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Macau Flea Market debuts outdoors

THE Macau Flea Market, now in its fourth year, was held outside for the first time this weekend, in the courtyard of Albergue SCM. The market was open on Saturday and yesterday.

The three organizers of the Flea Market, Eddie, Terence and Elva, told the Times that previous versions of the Flea Market have been held indoors in an industrial warehouse, but the prospect of holding the event outdoors this year has been well-received.

"Did you see the rain yesterday [Saturday]?" Eddie asked. "Today [yesterday] was much better," he added, in reference to the sunshine.

"The response to hosting the market outdoors has been positive. There is natural light and natural weather. People seem to like it more," he said. "Next time, weather permitting, we are planning to have it outdoors."

Around half of this year's stalls are the same as in previous years, but the organizers say that they strive for diversity



Eddie, Terence, and Elva (left to right), co-organizers of the event

in the representation of businesses and give priority to Macau locals. There are also some stalls from Hong Kong and two from Taiwan.

In fact, the inspiration for the event came from a trip the organizers took to Taiwan and Ja-

pan. Seeing the atmosphere of flea markets abroad, they decided to host one in Macau.

"Casinos are everywhere in Macau," expressed Eddie, "we need something original here for the people of Macau."

There are a lot of handcrafted

goods, as well as vintage and antique collections. Among them is a cash register dated back to 1912, highlighted in Eddie's stall called "Leather Motel," which features American vintage products.

He assured the Times that the

■ The inspiration for the event came from a trip the organizers took to Taiwan and Japan

century-old cash register is still in working order.

"There really is a special and unique atmosphere," said co-organizer Terence, "people are very friendly here."

Local musician, Eva Tana, was playing an acoustic set when the Times visited the area yesterday. Each day of the market has seen four local artists perform, the organizers said.

They also said that they received a lot of support from Albergue. "The booths are from Albergue – without them we would have nothing here," they noted. **Staff reporter**

FOR the first time in its history, the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) held a ceremony that aimed to recognize the most "Distinguished Teachers" of the 2014-15 school year.

Fifteen teachers were honored for their distinguished performance in education, in a ceremony held yesterday morning at the Macau Tower Convention and Entertainment Center

EDUCATION

DSEJ awards mentions to 15 teachers



Wang Shize, Wong Wang, Wong Chi Keong, Chu Lai Sa, Lam Kai Heng, Wu Chon Meng, Ha Lai Chu, Leung Kim Fong, Fong In Han, Dong Shu Zhen, Lao Kun Wa, Lin U Peng, Lou Chio Iong, Tam Iok Meng, and Nausheen Gull were the first members of the local teaching community to receive these accolades from the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam, who chaired the ceremony.

According to DSEJ Director Leong Lai, these accolades will continuously be awarded every year from now on.

Leong Lai also stated in her speech that "the mention of 'Distinguished Teacher' seeks to honor and praise the teachers who showed

distinguished performances, as well as to encourage all Macau teaching staff to continue in their pursuit of the spirit of excellence in education.

She added that it is necessary to keep in mind that "education is a base value for social progress and it is deeply related to the well-being of Macau citizens," justifying the creation of the new award.

To achieve this award, the candidates were required to have demonstrated a record of excellent teaching performance in the previous school year.

This year's awardees include teachers working in kindergarten, primary, secondary and inclusive education levels. **RM**

WE CORRECT

MGM Macau says no decision made yet on salary increase for 2016

The Macau Daily Times erroneously reported last Friday, January 15, that MGM Macau has announced a salary increase, in our newspaper edition, on page 7, which prompted a clarification by the local gaming operator.

"We would like to clarify that MGM has not released information on increment plans nor company bonus

for this year," a note issued Friday morning by MGM reads.

Moreover, the note adds, "When a decision has been made on this subject, we will issue a press release to all media outlets."

Macau Daily Times apologizes to MGM and all the parties involved and to our readers for the serious error.

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World Day of Migrants celebrated to 'ease loneliness'

THE 102nd World Day of Migrants and Refugees was celebrated yesterday at the Saint Joseph School Auditorium in Macau. Celebrations included a "fellowship lunch" with food treats from the different communities represented, along with several musical and ethnographic performances. The program of the event, which was organized by the Diocese of Macau, also included a lucky draw.

The participants were mainly women, with origins in Myanmar, East Timor, Indonesia and the Philippines. Events of this kind are a way for these women to "get together" with others, sharing the same difficulties and hopes. Mirna, a migrant worker from Myanmar was enthusiastic: "It is nice! I like this kind of party where we can relax and meet some other people that are also working here. It is a way to forget the hard work and have fun," she told the Times.

Anna, a domestic worker from the Philippines who has been in Macau for over six years, shares the same opinion in short words: "It is good. I like it. I feel happy to be here and share this joy."

The Secretary-General of Caritas Macau, Paul Pun, at-



RENATO MARQUES



tended the event and took the opportunity to advise the migrants to "be informed and

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MIRNA

MIGRANT WORKER FROM MYANMAR

updated with the local news through the newspapers, TV or by using their smartphones." In his opinion, being informed about Macau is a way of avoiding falling victim to scams and other dangers

Pun also urged the migrants to "denounce" cases of exploitation and other instances where they feel they are being unfairly treated and to "help each other," especially their fellow citizens that need help or are ill.

This year's theme "Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy" came by direct initiative of Pope Francis in the awakening of the migration movements, namely in Europe. According to the Pope's message for the day, it is crucial "to deal with the present emergency phase by providing programs which address the causes of migration and the changes it entails."

The Pope used the World

Day of Migrants and Refugees as a pretext to address the tragic stories of the millions of men and women who are impacted by unacceptable humanitarian crises occurring in different parts of the world. These situations include those in which the "indifference" and "silence" of people lead to a form of complicity. Francis urged citizens to be aware of these cases locally and to solve them as much as possible locally too.

Tap Seac crowds roar in delight to Sinulog Festival

THE Sinulog 2016 Grand Parade and Festival was held yesterday in Tap Seac Square to roaring crowds of Filipinos, Chinese, and Westerners.

The religious procession began at around 2 p.m. from the square, circling throughout downtown Macau, before returning to Tap Seac for the "big showdown," which pitted the various groupings against each other to the crowd's delight.

The festival, which began in Macau in 2003, has become a widely anticipated event for the community. Some even regard it as the biggest Filipino event in Macau. Many of the performers started rehearsing as far back as November in preparation for the event that customarily takes place on the third Sunday of January.

The festival is a celebration of the time when the Filipinos embraced Catholicism in the 16th century and rejected their former animist beliefs.

In the Philippines, the celebration, which originated in Cebu, begins nine days before the grand parade. The parade itself can last up to



The annual Sinulog Festival has become the biggest Filipino event in Macau

12 hours, and sees a traditional Sinulog dance in which participants take two steps forward and one step back, swaying to the rhythm of the drums.

The movement is intended to resemble the current of the main river in Cebu.

"Sinulog fiesta or celebration is very popular in the

Philippines, especially in Cebu because it is a form of thanksgiving and praise to the infant Jesus. This is because this Saint Nuno, according to history, was a gift," Father Agustin Datu, a member of the organizing committee, told TDM news.

Some of the procession participants could be seen holding little statues of Jesus Christ as they danced to the drums and music. The infant Christ is the patron symbol of the festival.

In Macau, the festival was organized by the "Santo Nino de Cebu in Macao Association," in cooperation with the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, the Macau Foundation and the Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO). **Staff reporter**

Macau to have new Bishop, 'some changes' expected

POPE Francis has approved the appointment of Hong Kong's Stephen Lee as the new bishop of Macau, the Holy See Press Office revealed.

Speaking about the selection of Lee, Benedict Keith Ip, a theologian and the associate editor at O Clarim (Macau Catholic Weekly) said: "I have mixed feelings ... Lai will be missed, but we can expect some changes [with the new appointment]."

"[Lee is] very knowledgeable and quite well-known. He is knowledgeable in canon law and educational affairs, and church history."

The former Auxiliary Bishop of Hong Kong will replace the outgoing Macanese Bishop José Lai, who is resigning due to health reasons. His appointment will be effective from January 23.

O Clarim reported on the weekend that Stephen Lee "will take possession of the Diocese of Macau on Saturday, January 23, at 3 p.m. with a Eucharistic celebration that will take place at the Cathedral to mark the 440th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Macau."

Keith Ip claimed that the appointment of 59-year-old Lee



Bishop José Lai is resigning due to health reasons

"is quite remarkable because it follows the tradition of appointing a 50-something-year-old."

Jose Lai was appointed in 2001 at the age of 55, but he did not take office until June 2003. "They are both quite young for this appointment," added Ip.

