and encourage trade and business. Member states agreed to keep their currency value tied to the German mark requiring them to adopt German anti-inflation policies, with a view to eventual monetary union. The UK crashed out of the Exchange Rate Mechanism in September 1992 when recession and massive currency speculation saw the pound take a heavy battering. Britain did not rejoin the ERM after the day which became known as "Black Wednesday". The ERM is history, and the euro is now the official currency for some 300 million citizens in 12 European countries.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Try looking forward to today. Making a dime may be your most pressing requirement...

Taurus April 20-May 20 Things around the home are especially appealing today. You may feel the need to replace everything or cling to heirlooms...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your thoughts are on your belongings and for all the right reasons for a change. You finally see that possessions alone aren't a true measure of whether you've achieved a lot...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Don't let yourself be beaten up by your bad thoughts. The past is the past, don't spend too much time thinking about it. Let your brighter half out and consider this a time of new beginnings...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Some things can't be controlled. If financial loss is one of them, then financial success should be looked at with a bit more modesty than you're used to...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 With all the financial changes you're going through, it makes sense your social scene will change, too. If your circle is starting to wear you down, it's time to find someone new and energizing to hang out with...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Is there really such a thing as too much emotion? Well, it is the spice of life, but too much back and forth isn't healthy for anybody. Only check the numbers once, or at the most twice, today...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 It's a good day to get what you want, as long as what you want is something reasonable. Keep your expectations simple. A meal at a foreign restaurant, for example, fits your budget as well as your odds...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 In some areas, it doesn't pay to be flexible. When it comes to compromising your ideals, money just isn't compensation enough. Make sticking to things that really matter your new philosophy, if it isn't already...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Some people can't let themselves react to their changing financial status, so they compensate in other ways. Overreacting may be a sign of leaner times. Be careful in social settings today...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Blocking it all out is too extreme, but do stop thinking about your finances for a while. Get some exercise, putter around the house - anything but pouring over the statements...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Desperate times call for desperate measures, but not in the way you imagine. Yes, your bank account could use an infusion but so could your love life. Focus on romance instead of money...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

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

Easy+

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

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

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WEATHER

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CHINA

Table listing weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

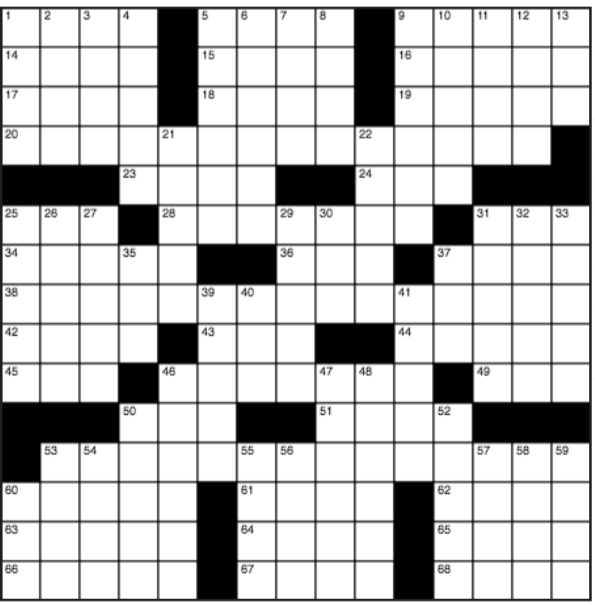
WORLD

Table listing weather conditions for various world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

