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CHINA has cut the amount banks are required to hold on reserve in an attempt to inject more money into its slowing economy. The People's Bank of China said it is reducing the reserve requirement by half a percentage point to ensure adequate liquidity in the financial system and free up more funds for lending. *More on p7,10*

MALAYSIA Former leader Mahathir Mohamad has quit the ruling Malay party, saying it has been hijacked by embattled Prime Minister Najib Razak to protect his own interests. Najib has come under pressure to resign after documents leaked last July showed more than USD700 million was channeled into his private bank accounts.

THAILAND Police said yesterday they will have to tighten security on an eastern island after four French tourists were brutally assaulted, including two women who were raped. The attack raises fresh concern about tourist safety in Thailand, which hosted a record 29 million visitors last year. Police had the five Cambodian suspects in the attack on Koh Kut reenact the crime, a standard procedure in Thai justice.

IRAN Moderates have won a majority in parliament and a top clerical body charged with selecting the next supreme leader, dealing a major blow to hard-liners in the first elections held since last summer's landmark nuclear agreement with world powers.

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New Era bus crashes in Coloane

A light bus from the public transportation company New Era was involved in a dramatic accident in the area of Cheoc Van, Coloane yesterday afternoon. According to the Public Security Police Force (PSP) the accident happened around 2.15 p.m. and resulted in minor injuries to one of the passengers, who was then taken to the hospital. Sources told the Times that the passenger, a local resident, suffered only light injuries and was released from hospital just a few hours after the accident. The police requested the driver, also a Macau resident, to perform a breathalyzer test which he passed. The cause of the accident is not yet known.

CE to attend NPC plenary session

The Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, is scheduled to attend the opening of the Fourth Session of the Twelfth National People's Congress (NPC) on Saturday in Beijing. The visit to the capital from March 3 to 6 will include meetings with leaders of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the General Administration of Customs. The Chief Executive is also scheduled to meet with leaders from Guangdong province to discuss further opportunities for cooperation between the two regions.

Squash Academy seeking talented teenagers



On Sunday, the Macau Squash Academy held a recruitment day at the Cotai Bowling Centre to encourage teenagers to join its programs. Jointly organized by the Macau Sport Development Board (ID) and by the Macau Squash Association, the day attracted over 40 enthusiasts born between 2001 and 2009, which was one of the requirements. The applicants took a series of physical tests that were designed to assess their skills. The list of selected students will be published on March 11. The association currently offers three programs for gifted juniors. Talented young players will be chosen from among the junior members of the association to represent Macau in national squash competitions.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Tavares says food safety will be one of IACM's priorities

Renato Marques

FOOD safety related issues, namely the strengthening of the inspection and monitoring of "take-away" food sellers operating without licenses, will be one of the major priorities of the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), said the new president of the bureau's administrative committee, José Tavares, on the sidelines of his swearing-in ceremony, held yesterday afternoon at the government's headquarters.

"We have to pay attention to evolutions in this field, namely those related to take-away food since these kinds of shops do not have the same licensing [as the restaurants] although the law regarding food safety covers all cases. We are going to have more inspections of the-



José Tavares

se kinds of establishments and may in the future proceed to make adjustments in the law," he said, adding that extra measures for the food sellers that are not registered with IACM but only with the Finance Department (DSF) are needed. The new IACM head said that many establishments are even operating through the Internet and "are growing like mushrooms."

The president of IACM also mentioned that there is a protocol already signed between the Secretary of Administration and Justice and the Portuguese Food and Economic Safety Authority (ASAE) for "cooperation at this level that also involves exchange of experiences and information."

Another of the priorities of the mandate regards animal rights. "We need to distribute more information in order to protect the animals but also to make it simple to understand for the owners of these animals," Tavares said. "This job is taking time because some lawmakers asked a lot of questions about this matter. It takes time to discuss it section by section, and that is why it is not yet completed but we will work to speed up this process," he added.