In response to speculation that Lee will bring a dose of Hong Kong's political activism to the role, Ip said that it was probably too early to tell. "In general the Church needs to be more active in participating [in society] and contributing to universal values. This is not only the responsibility for a priest, however, but a responsibility for all of us," he said. **Staff reporter**



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ALAN HO CASE

Women involved in the Lisboa prostitute ring incriminate one suspect

THE trial of the alleged prostitution ring that operated inside Hotel Lisboa continued on Friday at the Court of First Instance (TJB). The case involves Alan Ho, Stanley Ho's nephew who was the executive director of the Hotel Lisboa up until January 2015, when the arrests occurred. On Friday, several statements written one year ago by the women who allegedly served as prostitutes at the hotel were revealed.

A few facts were recurrent throughout the long marathon of readings, which is still to be completed. Among these facts is the revelation that all the women mentioned the need for an "interview" before they started their work providing sexual services in the hotel. In almost all of the cases, the interviews were performed by the second defendant Kelly Wong, assistant deputy manager for "Special Market PR" of the hotel and, as aforementioned during the first trial session, the person who managed the "special check-in counter."

The women also stated that the interview process was a mere two-minute task with the sole purpose of approving the candidate's physical features. One of them even admitted that "the number of rooms was limited and the most beautiful women had preference."

Another of the facts concerned the amount to charge for the sexual services provided to the guests that was allegedly fixed at HKD1,500.

There were also clearly stated rules about how the women should dress, act and where they were allowed to search for clients within the hotel premises, although it was not clear that those rules were dictated by the same person in all of the cases.

The most heard name during the fifty-statement reading was that of Kelly Wang Qiao Yu known by the women under the short name "Yuyu", along with that of her assistant Qiao Yan Yan, known as "Yanyan," who took care of most of the tasks involving the women.

Several of the fifty witness statements heard on Friday mentioned the presence of one man in some of the interviews, with at least four of the women stating that they were able to identify him as the first defendant in this case, Alan Ho. Ho is the most preeminent of the defendants, whom many of the women admitted also came to know from the corridors and common areas of the hotel. He was known among them by the name "Lou Ho."

From the statements, it was also possible to establish a pattern in most of the cases, with the women claiming to have come to Macau either at the

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Pedestrians walk in front of the Hotel Lisboa

suggestion of "friends", people they met in the Chinese mainland in nightlife establishments or from advertisements they saw on the internet offering attractive high-income opportunities within a short space of time.

Several women mentioned the presence of Alan Ho in some of the interviews

In most cases, the women were able to enter the territory thanks to intermediaries and pimps to whom they paid large sums to help them (in many cases illegally) and to grant them a "working room" at Hotel Lisboa.

Guaranteeing themselves a room for their prostitution work was also another of the main reasons stated by the

majority of the women who claim to have paid around RMB150,000 as "presentation and protection fee" and also to "keep their priority in getting a room", avoiding in this way to "queue up" everyday around 2:30 p.m. to the room distribution at the check-in counter. They either deposited or transferred this money into a bank account in mainland China.

They stated that they thought this fee was going to Kelly Wang, although she never collected it personally.

In addition to the one-off fee, the women claimed to have paid a daily fee between MOP1,000 and 1,500 for the rental of the hotel room. This was the only charge they said they faced, also stating that nobody else from the hotel staff ever asked them for money or provided any kind of help or constraint. They admitted that they came to Macau and performed the activity of their own free will.

The only statement presented that provided an alternate claim was the one from a woman that claimed to have been in Macau to gamble, and because she lost

all her money she searched for help from the casino employees who then allegedly directed her to a "special check-in counter."

Since she did not have the money to pay the "presentation fee", she claims to have paid HKD6,000 in cash every month to "Yuyu" or to someone who collected the sum from her at a room situated on the 8th floor of the hotel.

The same witness also provided the most detailed description of the procedures and stated that there was a meeting between Kelly Wang and the woman to explain all the rules.

Although it was not clear what the "punishment" was in the case they did not comply with the rules, many of the witnesses claimed to have heard from others that they would "lose the room" and would be sent out of the territory, having to pay the "presentation fee" again if they wished to return.

One of the women, a former escort at a KTV in Zhuhai, claimed to have come to Macau on her own and without any intermediaries. She also claimed that she had started to prostitu-

te herself at the Venetian Hotel, finding clients independently. By word-of-mouth, she decided to try to enroll in the Lisboa scheme, since the security guards at the Venetian were always "kicking her out" and not letting her offer her services to the guests. She claims that initially she was refused at the "counter" and went back to the Venetian where she was caught by the police and was banned from entering Macau for a period of three years.

After that, she returned to the territory illegally paying RMB5,500 to be brought by boat from Zhuhai. She claims to have arrived in Taipa together with four or five others. From there she was taken by taxi to Hotel Lisboa where she was accepted.

All the women claimed that Hotel Lisboa security guards knew about their presence, and their intentions at the hotel, and yet failed to prevent or stop their activity.

The trial is set to continue with two more sessions scheduled for this week, on Thursday and Friday (January 21 and 22).

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Six police officers arrested over illegal border entries

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A group of six people, including five police officers on active duty and one former police officer, were arrested by the Judiciary Police (PJ) last week for their alleged involvement in an organized crime scheme.

The six suspects, who had already been taken to a preliminary hearing where they received the news that they will be held in preventive custody, were caught in an operation by the PJ that aimed to stop people illegally entering Macau.

The group is suspected of having received large sums of money as bribes in order to allow mainland China gamblers to cross the border and enter the territory illegally to gamble at casinos.

The PJ revealed in a press conference that this investigation has been in development for a period of over two years. In addition, according to the preliminary conclusions, they might have profited more than MOP1.8 million from this scheme, charging as much as MOP220,000 per person in exchange for aid, for transportation in and out of the territory, as well as for protection services during their stay.

The group might have been in operation for a period of more than four years.

The Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, reacted to the arrests by stating that he was "deeply concerned" about this matter and expressed his "deep regrets" over the involvement of law enforcement agents in illegal activities.

Mr Wong also mentioned that he has already ordered a full investigation into the case plus a review of internal controls and supervisory measures in the police force.

According to the information provided by the PJ, at the moment of the detention, four of the officers held in custody were a part of the criminal intelligence unit of the Public Security Police Force, one was a member of the Immigration Services, and the last was a retired police officer who left his position about one year ago.

Although there is no clear information about the group's operations, several international news agencies connect the case with the junket business, in which the group participated by providing "high-roller" gamblers for at least one of the junkets operating in one of Macau's casinos, which has not yet been identified.

Woman pleads guilty in United Nations bribery scheme

A Chinese businesswoman pleaded guilty last week in a bribery case accusing a former president of the United Nations General Assembly of accepting more than USD1 million from sources in China to use his position to promote various business interests.

Heidi Piao told a judge in federal court in Manhattan that she and others arranged secret payments "with the intent of influencing John Ashe in his official capacity."

The plea was part of a cooperation agreement that could require Piao to testify against Ashe, a former ambassador to the United Nations from Antigua and Barbuda, and earn her leniency on bribery, money laundering and other charges that carry a combined maximum penalty of 60 years in prison.

Piao, a 52-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen was charged last year along with Macau businessman Ng Lap Seng, Ashe and others in a case U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said could show that "the cancer of corruption that plagues too many local and state governments infects the United Nations as well."

Court papers accuse Ashe of taking \$200,000 from Piao and another defendant in exchange for attending and speaking in his official capacity at a private conference in China hosted by a real estate developer. In addition, Ashe also agreed to promote a \$20 million deal for an unnamed company to install a "national internet security system" for Antigua, the court papers say.

The government's papers



Heidi Piao, right, leaves Federal court in Manhattan with her attorney

■ Piao, a 52-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen was charged last year along with Macau businessman Ng Lap Seng

also accuse Ashe, 61, of using the bribes to support a lavish lifestyle, spending \$59,000 on hand-tailored suits in Hong Kong, \$54,000 for two Rolex watches and \$40,000 to lease a new BMW X5. He also bought a membership

at a South Carolina country club for \$69,000, and built a \$30,000 basketball court at his home in Dobbs Ferry, New York, according to the papers.

Ng has been accused of bribing Ashe to support a multibillion-dollar U.N.-sponsored conference center that Ng hoped to build as his legacy in Macau, where he lived. Also charged was Francis Lorenzo, a deputy U.N. ambassador from the Dominican Republic, who prosecutors say was paid tens of thousands of dollars a month by Ng's organizations to support the Macau project.

All three men have pleaded not guilty and are out on bail. Their lawyers have said they are fighting the charges and will be vindicated. **AP**

POLICE FOUND GUILTY OF SEXUAL ABUSE

A POLICE officer who was found to have sexually abused 16 female students has been sentenced to eight years in jail. The Court of First Instance has found the accused guilty of coercion, sexual extortion and the sexual violation of teenagers, in which two of the victims were only 13 years old. The court stated that the officer blackmailed the teenage girls

for more photographs and sexual favors. The man disguised himself as a female model recruiter to obtain nude photographs from the teenage girls online. Authorities have found over 1,700 nude photographs and video clips of the victims on the officer's computer. The policeman's illegal activity was first discovered on December 24.