CROSSWORDS

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DOWN: 1- Cries of discovery; 2- "Venerable" English monk; 3- Russian pancake; 4- Accumulate; 5- Declares; 6- Ruler of the Islamic world; 7- Golden Fleece ship; 8- Pinto or lima; 9- Conference; 10- Expect; 11- Mock; 12- Family portrait?; 13- '60s campus op.; 21- Maker of Pong; 22- Yoga posture; 25- Dead duck; 26- Grocery, e.g.; 27- Room at the top; 29- Trials; 30- Not emp.; 31- Spring up; 32- Melodies; 33- Emo anxiety; 35- Baa maid?; 37- Nabokov novel; 39- That group; 40- Boo follower; 41- Water wheel; 46- Seldom; 47- Pertaining to tea acid; 48- Goes in; 50- ___ski; 52- Post; 53- Roster used to assign duties; 54- ___ saw Elba; 55- Flat sound; 56- I could ___ horse; 57- Lendl of tennis; 58- Grape plant; 59- Constantly; 60- Leary's drug



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FOOTBALL

FIFA presidential contender Chung calls Blatter 'hypocrite'

FIFA presidential contender Chung Mong-joon called Sepp Blatter a "hypocrite and a liar" yesterday and said he is planning to sue the outgoing president for at least USD100 million.

The 79-year-old Blatter is being investigated by Swiss authorities for financial misconduct. He denies any wrongdoing and told a German magazine that he will stay in power until the election on Feb. 26. But Chung said he believes Blatter should pay for the damage he has caused FIFA during a 40-year career, including the last 17 as president.

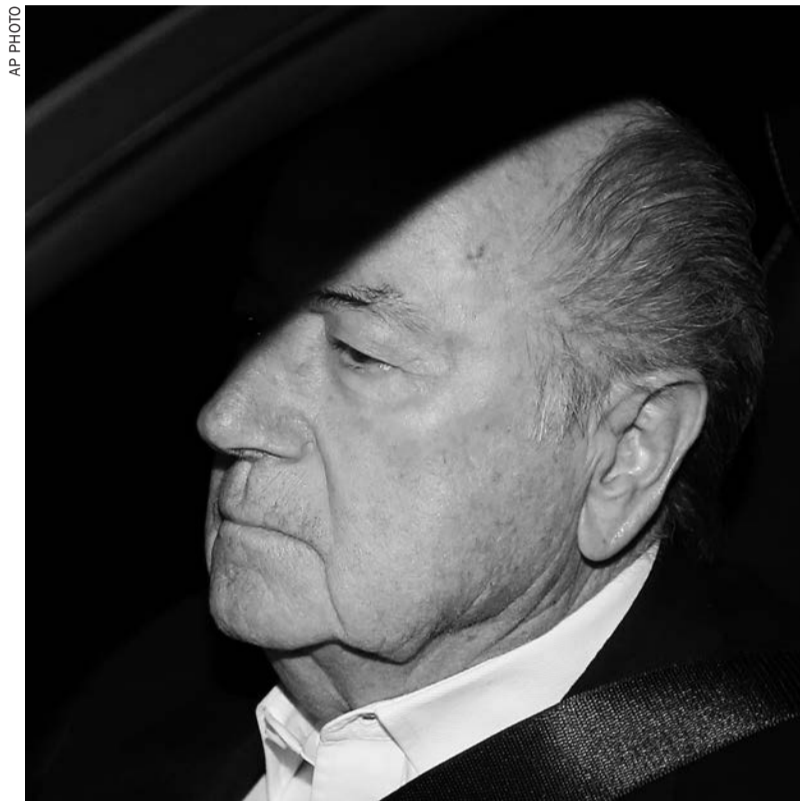
"Mr. Blatter is a hypocrite and a liar," Chung, a member of the FIFA executive committee until 2011, said in a speech in London. "I plan to sue Mr. Blatter on his embezzlement in court."

Chung said his legal action would be launched in the Swiss courts, and pledged to return any damages to FIFA.

"My understanding is the amount of money I can claim against President Blatter is in proportion to the amount of damage he inflicted on FIFA," Chung said.

Some of that damage, according to Chung, is Blatter being paid an undisclosed salary which was not approved by the FIFA executive committee.

Chung also highlighted FIFA's \$90 million damages se-



FIFA President Sepp Blatter

ttlement in 2007 after soccer's governing body was sued by ousted sponsor Mastercard for not honoring contractual agreements when rights were awarded to Visa.