"Speed up" was also the phrase chosen by the IACM head to isolate the primary need of the bureau regarding the many legal drafts that the department has currently in progress.

Regarding the difficulty of his new position when compared with the previous functions as president of the Sports Development Board (ID), Tavares considered that his new role "is no more arduous" than the ones he has held before. "It is just more comprehensive and with a broader scope. After four or five days I was already able to understand much about the duties of the IACM," he said.

José Tavares was born in Macau and graduated in Physical Education and Sports at the Macau Polytechnic Institute. He joined the public administration in June 1984 working at the Leal Senado (currently the IACM). In 1988, he started working at the ID, where he became president in May 2014, following the departure of the current head of the Customs Services, Alex Vong, who had left the ID presidency to head the IACM.

TOURISM

Macau, HK hotels retain lead in Forbes Travel Guide

THE 58th annual Forbes Travel Guide was unveiled last week showing that Macau and Hong Kong have retained their lead in the hotel award categories of Triple, Quadruple and Quintuple Five-Star Winners.

The Forbes Travel Guide awarded 54 Five-Star ratings for "Hotel, Restaurant and Spa" properties located in the two Special Administrative Regions, out of a total of 154 ratings awarded worldwide.

Macau's number of properties in the coveted list jumped to nine, with MGM Macau earning its first Five-Star rating this year. This equates Macau with Paris in terms of the number of top-rated hotels.

Both of the quintuple Five-Star winners (hotel, three restaurants, and a spa within one property) are located in the two SARs: Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, and Wynn Macau.

The two quadruple winning properties (hotel, two restaurants and a spa) are located in Macau: the Altira Macau and the Crown Towers Macau.

Three of the nine Triple winners (hotel, restaurant and spa) are also situated in the two territories:

the Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Banyan Tree Macau and Mandarin Oriental Macau.

Three new properties in mainland China achieved their first-ever Five-Star listings, bringing the total of such listings in China up to 10. The new entrants include the Four Seasons Hotel Hangzhou at West Lake, the Mandarin Oriental in Guangzhou, and the Ritz-Carlton Pudong in Shanghai.

Taiwan debuted on the list with three Four-Star hotels, namely the Grand Hyatt Taipei; the Regent Taipei; and the Shangri-La Taipei.

The Forbes Travel Guide currently rates properties in 29 countries throughout the Americas, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, but expects to double the number of countries surveyed next year as the guide's scope is set to expand into the Middle East and Africa.

"[The guide's top-listed properties] set an unimpeachable standard of excellence in hospitality at a moment when the proliferation of voices claiming to provide unbiased ratings online is exploding," said Gerard J. Inzerillo, CEO of Forbes Travel Guide.

'Restrained Hugs' at the Museum of Art

THE theme of this year's edition of the "Macao Arts Window" is "Restrained Hugs - Installation by Ella Lei." The exhibition is on display until April 10 at the Macau Museum of Art (MAM).

MAM launched "Macao Arts Window" in 2012, aiming to encourage creativity and develop contemporary art forms in the city. The series also intends to provide an open and diverse exhibition space and exchange platform in order to encourage local artists to explore and express the concepts and forms that are found within contemporary art.

The installation is a fusion of sculptures and illustrations composed of hands. In the drawings, fragile animals are formed by painted hands. They are trapped and entwined. "Restrained Hugs" is intended to express sarcasm: the interaction of protection and restriction, and the subtle relationship between humans and animals, a press release reads.

Born in Macau, Ella Lei is currently a freelance designer. She has worked as an art and animation designer for four years, while studying for a Fashion Design diploma.



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MP CORRUPTION SCANDAL

ANM doubts Ho's judicial duties were untainted by corruption

AT a press conference yesterday, the New Macau Association (ANM) president, Scott Chiang, and vice president, Jason Chao, voiced their skepticism that former top prosecutor Ho Chio Meng's alleged corruption had no effect upon his judicial responsibilities.