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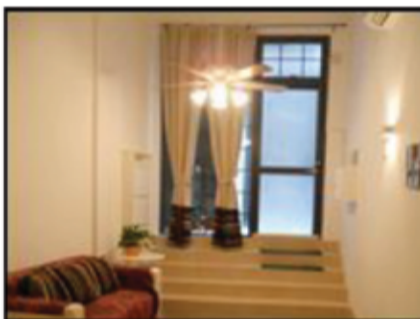
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PBOC said to impose reserve ratio on offshore bank yuan accounts



CHINA'S central bank will impose required reserve ratios on yuan deposits of offshore participant banks in the mainland in a bid to stabilize the currency.

The move will take effect from Jan. 25, according to four people familiar with the matter, who declined to be identified because the information isn't public. The reserve ratio was previously at zero percent on offshore banks' yuan deposits in the mainland. The deposits will now attract the same ratio as applicable to Chinese banks.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Friday pledged a "stable" yuan exchange rate after inter-bank borrowing costs in Hong Kong surged to a record as the People's Bank of China sought to narrow its discount to the mainland rate. The offshore yuan capped its biggest weekly advance since October after the central bank repeatedly bought the currency in Hong Kong.

Applying reserve ratios on offshore banks' yuan deposits in China may raise offshore yuan rates and increase the cost of short-selling the currency in the short term, said Zhou Hao, an economist at Commerzbank AG in Singapore. The offshore yuan market will also be adversely impacted because of uncertainties related to capital and policies, he said.

The PBOC started to include mainland yuan deposits of offshore participant banks in reserve requirements last year, at a zero percent rate.

Yuan deposits held by clearing banks on the mainland will also be subject to the reserve ratios, the people said.

Offshore participant banks don't include foreign central banks and other official reserve management institutions, international financial organizations and sovereign wealth funds, they said. The PBOC's news department didn't immediately respond to two calls and a fax seeking comment. **Bloomberg**

Wynn Resorts shares jump on signs worst may be over in Macau

Christopher Palmeri

WYNN Resorts Ltd. rose 13 percent in New York after the casino owner reported fourth-quarter preliminary results that beat analysts' estimates.

In Macau, adjusted earnings before



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interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization will be USD156 million to \$164 million, the company led by Steve Wynn said Friday in a statement. The high end exceeded the \$162 million average of analysts' estimates, Deutsche Bank's Carlo Santarelli said in a note Friday. In Las Vegas, Wynn earned \$123 million to \$131 million, compared with the \$111 million consensus estimate cited by Santarelli.

"We expect the announcement to serve as a positive catalyst in a difficult market today," Santarelli said.

Wynn rose to \$58.37 at the close. The company, like other casino operators in Macau, has been hit hard by a slump in betting, particularly from high rollers. Its shares declined 53 percent last year.

Securities regulations prohibit executives from talking about earnings and buying and selling shares in the so-called quiet period before the results are released. By announcing preliminary earnings, Wynn Resorts freed its executives to resume open-market purchases of the stock, according to Harry Curtis, a Nomura Securities analyst.

The company is expected to announce its full results at the end of the month or early in February, spokesman Michael Weaver said in an e-mail. **Bloomberg**

China-led development bank aims to swiftly approve loans

Helene Franchineau, Beijing

THE head of the newly opened Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank said the China-led group is aiming to approve its first loans before the end of the year, part of Beijing's efforts to weave together regional trade partners and solidify its global status.

The AIIB officially opened at a ceremony on Saturday in Beijing, formalizing the emergence of a competitor to the Washington-led World Bank and strengthening China's influence over global development and finance.



Jin Liqun, inaugural president of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), gestures as he speaks during a press conference at a hotel in Beijing

AIIB's inaugural president, the Chinese banker Jin Liqun, said Sunday that Asia still faces "severe connectivity gaps and significant infrastructure bottlenecks."

The bank would welcome

the United States and Japan, two economic powers that have declined invitations to join the organization, said Jin, who was previously a high-ranking official at both the World Bank and Japan-led Asian Development Bank.

Washington has said it welcomes the additional financing for development but had expressed concern looser lending standards might undercut efforts by existing institutions to promote environmental and other safeguards. Chinese officials have said the bank will complement existing institutions and promised

to adhere to international lending standards.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has outlined a broad plan called "One Belt One Road" to deepen trade relations with neighboring countries and open new markets, with the AIIB a key component of that strategy. Leaders in the world's No. 2 economy have long felt they don't have proportional influence inside international financial institutions dominated by Western powers.

China pledged to put up most of the bank's USD50 billion in capital and says the total will eventually be as high as \$100 billion.

Xi on Saturday unveiled an additional \$50 million fund for infrastructure projects in less-developed countries. **AP**

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DIDI KUAIJI REGISTERS 1.43B RIDES

Didi Kuaidi registered a total of 1.43 billion completed rides across Beijing's seven main services in 2015, including by private car, taxi, Hitch, designated driver, Didi bus, test drive and enterprise services, according to its reports. This figure is almost double the total number of taxi rides in the United States last year and 1.4 times Uber's global rides since its launch in 2009. Didi's completed monthly rides exceeded 200 million in December 2015. ACN Newswire claimed that Didi processed over 1 million private car requests in Beijing, which is eight times the number of daily private cars counted in New York. China's mobile-based transportation system has



transformed its travel habits, creating a world-leading innovative industry and significant developments in its overall mobile transportation market. It also makes China the world's largest mobile transportation market in terms of the numbers of drivers, passengers and rides.

MGM MACAU WELCOMES THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY

Various set menus, à la carte dishes and dim sum specialties will be prepared at MGM's Imperial Court by Chan Pak Chung and the celebrity chef Chow Chung. Signature dishes such as the braised whole South African abalone with sea cucumber in oyster sauce will be made available. Two CNY set menus will be served at MOP11,880 for a table of 12 persons and MOP 880 (per person, minimum two persons). All dishes and selections are available from February 8 to 17.

More East-meets-West dining options are available

at MGM Macau. At Rossio, the CNY lunch, brunch and dinner buffets feature a host of fresh seafood including Boston lobsters, fresh oysters, Alaskan king crab legs and more.

Apart from all of the festive menus, the Pastry Bar and the Grande Praça Café will also offer a fine array of homemade festive puddings such as the traditional Chinese New Year Pudding, Turnip Pudding and the exclusive flavor Hashima, Red Date and Water Chestnut Pudding, along with festive cookies and luscious pastries.

SHERATON GRAND AWARDS TRAVEL PARTNERS



The Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel - Cotai Central, hosted its Travel Trade Appreciation Awards for 2015 last week as a means of acknowledging the contributions and support of more than 100 travel partners from Southeast Asian countries including Macau, Hong Kong, China and Taiwan.

The awards aim to honor travel trade partners for ensuring that Sheraton Grand

Macao Hotel has remained the preferred hospitality choice among their customers. Twelve travel trade partners were recognized in the Appreciation Awards, and China's GZL International Travel Service Limited achieved the highest sales across all segments, making them the "Business Partner of the Year" for the third year in a row.

Christopher Bodeen, Taipei

TAIWAN'S presidential election victor Tsai Ying-wen will enjoy a broad mandate from her commanding victory and her independence-leaning party's new legislative majority, but managing the island's delicate relations with China will be tricky.

Already, Beijing warned following her Saturday night victory that it will not budge on its bottom line that Taiwan's leader must agree that the communist mainland and self-governing island democracy are part of a single Chinese nation. The sides could be in for a lengthy wait as China assesses whether it feels it can trust Tsai.

"To handle cross-Taiwan Strait relations after Tsai's election will be difficult, not just for Taiwan but also for mainland China," said Huang Jing, a China expert at Singapore National University's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

Tsai, who will be Taiwan's first female president, won by 56 percent of the vote to 31 percent for her closest rival Eric Chu of the China-friendly Nationalist Party, which has held the presidency for the last eight years. Her Democratic Progressive Party won 68 of 113 parliamentary seats, giving it its first majority in the assembly long-dominated by the Nationalists.

"I wasn't surprised a bit by the outcome. The Nationalists had to go. Now Tsai just needs to focus on the economy so I don't expect she'll do anything to rile up China," Taipei tour bus driver Tan Kuang-jung said as a constant drizzle fell over the capital Sunday.

The reasons for the massive win were many. Outgoing President Ma Ying-jeou had been

China, economy tests for Taiwan



Taiwan's ruling KMT or Nationalist Party presidential candidate Eric Chu delivers a speech as he concedes defeat in the presidential election

growing increasingly unpopular among Taiwan's 23 million people, largely due to perceptions that his push for closer economic ties with China was benefiting just a few and the futures of young Taiwanese who have seen wages stagnate and

good full-time jobs harder to find.