Chung went on to reference one of the most toxic elements of Blatter's FIFA career:

the kickback scandal of FIFA's former marketing agency partner ISL.

As general secretary in March 1997, before being elected leader the following year, Blatter returned a 1.5 million Swiss franc payment from ISL to then-president Joao Have-

lange, which mistakenly arrived at FIFA. Blatter's action "may have been clumsy" but was not misconduct, a FIFA ethics report found.

"At FIFA, money and power have blinded Mr. Blatter to the values of sportsmanship," added Chung, a former FIFA vice president. "Preposterously, Mr. Blatter and his associates are under the delusion that they are above human values and norms."

But Chung himself is currently the subject of an ethics committee investigation for breaches relating to South Korea's failed bid for the 2022 World Cup and for openly criticizing the investigation.

Chung calls it an attempt by FIFA to undermine his candidacy to replace Blatter and he said he plans to pursue a separate legal case to ensure he can stand in the election. But he wasn't even sure if he had five federation nominations required.

"I hope I do. That's a very good question," Chung said.

Blatter is determined to stay in power until the election, but he could also be suspended by the FIFA ethics committee before then.

"I can assure you that I'll stop on Feb. 26, 2016," Blatter was quoted as telling German lifestyle magazine Bunte in an interview published yesterday. "That's definitely the end. But not a day sooner. By then we'll have found a really good candidate who'll make a great new president."

In the interview, Blatter said he is being "convicted without any evidence of any wrongdoing on my part."

Blatter was questioned last month by Swiss investigators about broadcasting contracts sold to disgraced former FIFA vice president Jack Warner in 2005 that were supposedly undervalued.

The investigation also centers on whether Blatter approved a "disloyal payment" of 2 million Swiss francs in 2011 from FIFA to UEFA President Michel Platini for work carried out at least nine years earlier.

"This is just an investigation, no charges. I'm dealing with the process and cooperating with the authorities," Blatter said. "I'm well. I'll survive it. FIFA is still functioning well and the elected president is staying in office." **AP**

RUGBY | WORLD CUP

Wales to have full squad selection against Australia

WALES will have a full squad to select from for Saturday's Pool A decider against Australia at Twickenham, in a reverse of fortunes in an injury-marred campaign.

The Welsh lost six players from their initial 31-man squad, including star fullback Leigh Halfpenny, but the squad has evolved and is unbeaten in three matches, including a comeback 28-25 win over England that contributed to the host team's pool-stage exit.

Australia, which finished off any hopes England had of advancing with a 33-13 win last weekend, will be without vice-captain Michael Hooper, who is suspended, and likely without injured outside backs Israel Folau and Rob Horne.

Wales had more positive news, with fullback

Liam Williams and prop Paul James both likely to be available after missing the match against Fiji with injuries.

"We've had a longer turnaround for this Australia game, which has benefited the lads a lot," Wales team conditioner Paul Stridgeon says. "We are all fully fit. We have got a couple of bumps and bruises, but generally we are good to go."

"England losing at the weekend took a bit of pressure off us, but our goal has always been to top the group."

The winner of the Australia vs. Wales match will top the pool, and likely avoid a quarterfinal against South Africa.

FIJI

Fiji coach John McKee has dismissed media speculation linking him



Wales' Jamie Roberts, left, is tackled by England's Sam Burgess during the Rugby World Cup Pool A match between England and Wales at Twickenham stadium in London

to the soon-to-be-vacant Japan position, and says he'd like to take Fiji to the 2019 Rugby World Cup.

"I am committed to Fiji, and when I return I want to discuss with the board the possibility of extending my contract (to 2019)," he said at Milton Keynes, a day after Fiji's

campaign finished with a 47-15 win over Uruguay in Pool A.

"I'm contracted until 2017 at the moment, and I want to stay there until then, but I feel if I've gone all that way with them I should really stay until after RWC 2019 at least."