Ho Chio Meng, the former Prosecutor General, has been detained in relation to a suspected case of corruption that is currently being investigated by the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC). He is accused of giving undue preference to certain companies and organizations in the granting of contracts by the Public Prosecutions Office (MP). In exchange, he and other suspects in the case are accused of receiving at least MOP44 million.

The CCAC commissioner, André Cheong, made clear at a press conference on Sunday that Ho was being investigated solely for the alleged misconduct regarding the tenders, and that it "does not involve the exercising of judicial powers."

However, ANM members raised doubts yesterday over the scope of Ho's alleged misconduct.

"They [the CCAC] defined the scope of the investigation to the affairs of the prosecution office, but we do not believe that the judicial duties were not affected," said Jason Chao. "If you can bribe Ho with MOP44 million, then his official duties could be bought as well. [...] The implication is just terrifying because what's being compromised is the integrity of investigations," Scott Chiang said.

"In Macau terms it's almost embarrassingly low," he added, commenting on the size of the sum allegedly awarded to Ho. "According to the information available, the bribery [amounted to] around a quarter of [the value of the] contract deals. If the costs amount to a quarter, imagine



Scott Chiang (left) and Jason Chao

how much mark-up you need to make [the deal profitable]."

Stressing Ho Chio Meng's experience as the head of the previous anti-corruption bureau under the Portuguese administration, Chao claimed that, "Ho is a real expert in corruption. How can we believe that he only accepted MOP44 million in 10 years?"

"[It is] also difficult to believe his duties were not compromised at all," added Chao.

Ho had, on several occasions, been considered a potential candidate for the position of Chief Executive, a possibility that he has never denied. In light of President Xi's anti-corruption campaign in mainland China, the ANM president speculated that the case "has something to do with fighting – behind the scenes – for influence in Beijing," suggesting that Ho may have fallen in Beijing's estimation.

"What is happening here is just an extension of what is happening across the border [in mainland China]," commented Chiang.

The two ANM leaders implied that the bureau may be acting out of interests other than its stated mission to combat corruption in Macau, questioning why an audit had not raised suspicions earlier and what the corruption "watch-dog had been doing all this time." CCAC commissioner André

Cheong said on Sunday that in addition to suspected bribery, the case currently under investigation includes offences of fraud, document forgery, abuse of power and the granting of "unlawful economic advantage".

Cheong also stated that, as the investigation is still ongoing, the CCAC has not dismissed the possibility of uncovering further suspects in the case or additional instances of misconduct.

NETO VALENTE: INFLUENCE PEDDLING IS THE PROBLEM

THE PRESIDENT of the Macau Lawyers Association, Neto Valente, commented on Ho Chio Meng's arrest: "The problem that might take place at the Public Prosecutions Office is influence peddling. I mean that in the sense of holding back procedures, not letting a case move forward, or just handling some cases and not others. People

connected to the judicial circuit know that this has taken place and frequently. I never saw anyone taking a stance on the issue. Let's see now if with this case the issue will be raised or not. In my opinion it's far more serious than some side-jobs and petty rewards. That I don't think is the most relevant thing here," Neto Valente told TDM.

Au's departure will not affect AL elections

ON the sidelines of the ANM press conference yesterday, Jason Chao answered questions regarding the future of the association in light of Au Kam San's recent departure.

"The New Macau Association is undergoing changes," Chao said, before adding that "every association needs to rejuvenate itself."

"When the old ideas come into conflict with the new ones – when they are not compatible – one [set of ideas] has to go," surmised Chao.

The reasons behind Au's sudden de-

parture remain unclear, however some accounts speculated that the lawmaker claimed ANM had adopted arbitrary methods of processing membership applications.

"We are sorry to see him leave but it is much more important that the New Macau Association keeps moving forward, [...] that we follow the best strategies but also stand firm [by our beliefs]," said Jason Chao.