Fearful of their original candidate's poor reception among voters, the Nationalists dumped her in favor of Chu, but even he proved unable to raise their prospects. He resigned as

party chairman immediately after Saturday's defeat.

Newly politicized young people had coalesced in opposing yet another trade agreement with China and are believed to have voted heavily for the DPP.

A further backlash against the

party's pro-China stance was prompted by a viral video of 16-year-old Taiwanese entertainer Chou Tzu-yu bowing in apology for waiving the Taiwanese flag on television. Her apology was triggered by her South Korean management company's fears that China would cancel appearances and endorsement deals.

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"What happened surrounding Chou Tzu-yu, that whole controversy, made it almost a given (Tsai) would get over the 50 percent mark," said Raymond Wu, managing director of Taipei-based political risk consultancy e-telligence.

"It's an indication that someone would continue to bully Taiwan, at all different levels, even a 16-year-old who's trying to make a name for herself in the entertainment field. This is something most Taiwanese find unacceptable," Chou said.

The size of the win could also put additional pressure on Tsai and the DPP, said Larry Dia-

One pct of China's households own a third of its wealth

A new report from Peking University, one of China's top higher-education institutions, concluded that economic divisions in China are expanding: one percent of the population owns a third of the country's assets, whereas 25 percent of Chinese households own just one percent of the country's wealth.

Based on information provided by China Family Panel Studies (CFPS), 14,960 families from 25 provinces in China were assessed for the survey which had six main topics, namely: family wealth; consumption patterns; medical expenses; family business and self-employment; housing; sense of happiness.



A pedestrian wearing an Asian conical hat walks past signage for Apple Inc. outside a store in Zhuhai

The data shows that the Gini coefficient of income distribution, a widely used formula to measure

inequality, was estimated to be 0.49 in 2012, largely surpassing the 0.3 coefficient estimated

in the 80s. Additionally, China's Gini coefficient of wealth increased from 0.45 in 1995 up to 0.73 in

2012. There are a few reasons which contribute to wealth inequality among the Chinese population. The report highlights the fact that people working for the government, for the army, and for state-owned enterprises, which are well known in China as "inside the system", have a higher salary than those pursuing work opportunities outside this system.

Statistical results stemming from the same research conducted in 2012, show that the average salary "inside the system" amounts to RMB14,758, while a non-governmental worker brings home RMB9,297. The wage gap is further exacerbated by the Hu Kou system, whe-

rein a countryside worker earns less than their city peers.

The social inequality captured by the report also drew attention to imbalances in education and health insurances. With regards to the former, the distinct inequality is easily traced back to region, gender, and Hukou, the latter being the one with greater influence.

The Hukou system is a record in the system of household registration required by law in China (together with the province of birth, political identity, and educational background of parents) that has been gradually shaping the nature of educational resources offered to children.

presidential winner Tsai



Tsai Ing-wen raises her hands as she declares victory in the presidential election

mond, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution who closely follows Taiwanese politics. “When you do as well, as decisively as the DPP has done, there are no excuses” for failure, Dia-

mond said.

While China had largely refrained on commenting about the election beforehand, its Taiwan Affairs Office responded swiftly to the result with

a statement reiterating that it would deal only with those who agree that the “two sides of the strait belong to one China.”

That was followed by another statement from the Foreign

Ministry stating that “China’s sovereignty and territorial integrity brook no division. The result of the election in Taiwan will not change the basic fact and the consensus of the international community.”

“On such a major issue as safeguarding state sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Chinese government has rock-solid determination and never tolerates any separatist activities aiming at ‘Taiwan independence,’” said the statement, quoting ministry spokesman Hong Lei.

Taiwan was a Japanese colony from 1895 to 1945, and split from the mainland amid the Chinese civil war in 1949, when leader Chiang Kai-shek moved his Nationalist government to the island.

Reflecting public opinion on Taiwan and mindful of U.S. and other countries’ concerns about cross-strait tensions, Tsai has pledged to maintain the status-quo of de-facto independence without taking steps that might provoke China. In her remarks Saturday, she referred to Taiwan by its formal name, the Republic of China.

However, unlike Ma, she has refused to endorse Beijing’s “one China principle” — although she hasn’t publicly repudiated it either — and told supporters Saturday night that she would work to strengthen Taiwan’s status abroad.

Deprived of formal diplomatic relations with the world’s major nations, Taiwan relies on its stable of 22 allies, mostly small, poor states in the Pacific, Africa and Central America and the Caribbean. Chinese pressure has barred Taiwan from the United Nations and Beijing strictly limits the island’s participation in other groups or requires it to participate only

under the name Chinese Taipei.

Depending on how it interprets Tsai’s actions, Beijing could ratchet up the pressure by luring away Taiwan’s remaining diplomatic allies or further shutting it out of international organizations. It could also seek to exact economic costs, possibly by limiting Chinese tourism to the island or reducing Taiwanese imports.

The new president has pledged to maintain the status-quo of de-facto independence without taking steps that might provoke China

Far less likely is that it would resort to military intimidation despite its threat to invade if Taiwan opts for a formal declaration of independence. Although such tough talk plays well with the Chinese public, past attempts have backfired by generating even more support for pro-independence politicians.

Most probably, Beijing will observe what Tsai does and says before she takes office in May. “I think the tough will get tougher and the soft will get softer. Certainly they’re going to see from now till inauguration what Tsai says and who she puts in key offices,” Wu said. **AP**

In turn, health insurance, which is supposed to diminish social inequalities, is having the opposite outcome. Commonly, patients suffering from serious health conditions are the ones in utmost need of medical resources, and are the ones who face bigger problems of health insurance. According to the survey, health subsidies are imbalanced and favor the rich instead of the poor.

In terms of gender equality, Chinese women have lower levels of education, lower wages, and are not as efficiently protected by health insurance systems. On top of that, women are often involved in lower ranking jobs with regards to quality.

Health insurance provided to residents of the countryside and to city dwellers are two disparate worlds. **Staff reporter**

Petrus '81 features in Acker Hong Kong auction with Le Pin '92

Guy Collins

MATURE Pomerol wines including Petrus 1981 and 1983 and Le Pin 1992 are among Bordeaux vintages on offer at an Acker Merrall & Condit auction in Hong Kong this month as sales resume before the Chinese New Year.

Twelve bottles of Petrus 1983 are estimated to fetch as much as HKD144,000 (USD18,500), as are 12 bottles of Le Pin 1992, New York-based Acker said in an e-mailed statement. Three magnums of Petrus 1981 carry an upper price valuation of HK\$72,000.



The Jan. 23 auction comes after Bordeaux’s share of the fine-wine trade on the London-based Liv-ex market climbed to 85 percent last month. That’s 10 per-

centage points above last year’s average and the highest level in more than two years, according to a Cellar Watch report. Top Bordeaux producers’ prices as measured by the

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Liv-ex Fine Wine 50 Index slid 40 percent from their 2011 peak, before starting to recover at the end of last year.

“Although 2015 did not provide the definitive upturn expected, the fine-wine market has stabilized,” London-based fund manager The

Wine Investment Fund said in a report. The general trajectory of prices “suggests that the next move may be up,” it said.

Other leading wines in the sale include five 12-bottle lots of Chateau Cheval Blanc 2000, each of which carry an upper price estimate of HK\$96,000, and three magnums of Chateau Lafite Rothschild 2000, estimated to fetch as much as HK\$68,000.

Acker boosted its global wine sales, including online auctions, by 12 percent to \$69.3 million last year. The U.S. accounted for \$35.7 million and Hong Kong \$33.6 million, according to provisional data from the company. Physical auctions in New York made up \$30.6 million and equivalent Hong Kong-based sales were almost \$33 million.

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

AFTER ringing in the new year with claims of its first successful hydrogen bomb test, North Korea is now calling on the United States and the world community to accept it as a nuclear power, jettison the pursuit of punitive sanctions and allow it to focus on what it really wants: build up the nation's troubled economy.

While waiting to see what kind of new sanctions might be imposed by the United States, the United Nations and others, North Korean officials say that with the test now out of the way they want the U.S. and its allies to back off and allow them to turn their attention toward peaceful economic growth, as promised by leader Kim Jong Un in his New Year address.

"The U.S. should be accustomed to the status of the DPRK as a nuclear weapons state whether it likes it or not," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in a statement issued Friday, adding that the North will continue to bolster "in every way" its ability to field nuclear weapons to cope with the "ceaseless provocations" emanating from Washington.