Eddie Jones is standing

down as Japan head coach after this World Cup, where the team has already performed beyond expectations with an historic upset win over South Africa and another pool stage win over Samoa.

McKee, a New Zealander, was appointed to the Fiji job in May last year, four months after Inoke Male was fired while the national union had its funding suspended by World Rugby. At the time, McKee was Fiji's high performance director.

The Fijians were divided and dispirited at the 2011 World Cup in New Zealand, but in the last 18 months, he's helped to transform their set-pieces to genuinely threaten England, Australia, and Wales at this tournament without losing their flair.

"For Fijian rugby, it's been a very positive tour-

namment, we have shown we can compete," McKee says. "There was a lot of talk before the tournament on our set plays and our fitness and whether we would cope, but we have proved that we are a competitive nation."

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand will be without injured captain Richie McCaw against Tonga in its final pool-stage game at the Rugby World Cup tomorrow, but named an otherwise strong lineup that included Ma'a Nonu for his 100th test appearance.

McCaw is missing with a sore hip, having hobbled off during the 43-10 win over Georgia with what he said were shin and quad injuries.

Prop Charlie Faumuina (hamstring) is the only other unavailable player. **AP**

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REFORM IS WORKING FOR PORTUGAL

If no good deed goes unpunished, then Portuguese Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho got off lightly in Sunday's elections. After overseeing reforms that kept the Portuguese economy from getting worse, his ruling coalition is much smaller ---- but for now, at least, it looks like he will still be at the head of the government.

Politicians in Greece (and other economically struggling European nations) take note: Voters will put up with painful economic reforms so long as the remedy seems to be working. For the past four years, Portugal has been striving to honor the terms of the 78 billion euro bailout it received in 2011 from the International Monetary Fund and the European Union. Its efforts have made it a star reformer among Europe's struggling economies.

Opposition parties - including the Communists and the Left Bloc - weren't so impressed. Though the economy has begun turning around, and the government has recently said it will ease back on austerity, the left has called for debt restructuring and a new approach to fiscal policy based on shifting taxes on to business. Their message also resonated with austerity-weary voters: In an election that saw record low levels of voter turn-out, over half of the votes went to parties that had opposed austerity.

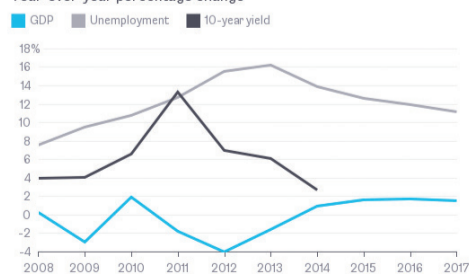
Granted, debt restructuring might yet be necessary. The IMF has warned that the government's plans may be insufficient to make the debt sustainable. More austerity, on the other hand, might be counter-productive even if it were politically feasible. But the left's call to shift the burden of fiscal adjustment on to business is plainly not the answer: This would hit investment and employment just as the economy is starting to get back on its feet.

Coelho's government has instead put in place labor-market reforms - cutting overgenerous redundancy payments by more than half, for example, and giving small employers more flexibility in collective bargaining negotiations. Tax reform, with an emphasis on simplification and cuts to corporate rates, is helping as well. These changes were needed to improve competitiveness and boost jobs. Voters seem to have understood that they must be given time to work.

Exports have increased. Unemployment is down and the economy is expanding. Last year the government announced it was leaving the bailout mechanism, regaining its access to capital markets.

Portuguese officials have always rejected comparisons with Greece, insisting that Portugal has done far more to restore its economy than Greece was willing to. They're right - but they must understand that their work is by no means finished. Voters have offered to be patient a little longer. Their leaders should resolve to justify that confidence.

Portuguese Progress from 2012
Year-over-year percentage change



Source: Bloomberg

Figures for 2015 and after are forecasts

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THE BUZZ TIME OUT DEFENDS MERYL STREEP T-SHIRT IN 'SLAVE' ROW

Time Out magazine has defended its use of a slogan including the word slave on a T-shirt worn by Meryl Streep to promote the movie "Suffragette," arguing that critics have taken the quote out of context.