Scott Chiang, president of ANM, added, "It's a delicate art to compromise but we are not afraid to present our ideas and we

stand by them."

Asked whether ANM's only remaining lawmaker, Ng Kuok Cheong, will follow in his former colleague's footsteps, ANM leaders stressed that the two lawmakers were very different and the stance of one should not be assumed to apply to the other.

They added that Au's departure would not affect upcoming elections for the Legislative Assembly (AL) next year.

"The election is still one year away," said Scott Chiang, "and in political terms, that is a millennium." **DB**

Sonia Chan says MP tendering process will be reviewed

THE Secretary for Administration and Justice told journalists yesterday that the even-

tual need to renew or restructure staffing in the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) is a matter

for the MP. However, she also said that there is a plan to review the way the MP assesses tenders and decides upon the suppliers of works and services. "There is no calendar for this revision but we hope we can do it within one year," Sonia Chan said. She added that, as previously announced, the Basic Law for Judicial Organization is currently being amended.

The secretary was

speaking on the sidelines of José Tavares' swearing-in ceremony yesterday, who took office as the new Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) president.

She refused to comment on the facts that are involved and that had resulted in the arrest of the former Prosecutor General, Ho Chio Meng, adding "this matter is the responsibility of the Commission Against Corruption and the judiciary departments regar-



ding the investigation and judgment of the cases." "From the government's point-of-view, we always aim to fight injus-

tice and corruption. This is our initiative and goal. We are going to strengthen our oversight," she said. **RM**

KAN CHENG HA TO CHAIR THE TJB

JUDGE KAN Cheng Ha, was appointed to the position of President Judge of the Collective of Judges of the Court of First Instance (TJB). The notice of this permanent appointment was

published yesterday in the government's Official Gazette. The appointment comes by proposal of the Judge Nomination Independent Commission and will take effect from March 10.

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UNG VAI MENG

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is keen to revitalize the territory this year by organizing several initiatives.

During IC's Spring Luncheon, held yesterday at the Grand Lisboa Hotel, the bureau introduced projects that are divided into six different areas: "New Cultural Scene," "Cultural Heritage," "Cultural and Creative Industries," "Cultural Events," "Public Libraries," and "Culture dissemination by Education."

The president of the IC, Ung Vai Meng said in his opening speech, "This year, the importance of cultural works is even greater. With the integration of Macau's cultural resources and the centralization of cultural facilities and services under one management [the IC], we will work to create a better cultural scene for the public."

Referring to some of the most highlighted projects, the IC head also said, "this year marks the restoration projects of several cultural spaces

IC working to create 'a better cultural scene' through new projects



Ung Vai Meng

and library facilities and revitalization projects such as the Patane Library, No. 80 of

the Rua das Estalagens [Old Pharmacy Chong Sai building, said to be Sun Yat Sen's

former workplace] and the Maritime Workshops." These buildings are expected to be open to the public before the end of the year.

Regarding the cultural and creative industries, Ung also announced the launching of a new program aimed to support the production of "Original Animation Short Films." This will contribute to the already established and continuing subsidized programs for "original song albums," fashion design, and film production.

The so-called "Visible Cultural Forces," that the IC hopes to be the motto that will enliven the Macau cultural scene, are also the key words for a new promotional video by the IC that was shown for the first time yesterday.

In the video, the bureau presents its goals for the year that include several innovations. One of them is that the IC will replace the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) in organizing the Lusofonia Festival that is usually held at the Taipa Houses-Museum and Carmo Area in Taipa.

Final real estate residency requests handled

In 2015 a total of 482 applications for temporary residency for managerial, personnel, technical and professional qualifications holders were received by the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), the organization says. This marks an increase of 46 applications over the previous year. At the same time 79 applications were submitted for temporary residency for major investments, representing a decrease of one compared with 2014. Approved cases for managerial personnel, technical and professional qualification holders amounted to 81 (an annual decrease of 196), while approved applications for major investments totaled seven (a decrease of 38 over 2014). Temporary residency applications for investment in real estate have been suspended since April 4, 2007, with the final applications having been processed by July 17, 2015. Over 4,000 cases were registered before the suspension.