North Korea's official name is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Reflecting Pyongyang's concerns over the looming threat of sanctions, the statement struck a deliberately conciliatory tone by adding that the North stands by its previous offers to put a moratorium on nuclear tests and seek a peace treaty to formally end the Korean War if the United States halts its annual military exercises with the South — an offer Washington has repeatedly ignored in the past. It also said the North would not use the weapons recklessly.

But the statement then switched back to defiant mode, accusing the United Nations of

After H-bomb test, N. Korea wants to focus on economy



A North Korean woman works at the Kim Jong Suk Pyongyang textile factory in Pyongyang

■ Quasi-market-style capitalism that has spawned a growing number of citizens

rushing to "fabricate a resolution on sanctions aimed at such hostile acts as hamstringing our efforts for peaceful economic construction and the improvement of the people's standard of living."

While it may be wishful

thinking on Pyongyang's part to expect a quick welcome into the nuclear club, the statement and others made recently by North Korean officials through the state-run media accurately reflect Kim Jong Un's twin goals of bolstering the country's nuclear deterrent, whatever sanctions that may bring, while at the same time improving domestic living standards.

"The DPRK is not interested in aggravating the situation as it is channeling all its efforts into the building of an economic power," the spokesman said, adding that Pyongyang's "primary task for this year is to develop economy and improve the people's standard of living and to that end it requires stab-

le situation and peaceful climate more than any time."

Just exactly how it intends to invigorate its centrally controlled, isolated and inefficient domestic economy remains to be seen, especially if it continues to refuse to bow to international pressure on its nuclear program and development of the long-range missiles needed to deliver them to targets on the U.S. mainland.

But North Korea's ruling regime — pushed by realities on the ground — does appear to be genuinely considering at least some kind of economic reform.

Kim Jong Un has decided to convene a major party congress in May, the first of its kind in decades, and some analysts be-

lieve that could be an opportunity for the North to announce significant new economic policies. However, few expect Kim to stray too far from the principles of self-reliance and old-school socialism that were set down by his father, Kim Jong Il, and grandfather, national founder Kim Il Sung.

Official proclamations that the country must stick to its old socialist ideals notwithstanding, there has been an upsurge since the famine years of the 1990s in entrepreneurial activity and quasi-market-style capitalism that has spawned a growing number of citizens, particularly in Pyongyang, the North's relatively affluent capital, who now make up a nascent middle class.

That demographic is able to afford to buy more goods and services, fueling a demand and supply cycle that is being met by business-minded individuals operating either with the government turning a blind eye or providing some sort of support, often in return for a cut of the profits.

The conundrum for the North is that while the rise of a middle class and the inevitable problem of creative destruction that comes with a free market economy would pose a threat to its status quo, its ruling regime knows it must get out in front of its economic problems to maintain control and to retain credibility among a populace increasingly aware of the gap between their living conditions and those in capitalist rival South Korea and in post-economic reform China. **AP**

INDONESIA

Police say one man killed in Jakarta was civilian, not bomber

Ninie Karmini, Jakarta

ONE of the eight men killed in an audacious attack by Muslim militants in the heart of Indonesia's capital was a civilian and not one of the bombers as first thought, police said yesterday.

The victim, 43-year-old Sugito, was suspected of involvement because he crossed the road to a traffic police post next to Dian Joni Kur-



An Indonesian Muslim woman holds a poster outside a Starbucks cafe where Thursday's attack took place in Jakarta

niadi, one of four confirmed attackers, Jakarta police spokesman Col. Muhammad Iqbal said.

Sugito, who uses one name like many Indonesians, was one of four civilians killed in Thursday's attacks by suicide bombers and gunmen who targeted a Starbucks cafe and the traffic police post in bustling central Jakarta. More than 20 people were wounded.

It was the first major

assault by militants in Indonesia since 2009. Police said the attackers were tied to the Islamic State group through Muhammad Bahrnaim, an Indonesian fighting with IS in Syria.

Iqbal told reporters that a thorough police investigation into Sugito's records concluded he was an ordinary resident of West Java's Karawang city. Police are still investigating whether Kurniadi was the attacker who blew himself up at the traffic police post, killing two civilians and badly injuring a police officer.

Two attackers had known militant backgrounds: Afif Sunakin, who in 2010 was sen-

tenced to seven years in jail for his involvement in militant training in Aceh province, but was released early; and Muhammad Ali, who was sentenced in 2010 to five years in prison for robbing a bank to finance extremist activities. Police identified the fourth attacker as Ahmad Muhazan Saron, who blew himself up inside the Starbucks.

The other civilians killed were Canadian Amer Quali Tahar and Jakarta residents Rico Hermawan and Rais Karna, who died of his injuries Saturday. Police have arrested 12 people suspected of links to Thursday attacks and are searching for others. **AP**



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Rescue workers inspect damaged cars at the entrance of the Splendid Hotel in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso hotel seizure ends; 4 jihadis, 28 others dead

Brahima Ouedraogo, Baba Ahmed

THE Al-Qaida fighters who stormed a popular hangout in Burkina Faso's capital at dinnertime came with a mission to kill as many people as possible, firing at people as they moved to a nearby hotel and setting the cafe ablaze, survivors and officials said Saturday. When the gunfire stopped after a more than 12-hour siege, at least 28 people had been slain in an unprecedented attack on this West African country long spared the jihadist violence experienced by its neighbors.

Like the extremist attacks from Paris to Jakarta, the assailants in the Friday evening attack targeted an area where people from different nationalities gathered to enjoy life. Here in Ouagadougou, the victims had been grabbing a cold drink outside or staying at one of the capital's few upscale hotels. In this city with a large aid worker presence, the attackers sought to shoot as many non-Muslims as possible, screaming Allahu akhbar (Arabic for God is great) as they entered.

An audio tape later released by the al-Qaida group claiming responsibility for the carnage was entitled: "A Message Signed with Blood and Body Parts."

Among the victims from 18 different countries were the wife and 5-year-old daughter of the Italian man who owns the Cappuccino Cafe, where at least 10 people died in a hail of gunfire and smoke after the attackers set the building ablaze before moving on to the Splendid Hotel nearby. Some survivors cowered for hours on the roof or hid in the restaurant's bathroom to stay alive. Two French and two Swiss citizens were confirmed among the dead late Saturday by the two countries' foreign ministries.

The mother-in-law of an American missionary confirmed Saturday that he was among the dead. Carol Boyle said Michael Riddering, 45, of Cooper City, Florida, had been working in Burkina Faso since 2011. Riddering died in the Cappuccino Cafe, where he was to meet a group planning to volunteer at the orphanage and women's crisis center he ran with his wife Amy.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a statement Saturday that six of the dead were Canadians.

Authorities said the four known attackers — all killed by security forces — had come in a vehicle with plates from neighboring Niger. At least two of them were women and one

was of African descent. Witnesses said they wore the turbans often worn in the sand-swept countryside of the Sahel, and some spoke in French with an Arabic accent, suggesting some may have come from further north in Africa.

■ The horror closely mirrored the siege of an upscale hotel in Bamako, Mali in November that left 20 people dead

"I heard the gunfire and I saw a light by my window and I thought it was fireworks at first," said Rachid Faouzi Ouedraogo, a 22-year-old accounting student who lives near the scene of the carnage. "I raced downstairs and once outside I saw people running through the street and four people firing on the people at Cappuccino."

Burkinabe forces backed by French soldiers based in neighboring Mali managed to help free at least 126 hostages thou-

gh officials have said the true number of those held hostage may be higher. Dozens were wounded in the overnight siege, including many suffering gunshot wounds.

"We appeal to the people to be vigilant and brave because we must fight on," President Roch Marc Christian Kabore said on national radio Saturday.

The North Africa branch of al-Qaida, founded in Algeria, claimed responsibility for the bloodbath even as it was unfolding in a series of statements published and translated by the SITE Intelligence Group. The al-Qaida affiliate known as AQIM — now working in tandem with feared extremist Moktar Belmoktar — later released an audio clip it said was a conversation with one of the fighters later slain in Ouagadougou.

The message said the attack was directed at "the occupiers of our lands, the looters of our wealth, and the abusers of our security," according to SITE and sought to punish them "for their crimes against our people in Central Africa, Mali, and other lands of the Muslims, and to avenge our prophet."

Burkina Faso is a largely Muslim country though it is home to a number of French nationals as a former colony of France.

Islamic extremists in the region have long targeted French interests, incensed by France's military footprint on the continent more than a half century after independence. France led the military effort in 2013 to oust extremists from their seats of power in northern Mali, and continue to carry out counter-terrorism activities across the Sahel region.

French special forces were also front and center early Saturday, as police and military forces fought to take back the Splendid Hotel. After freeing the hostages there, forces then scoured other buildings including the Hotel Yibi where they killed the fourth attacker, the president later said.

The horror closely mirrored the siege of an upscale hotel in Bamako, Mali in November that left 20 people dead and shattered the sense of security in the capital of a nation whose countryside has long been scarred by extremism.