The magazine's London edition last week published a story including photos of Streep and her co-stars wearing T-shirts reading "I'd rather be a rebel than a slave," a 1913 quote from

suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst. The photos triggered controversy, as critics said the words belittled the suffering of slaves in America.

Time Out says the original quote aimed to "rouse women to stand up against oppression," and was not intended to refer to American slavery or the American civil war "as some people who saw the quote and photo out of context have surmised."

Scientists win Nobel chemistry award for work on DNA repair



Professor Sara Snogerup Linse, left explains why the laureates were awarded as Goran K. Hansson, centre and Claes Gustafsson, members of the Nobel Assembly sit, during a press conference at the Royal Swedish Academy in Stockholm

Karl Ritter & Malin Rising, Stockholm

THREE scientists from Sweden, the U.S. and Turkey won the Nobel Prize in chemistry yesterday for showing how cells repair damaged DNA, work that can be used to develop new cancer treatments.

Swedish scientist Tomas Lindahl, American Paul Modrich and U.S.-Turkish national Modrich Aziz Sancar shared the 8 million Swedish kronor award.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said their work on DNA repair "has provided fundamental knowledge of how a living

cell functions." Their findings can be used for the development of new cancer treatments, among other things, the academy said.

Lindahl, 77, is an emeritus group leader at Francis Crick Institute and Emeritus director of Cancer Research UK at Clare Hall Laboratory in Britain.

Modrich, born in 1946, is an investigator at Howard Hughes Medical Institute and professor at Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, North Carolina.

Sancar, 69, is a professor at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The academy said DNA

was thought to be a stable molecule until the 1970s when Lindahl showed that it decays at a fast rate. Our DNA is damaged by ultraviolet rays from the sun and carcinogenic substances.

Sancar mapped a mechanism that cells use to repair ultraviolet damage to DNA while Modrich showed how the cell corrects errors when DNA is replicated during cell division, the academy said.

It said their research "has not only deepened our knowledge of how we function, but could also lead to the development of life-saving treatments."

The award will be handed out along with the other Nobel Prizes on Dec. 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.

This year's medicine prize went to scientists from Japan, the U.S. and China who discovered drugs to fight malaria and other tropical diseases. Japanese and Canadian scientists won the physics prize for discovering that tiny particles called neutrinos have mass.

The Nobel announcements continue with literature on Thursday, the Nobel Peace Prize tomorrow and the economics award on Monday. AP

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

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



SOUTH KOREA Prosecutors are investigating a New York University student freed this week by North Korea on suspicion that he violated a law that prohibits South Korean citizens from traveling to the North without permission, officials said yesterday. The student, Won Moon Joo (pictured, center) was questioned by Seoul's National Intelligence Service upon his arrival in South Korea on Monday.



AUSTRALIA Police arrested 4 people in connection with the slaying of a civilian police worker in a Sydney suburb that officials have said they believe was linked to terrorism. More than 200 officers swooped into homes in western Sydney and arrested the men, aged 16 to 22, as part of their investigation into the killing of Curtis Cheng, New South Wales police said. A fifth man was also arrested during the raids on unrelated fraud charges.



RUSSIA-SYRIA Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu says Russia is using warships in the Caspian Sea to target the Islamic State group in Syria. Russia last week began carrying out airstrikes in what it said was a pre-emptive operation against terrorism in the Middle East. Shoigu told President Putin in televised remarks that Russia yesterday carried out 26 missile strikes from four warships of its Caspian Sea flotilla. He insisted the operation destroyed all the targets and did not launch any strikes upon civilian areas.

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J Lopez MC. Jennifer Lopez (above, performing in May at the Mawazine Festival in Rabat, Morocco) is taking on hosting duties at the American Music Awards, on Nov. 22. Producers say Lopez will host and perform at the show, set to be broadcast live on ABC from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.