Oman confirms visa-free entry

The Macau government has received confirmation from the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in Beijing that Macau SAR passport holders can obtain visas on arrival in Oman for a maximum stay of 30 days, according to a statement released by the Identification Department. Oman marks the 121st country to grant visa-free access or visa-on-arrival access to Macau SAR passport holders. In addition, twelve countries have agreed to grant visa-free access or visa-on-arrival access to Macau SAR travel permit holders. The news notches Macau up one spot in the recently published Henley & Partners Visa Restrictions Index 2016 for relative passport strength, putting it on par with Grenada based upon the number of territories that grant MSAR passport holders visa-free access.

Damage to Lou Kau Mansion to be fixed by IC



Lou Kau Mansion

ANSWERING journalists' questions on the sidelines of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) Spring Luncheon held yesterday at the Grand Lisboa Hotel, the president of the IC, spoke about the damage inflicted by a construction company due to a structure being erected alongside the historical Lou Kau Mansion. He said that the bureau already undertook an evaluation of the extent of damage and will proceed with the necessary repair works in a second phase. This second phase will see the investigation into the extent of the responsibility on the part of the company to determine who will ultimately bear

the cost of repairs.

When questioned regarding recently announced plans for the area beside the Nam Van Lake facing the government headquarters (that will include cafés with outdoor areas and, according to the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, will be managed by the IC), Ung said only that "the space involves cooperation between several departments and we are still discussing what we are going to do there, but the general idea is to utilize the space for different activities like shows, for food and beverage establishments and also as support of aquatic activities in cooperation with the Sports Development Board."

On a separate topic, the IC president also informed reporters that there will be a strengthening of the cooperation between Macau and Portugal that will include the presentation in the cities of Lisbon and Guimarães of the exhibition "Shanghai Portuguese Refugees in Macau". This is a part of an initiative of the Historical Archives of Macau which also started a protocol with the Torre do Tombo National Archive in Portugal for several cultural exchanges. **RM**

IC book exchange starts today

THE Macau Public Libraries will kick off a book exchange initiative today as part of the "2016 Macau Library Week."

According to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, this activity aims to promote reading habits within the population as well as to encourage residents who love reading to make friends through their love of books, as well as to share their own reading resources.

The campaign has a book collection period that will start today and will last until April 17. All residents are welcome to bring



their books to the bureau's libraries, receiving in exchange a stamped scorecard that can be used to trade books of equivalent value at an event to be held on April 23 and 24 at the Old Court Building located in Av. da Praia Grande.

At the collection point, the IC staff will categorize the books individually by their original price. The scoring method is one point for every MOP10. The maximum for each book or set is 100 points. All the books presented without a price indication will be counted as MOP10.

Deaf photographers take on Macau's heritage

The Macau Deaf Association and the Guangdong Association of the Deaf are collaborating on a joint photography exhibition featuring photos of Macau's heritage sites. The 161 photos taken by members of both associations are on display at the Mount Fortress Corridor. The exhibition opened last Saturday and will continue until March 4. The images framed through the lenses of the deaf artists are on display every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the affiliated galleries of the Macau Museum.

ARTS

Drawing exhibition highlights Macau, Lisbon similarities

Daniel Beittler

THE opening ceremony of an exhibition showcasing the drawings and lithographic prints of French-Spanish artist Charles Chauderlot was held last week at Creative Macau.

The exhibition showcases the vision of Charles Chauderlot in which he combines elements of Chinese and Western art techniques through a series of scenes depicting architecture in Macau and Lisbon.

The architectural style between both cities is so similar that in some of Chauderlot's drawings, were it not for discreet indicators such as low-hanging overhead telephone wires or signs in Chinese characters, it might be impossible to tell which sketches were of which city.