Burkina Faso was better known for the role its president and officials played in mediating hostage releases when jihadists would seize foreigners for ransom in places like Niger or Mali. Now though, it appears Burkina, too, has been turned into a place where Westerners are at high risk.

Last week Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said in a statement that an Australian doctor and his wife had been kidnapped in Burkina Faso's north. The two were abducted from the town of Djibo near the border with Mali.


Australian media reported the couple are surgeon Ken Eliot and his wife Jocelyn. The couple are in their 80s and are originally from the Australian city of Perth. The reports said the couple have lived since 1972 in Djibo, near Baraboule, where they work in a volunteer medical clinic which they built.

Jihadists also hold a third foreigner: a Romanian national who was kidnapped in an attack last April that was the first of its kind at the time.

Some analysts point to the security vacuum that has emerged in Burkina Faso since late 2014, when the longtime strongman leader fled power in a popular uprising. Members of the military jockeyed for power, and the country suffered through a short-lived coup earlier this year before democratic elections were allowed to go forward in November.

Most in Burkina Faso recoil at the idea of extremism now taking hold here, adding to the woes of one of the poorest countries in the world.

"We know that the gunmen won't get out of the hotel alive," said one witness of the overnight siege, who gave only his first name, Gilbert. "Our country is not for jihadists or terrorists. They got it wrong." **AP**

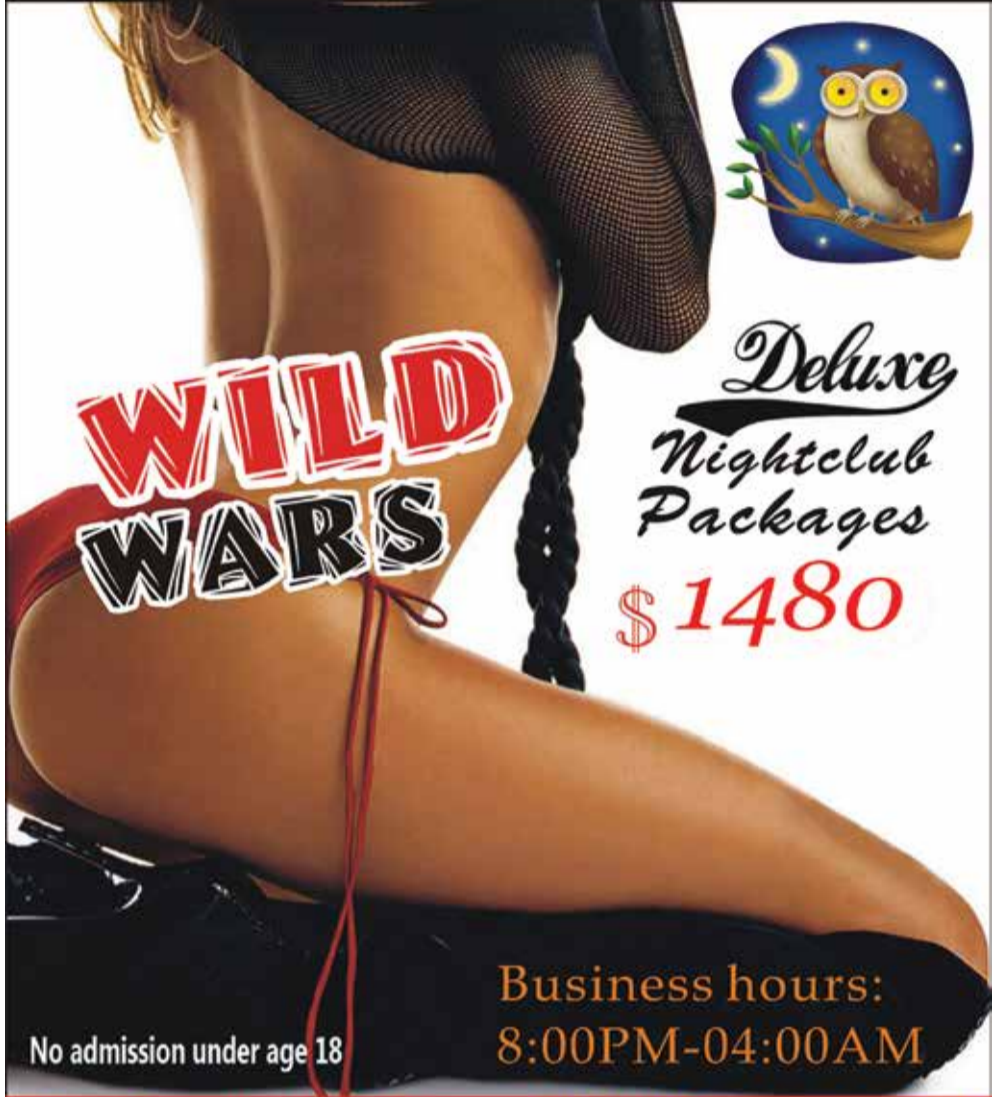


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MAN WALKED USD1.6M IN PILLS
ACROSS BORDER ON SLED

Authorities say a Canadian man was arrested while pulling a sled carrying more than 180 pounds of prescription pills across the border into the United States.

The U.S. attorney's office says 21-year-old Cedrik Bourgault-Morin (boh-r-GOH' moh-RAN') was apprehended early Wednesday after he crossed the border from Quebec along a railroad line into North Troy, Vermont.

Prosecutors say Bourgault-Morin was wearing white camouflage and Border Patrol agents were alerted to his presence when he triggered a sensor.

Prosecutors say agents found 300 vacuum-sealed bags of anti-anxiety Xanax pills in a duffel bag on the sled. They say the pills had a street value of \$1.6 million.

Bourgault-Morin was being held Thursday in a Vermont prison. His attorney hasn't returned a call seeking comment.

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Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 112min



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SHERLOCK: THE ABOMINABLE BRIDE

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Duration: 89min

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ROOM 3

7.30 pm

Director: Wilson Yip Wai Shun

Starring: Donnie Yen, Lynn Xiong, Max Zhang

Language: Cantonese (English/Cantonese)

Duration: 110min

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Duration: 112min

this day in history

1991 IRAQI SCUD MISSILES
HIT ISRAEL

Iraq has attacked two Israeli cities with Scud missiles, prompting fears that Israel may be drawn into the Gulf War.

Israel's largest city, Tel Aviv, and Haifa, its main sea-port, were hit in the attacks, which began at 0300 local time (0100 GMT), when most residents were asleep.

Reports from Tel Aviv say the air was filled with the wail of sirens and minutes later up to eight missiles streaked in and exploded in balls of flame.

Residents scrambled for protective clothing and gas masks, issued to most of the population before the conflict began. Casualties are believed to have been light - nobody was killed, and only a few people injured. It is the first time Tel Aviv has been hit in the history of the Israel-Arab conflict.

Initial reports that one of the missiles had a chemical warhead were quickly proved wrong. Air raid sirens went off again this evening amid fears of a second Scud attack, but they were swiftly followed by an all-clear as it proved to be a false alarm.

Israel has the strongest military forces of any Middle Eastern country, and has said that any attack by Iraq would bring massive "punishment". The American President, George Bush, issued an appeal to Israel to hold back from retaliation for the attack.

Allied commanders have been ordered to make special sorties to seek out and destroy Iraqi missile sites and mobile launchers which could threaten Israel, and Mr Bush emphasized his determination to protect Israel from further attack.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, called an emergency meeting of the ministerial defense committee of senior ministers and military officers to decide Israel's response.

After the day-long meeting, the Foreign Minister, David Levy, told journalists no decision had yet been taken on whether to retaliate. "Israel reserves the right to retaliate in the manner and with the scale and method of its own choosing," he said.

Any Israeli military action could break apart the multi-national coalition against Iraq by provoking the Arab members to withdraw their support. Meanwhile, the Allied air bombardment of Iraqi military targets is continuing at the rate of 2,000 sorties a day.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Israel decided to leave retaliation to Allied forces, to the relief of the Coalition.

Iraq fired Scud missiles at Israeli cities again the next day and throughout the Gulf War, but failed to provoke Israel into unilateral retaliation.

After more than a month of intensive air attacks, the Allies launched a land offensive on 24 February. One day later, the Iraqis began retreating.

On 28 February, President George Bush declared victory. Kuwait was liberated but Saddam Hussein remained in power in Baghdad.

The US and Britain launched a second war against Iraq in 2003. Saddam Hussein was overthrown and captured to be put on trial for war crimes. He was eventually executed in December 2006.

A democratically-elected government was sworn in after elections in 2005.

Tensions between Shia and Sunni Muslims have spilled over into brutal sectarian violence, prompting fears of civil war. The execution in December 2006 of Saddam Hussein, himself a Sunni Muslim, did little to heal the widening rift between the two groups.

Coalition and Iraqi troops have faced armed rebellions and guerrilla-style attacks.

American and British troops have so far been unable to pull out despite repeated guerrilla attacks which have killed more soldiers than the war itself.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Brevity is the soul of wit — so be as witty as you can be today!

Taurus April 20-May 20 Now is a good time for you to speak out — your heart is as clear as ever,

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You're in constant motion today — so make sure that your people know what's what.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Work gets complicated today — so make sure that you're able to keep up with it all.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You're feeling a little cocky — but that works out well for you!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You're thinking more quickly on your feet, and you should be able to avoid more than one tricky social situation.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Once again, your dual nature pops up — but this time, it's making life sweet!

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You need to take somewhat greater care today — especially when it comes to work.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You should try to carve out some time for deep thought today,

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Try to get rid of anything that's not useful or making life better for you.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Are you looking for love? If so, expand your search — right now, the least likely people can spark all sorts of emotions.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 While you may not be in your element, exactly, you do feel a surge of creative energy flowing through you.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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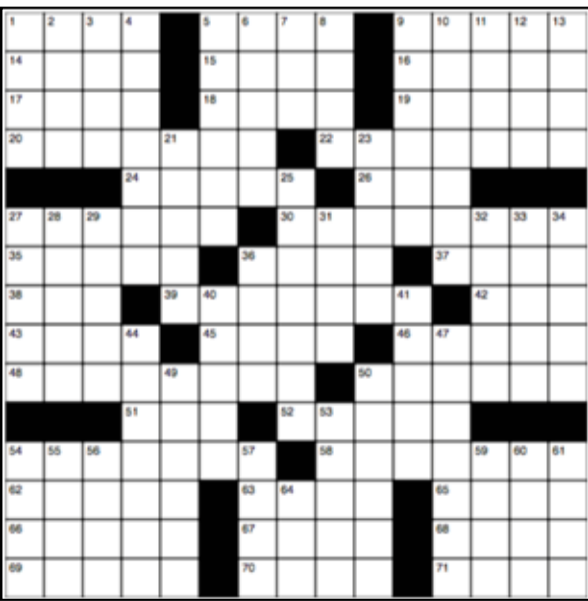
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CROSSWORDS

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MOTORSPORT

Peterhansel wins 12th Dakar Rally title, biker Price his first

STEPHANE Peterhansel won the Dakar Rally for the 12th time - sixth in a car - after a conservative drive on the 13th and final stage on Saturday.

Peterhansel took control of the world's toughest rally on Wednesday, then avoided the problems his chasers endured, and won by 35 minutes overall from defending champion Nasser Al-Attiyah.

Giniel de Villiers of South Africa, the 2009 champ, was an hour back in third, and on the podium for the fifth time in the last six races.

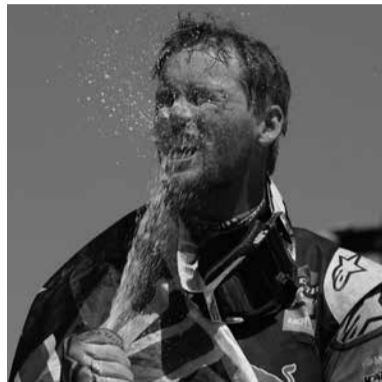
"It's extraordinary. The pressure was very high, but we came through," Peterhansel said. "Crossing the finish line was a release after the extremely stressful last three days.

"Some of my wins count more than others, but this one's definitely in the top three. One thing's for sure, getting the same number of victories on a bike and in a car was the last big goal in my career. Now that it's done, I don't think there are many things left to motivate me."

Peterhansel won his motorbike titles in the 1990s, switched



Stephane Peterhansel (left), and Nasser Al-Attiyah greet fans after winning first and second place respectively in the car category at the Argentina Dakar Rally



Australian motorbike rider Toby Price, of the Red Bull KTM Factory Team, sprays sparkling wine into his mouth after winning the rally

to cars, and triumphed in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2012, and 2013, all of them with co-driver Jean-Paul Cottret. They gave Peugeot, which returned to the Dakar two years ago, its first success since 1990.

They were 13th on the stage, a twisty 180 kilometers, before the convoy to Rosario.

It was won by teammate Sebastian Loeb, making his Dakar debut after nine world rally championships. Loeb won by a minute from Mikko Hirvonen, four times

a runner-up to Loeb in the WRC.

Toby Price became the first Australian winner of the motorbikes class, almost 40 minutes ahead of KTM teammate Stefan Svitko of Slovakia. Pablo Quintanilla of Chile won the last stage and was third overall.

"I'm in shock, I never would've thought I could win this race in my second participation," Price said.

"Being the first Australian to win the Dakar is just insane. Finishing the rally is already a triumph." AP

FIFA

Sheikh Salman contests FIFA rival's complaint about conduct

Rob Harris, London

FIFA presidential candidate Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim al Khalifa dismissed a rival's complaint about his election conduct as "entirely inaccurate" and warned on Saturday against public squabbling.

Prince Ali bin al-Hussein has accused Bahrain's Sheikh Salman of a "blatant attempt to engineer a bloc vote" by signing a pact between the Asian Football Confederation he leads and its counterpart in Africa. Jordanian federation president Prince Ali on Friday asked FIFA's election watchdog to investigate whether election rules were broken.

But in a statement on Saturday, titled "An unnecessary spat between FIFA candidates," Sheikh Salman insisted the Asia-Africa pact was being worked on months before he decided to run in the February 26 election to replace Sepp Blatter.

"I am astonished about my friend's comments, which are wholly dismissed and entirely inaccurate," Sheikh Salman said.

"As AFC president, one of my duties is to seek development-knowhow sharing opportunities for the AFC around the world and to establish solid ties with like-minded football professionals," the sheikh said.

Sheikh Salman and Prince Ali are competing against UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino, former FIFA official Jerome Champagne, and South African businessman Tokyo Sexwale in a five-man election field. AP

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EPL

Dramatic draw for Chelsea as title-chasing Leicester held

IN an English Premier League campaign about restoring pride at Chelsea, the fallen champions still ensure their games cannot be ignored. It's not just fascination with watching a wealthy team in decline.

On Saturday, a dreary opening 45 minutes against Everton made way for a thrilling second half that started with John Terry's own goal and ended with the captain scoring in the right net in the eighth minute of stoppage time to clinch a 3-3 draw.

Even Chelsea manager Guus Hiddink — unbeaten since replacing the fired Jose Mourinho last month — accepted Terry was offside when he flicked the ball past goalkeeper Tim Howard in stoppage time.

Everton manager Roberto Martinez was aggrieved that the referee played an additional minute of injury time when seven had been indicated on the fourth official's board just after Ramiro Funes Mori made it 3-2 in the 90th minute. Everton led through Terry's own goal and Kevin Mirallas' strike on the turn before Diego Costa and Cesc Fabregas scored for Chelsea.

"There is an understandable feeling of disappointment in having to drop two points in a game that we had to play seven minutes of injury time with the last action happening in seven minutes and 51 seconds," Martinez said.

The result has no impact on the title race or relegation. There is no realistic prospect of Chelsea — six points above the drop zone in 14th place — being sucked into danger, while Everton is 11th.

The surprise leader once again was Leicester, the team that was battling relegation a



AP PHOTO
Chelsea's Diego Costa (center) scores his side's first goal by getting past Everton's Phil Jagielka (right) and goalkeeper Tim Howard during the EPL match at Stamford Bridge on Saturday

year ago.

And yet Saturday represented a missed opportunity for the team led by former Chelsea manager Claudio Ranieri. By drawing 1-1 with bottom-place Aston Villa after Shinji Okazaki's opener was canceled out by Rudy Gestede, Leicester is only on top by a point.

Arsenal can reclaim top spot by just drawing at Stoke on

Sunday. Between Leicester and Arsenal is ever-present Manchester City.

Sergio Aguero, twice, and Fabian Delph and David Silva scored to power City to a 4-0 rout of Crystal Palace. For the first time in 28 years, Palace is without a win, or goal, in its last five league games.

There was a pair of significant wins, however, for strugg-

ling teams.

Bournemouth halted a four-match winless run with a 3-0 victory over Norwich that was completed by USD17 million record signing Benik Afobe, a recent recruit for the newcomers, after goals from Dan Gosling and Charlie Daniels.

The win lifted Bournemouth a place above Norwich into 15th — only a point behind Chelsea.

■ The surprise leader once again was Leicester, the team that was battling relegation a year ago

Newcastle climbed out of the relegation zone to move two points behind Norwich by beating West Ham 2-1 through first-half goals from Ayoze Perez and Georginio Wijnaldum.

With fifth-place West Ham losing, it was an even better day for Tottenham, which moved fourth points ahead of its London rival by coming from behind to beat Sunderland 4-1.