Chauderlot visited Lisbon a



Charles Chauderlot

few years ago and painted some architectural scenes as he does in Macau. Once he returned

to Macau, where he has lived for the best part of the last 10 years, he noticed striking si-

ilarities between drawings of both cities. This realization prompted the artist to assemble a collection comprised of seven drawings from each city.

"My inspiration is to open people's eyes to the similarities of the two cities," he told the Times at the exhibition's opening ceremony.

His works demonstrate a mix of Chinese and Western techniques. As explained to the Times, the brush strokes, the use of ink and the concept of the white or blank space in his drawings are all of Chinese origin. The precise representation of perspective and geometrically accurate shadows are typical of Western artistic styles.

The combination reminds him of "the special taste of the tobaccos of my pipe; [a] mixture of different tobaccos," as the program available at the exhibition notes.

In many ways his fusion of East and West finds an appropriate home in Macau. "There are many examples of cross-cultural styles [here in Macau], and they are a legacy of the Portuguese," he told the Times, explaining that the Portuguese settlers incorporated the local culture in their colonial architecture. Chauderlot points to examples of the Chinese inspiration in Macau architecture and Malay-style wooden houses in Malacca, when the enclave was under Portuguese administration.

Chauderlot was born in Madrid in 1952 and started to paint at the age of 11 with the help of a Fine Art Academy teacher. He has held 10 solo exhibitions and participated in more than 50 national and international exhibitions, receiving numerous awards during the course of his career.

The artist moved to Beijing in 1997 where he started to paint with Chinese ink, and in 2002, he was granted a pass to paint hidden treasures in sections of the Forbidden City.

His exhibition will be on display until March 19. Admission is free. Part of the sales will be donated to the Society for the Protection of Animals (Anima).

EDUCATION

UM, Thomson Reuters launch trading room

THE University of Macau's (UM) Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) and Thomson Reuters launched the Thomson Reuters Trading Room at an opening ceremony held at the university yesterday.

UM Vice Rector (Student Affairs), Prof Haydn Chen, said that the new lab will not only enhance the research capabilities of UM scholars, but will also provide a good learning environment for students, adding that the trading room will allow UM students a hands-on experience in a simulated trading environment.

The Thomson Reuters Trading Room can provide Thomson Reuters Eikon terminal access for up to 80 users and is equipped with analytics tools, real-time data, and financial information to assist the faculty's teaching and research activities.

With access to Eikon in Thomson Reuters Trading Room, students are given the opportunity to prepare for professional life with industry-



standard tools.

James Mirfin, Managing Director, Financial & Risk, North Asia at Thomson Reuters said that the new partnership is in alignment with the company's goals.

"The new partnership with UM bridges academic and professional environments, and strengthens our commitment to fostering innovation and collaboration at every level of the financial ecosystem," he said. "We're taking that step further to students and to faculty so that we could help bring best practices and expertise [...] and really equip these students of today for the

roles that they're going to do tomorrow."

UM has been working with Thomson Reuters for five years obtaining products for research and the library. The partnership has facilitated a broader access to products and services, which now enables business students to expand their education.

Meanwhile, FBA Dean, Professor Jacky So, claimed that students given access to the trading room will be much more competitive in the financial market, arguing: "If our graduates use this facility in banking and finance - since many in the banking industry use the

same information and resources - they could be productive from day one. I can say it gives a very good competitive edge to our graduates."

He added that learners can quickly reinforce analysis done in the classroom.

According to the managing director, Thomson Reuters is working with academic institutions around Asia, and the current project is one of the leading ventures in Macau.

In addition, he gave a lecture titled "The Industrial Revolution," reviewing the evolution of transaction platforms.

His statement was an incisive comment on the paradigm shift currently occurring within the financial services industry. The "digital revolution" is driving innovation around the world, and several businesses are combining third-party information with in-house data to create business intelligence to deliver products to consumers with speed and accuracy.