Christian Eriksen inspired Tottenham's recovery with a double, after losing to Leicester on Wednesday, while Moussa Dembele also netted, and Harry Kane's penalty wrapped up the three points.

Even though it was match day, Southampton managed to complete a signing, bolstering its attacking options by enticing Charlie Austin from Queens Park Rangers. The England striker watched from the stands as James Ward-Prowse scored twice and Dusan Tadic rounded off a 3-0 victory over West Bromwich Albion. AP

SPANISH LA LIGA

Villarreal draws to pull level with Real Madrid in Liga



AP PHOTO
Kevin Gameiro scored two goals

Joseph Wilson, Barcelona

VILLARREAL'S scoreless draw with Real Betis was good enough for it to provisionally pull level on points with third-place Real Madrid in the Spanish league on Saturday.

Villarreal's best scoring opportunity came just moments after kickoff of the evenly contested match at El Madrigal Stadium, when Roberto Soldado sent the ball off the far upright.

Fourth-place Villarreal's winning streak ended at six straight rounds, but it equaled Madrid on points, and moved within four

points of leader Atletico Madrid and two points of Barcelona before all three title rivals play early today (Macau time).

"Those were a lot of victories, but they covered up how we were playing. We need to rest our minds and then get back to training," Villarreal coach Marcelino Garcia said. "This can help us to improve."

Elsewhere, Celta Vigo got two goals from John Guidetti to earn a 4-3 win after weathering bottom-side Levante's spirited second-half rally, while Sevilla striker Kevin Gameiro scored two goals

just before halftime to help beat Malaga for the club's ninth consecutive home win.

"This team needs confidence and Kevin showed that today," Sevilla manager Unai Emery said. "He has a knack for scoring and it's our job to create chances for him."

Also, Real Sociedad midfielder Xabi Prieto earned and converted a penalty in the 75th to salvage a 1-1 draw at home with Deportivo La Coruna, after Luis Alberto put the visitors in front. Sociedad hit the crossbar twice in the final minutes, and settled for a point. AP

opinion

Insight
 Paulo Barbosa



FAKE INTERNATIONAL

It's common to find in mainland China examples of what I deem the "fake international" model. To give a familiar example, in a newly developed area in Hengqin there is a line of restaurants next to a huge tourist complex. There you have a "Portuguese restaurant" decorated with the traditional tiles, next to several Southeast Asian eateries and other venues that feature some decorative aspects that may convey an international look.

What's peculiar in these cases is that the food in these restaurants tastes almost the same. Even the menus are similar. I suspect that the "international kitchen" is centralized, serving all the restaurant fronts at the complex.

Places like these cater for thousands of mainland tourists that, in most cases, have never set foot outside China. Some of them have probably never visited Macau or Hong Kong. For them, the restaurants look "foreign" and thus give the appearance of an international environment. It doesn't matter if the food is genuinely international or not. There's no way to compare it with the real thing.

The same phenomenon is also on the rise in Macau, I'm afraid. Recently I visited a "Thai restaurant" that had just opened downtown and featured Thai flags at the entrance. The interior is decorated with wooden elephants, probably bought cheaply in Chiang Mai or even in mainland China.

The restaurant is managed and apparently owned by young local people, who are almost unable to speak any other language than Chinese and seem surprised when a "gwai lo" enters their establishment.

Once you are seated, the international façade/charade starts to fall. The food has some Southeast Asian inspiration, but you can hardly call it Thai. After consulting the menu, I picked a dish that is perhaps as famous in Thailand as the "African Chicken" is in Portugal.

In Macau we also have countless examples of "trattorias" where the risotto costs a fortune but would bring shame to any Italian tavern. Or the apparently sophisticated cafes that seem to be the only form of youth entrepreneurship in Macau, as some lawmakers recently pointed out during the Policy Address debate. It all looks very nice until you try the coffee and it tastes like dirt.

This "fake international" logic is understandably popular in some parts of China. But here in Macau, given the region's history and the resources available, it's possible and expectable to have genuine international influences. Nevertheless, we see that bogus logic growing and causing ramifications that go as far as heritage issues. This is the logic behind the "Parade Through Macau, Latin City," for example.

The casinos also play a role in perpetuating the "fake international" model. Just look at the British Royal Guards greeting the guests outside a local casino, among many other possible examples, to see the point.

If Macau's heritage is despised or commercialized, it risks becoming a façade and a ruin similar to St. Paul's. This logic will not contribute whatsoever to the proclaimed aim of setting up Macau as a "World Centre of Tourism and Leisure." Like the slogan, it is a naïve pretense.

THE BUZZ WOMAN STABBED SIX TIMES OVER FINANCIAL DISPUTE

A woman who was stabbed six times on Saturday near the Border Gate is now in a critical condition in hospital, according to a report by TDM. According to the broadcaster, some of the shop owners in the area witnessed the incident. "I heard her screaming. I saw her and I saw the man take out a knife [...] and stab the woman a couple

of times with it," one witness reportedly said. The Public Security Police have arrested a 53-year-old suspect who they believe was responsible for the attack. They also said that they thought that the perpetrator and the victim knew each other and that the incident may be linked to a financial dispute.

Suicide bomber kills 13 in attack on prominent Afghan family



AP PHOTO: Afghan security personnel stand guard in near the site of a suicide attack, inside resident house, in Jalalabad, Kabul

Lynne O'Donnell and Humayoon Babur, Kabul

A suicide bomber targeting a gathering in a volatile eastern province of Afghanistan killed 13 people, including seven members of a prominent pro-government clan, Afghan officials said.

Another 14 people were wounded in the attack on the home of Obaidullah Shinwari, a scion of the clan and member of the Nangarhar provincial council who was not harmed in the attack, the officials said.

The attack came a day before a second round of international talks aimed at reviving the peace process between the Afghan government and the Taliban. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. A Taliban spokesman tweeted that his group was not

involved.

The head of the council, Ahmad Ali Hazrat, told The Associated Press that the bomber mingled with a crowd at the family event in the provincial capital of Jalalabad before setting off his payload.

Malik Osman, the head of the family and a respected community elder in the Shinwar district near the Pakistan border was wounded and flown to Kabul for treatment, Hazrat said.

The family has strongly supported President Ashraf Ghani's efforts to bring peace to the country after almost 40 years of war and 15 years of Taliban insurgency.

The family and guests had gathered to mark the release of another of Osman's sons, Samiullah, eight months after he was kidnapped and held by the Taliban. Samiullah was wounded in

the attack, but not seriously, according to Zabiullah Zamaray, another provincial council member.

The day before the attack, hundreds of residents of Achin district — where Shinwari's nephew Nasim is governor — held a demonstration calling on authorities to rid the region of insurgents, including a newly formed Islamic State affiliate that recently seized parts of the province after a summer of fierce fighting with the Taliban.

An attack last week on the Pakistani consulate in Jalalabad, which is close to Shinwari's home, was claimed by the IS affiliate, which refers to itself as Khorasan Province and was recently listed as a terror group by the U.S. government.

Ghani condemned the attack, saying in a statement that as "terrorists lose their ability to fight Afghan forces on the battlefield, now they are carrying out terror attacks on residential areas."

Representatives of Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United States and China are due to meet in Kabul on Monday for the second time this month to formulate a roadmap for peace talks between Kabul and the Taliban. The Taliban are not taking part in the talks. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	35-55 Good
High Density Residential Area	25-45 Good
Ambient	30-50 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

CHINESE state media say a Hong Kong book publisher whose disappearance sparked international interest voluntarily surrendered months ago to mainland authorities. Gui Minhai said in detention that he surrendered in October, 10 years after he fled China after killing a woman while driving drunk, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

SAUDI ARABIA Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said he's optimistic crude prices will rise and foresees that market forces and cooperation among producing nations will lead in time to renewed stability. "I am optimistic about the future, the return of stability to the global oil markets, the improvement of prices and the cooperation among the major producing countries," al-Naimi said.



BURKINA FASO's army - with help from French and American special forces - repelled the al-Qaeda attack on a hotel popular with UN officials and foreigners, but not until 26 people were dead. More on pag14

USA President Barack Obama said that while the nuclear accord with Iran doesn't resolve all conflicts between the U.S. and the Islamic Republic, it is a vindication of his emphasis on using tough diplomacy rather than military confrontation.



USA Severe weather sparked a pair of tornadoes that ripped through central Florida before dawn yesterday, officials said. A couple was killed and their son and four grandchildren were injured when one of the twisters destroyed their mobile home.

CANADA Daniel Dion, the older brother of pop singer Celine Dion, died just two days after the death of the entertainer's husband, Rene Angeli. Celine Dion's representative Kim Jakwerth released a statement that Daniel Dion, 59, died Saturday surrounded by his family after battling cancer for several years.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Dancers wearing colorful costumes participate in the annual Sinulog Festival in Cebu City, the Philippines, that honors the miraculous image of the Santo Nino.