Kicking off the sixth FBA Business Week of the university, the lecture also discussed challenges currently faced by the industry and the increasing extraterritorial regulations which burden businesses within and beyond financial services. **Staff reporter**

Pereira Coutinho says assaults on civil servants are frequent

LAWMAKER Pereira Coutinho argued that the government should introduce measures to stop cases of violence against civil servants.

In a written interpellation to the government, he claims that in some cases workers' lives are put in danger. This statement was exemplified by a recent case where a smoking inspector was assaulted when performing his duties, resulting in several injuries.

Coutinho noted that when these incidents occur, the workers are often not covered by any special protection or health scheme. He added that the affected workers' insurance on their health assistance

cards has low coverage, forcing the workers to "pay from their own pockets" the remaining amounts when the limit is exceeded.

Within this "vulnerable group," the lawmaker includes staff members from the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO), Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL), Macau Economic Service (DSE) and Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), as well as smoking inspectors and police officers.

Besides carrying out preventative measures, Pereira Coutinho has asked for measures such as a "hardship allowance" scheme to replace the current health assistance card.



HK dollar in biggest monthly gain since 2011 as peg holds

THE Hong Kong dollar recorded the biggest monthly gain since 2011 on optimism that the city will maintain its peg to the greenback.

The local dollar last month slumped to its weakest level in more than eight years as a slide in the yuan spurred speculation the city's monetary authority may be forced to abandon the link. The Chinese currency has rebounded in February, posting the biggest monthly gain since October, while the Hong Kong Monetary Authority has repeatedly said that it is committed to keeping the city's 32-year-old currency peg.

The Hong Kong dollar advanced 0.18 percent this month to HKD7.7724 against its U.S. counterpart, the biggest increase since October 2011, data compiled by Bloomberg show. The currency rose 0.06 percent yesterday to trade near the strong end of its HKD7.75-7.85 trading range.

"The Hong Kong dollar was one of the biggest speculative targets in January, especially

amid fears of the yuan being devalued," said Irene Cheung, a foreign-exchange strategist at Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. in Singapore. "We need to watch the yuan, given how it's affecting sentiment across markets. If the dollar-yuan rate continues to remain broadly stable, there's no reason to focus on the Hong Kong-dollar peg for now."

The Hong Kong dollar was linked to the greenback in 1983, when negotiations between the U.K. and Beijing over the city's return to Chinese rule spurred an exodus of capital, and policy makers in 2005 committed to limiting declines to the current range.

Hong Kong's yuan deposits rose by 0.1 percent to 852 billion yuan in January, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority said yesterday. The pool posted its first annual decline last year, while issuance of Dim Sum bonds fell for the first time since the market's inception in 2007. **Bloomberg**

China moves to shore up slowing growth

IN a step to shore up slowing economic growth, China freed up more money for lending yesterday by cutting the amount its banks are required to hold in reserve.

The move follows declarations by Chinese leaders that they have room to boost growth despite concern in global financial markets about capital outflows and stock and currency turmoil.

The amount of deposits commercial lenders will be required to leave with the central bank will be cut by 0.5 percentage points today, the central bank announced. That would reduce reserve levels for the country's major state-owned banks to 17 percent of deposits — still by far the world's highest level.

"The aim clearly is to support the economy at a time when downward pressures on growth remain strong and uncertainty is elevated," Louis Kuijs of Oxford Economics said in a report. "This move suggests that for China's policymakers,



A Chinese investor monitors prices at a brokerage in Beijing

growth remains key."

The reduction is the second in just over four months, following a similar 0.5 percent point cut on Oct. 23.

China's economic growth fell last year to a 25-year low of 6.9 percent and is forecast to fall further this year.

Beijing's room to maneuver has been reduced by turmoil over China's currency, the yuan, since the surprise introduction of a new mechanism for setting the state-controlled exchange rate last Aug. 12.

The yuan has slid in value since then, prompting an out-

flow of capital that spiked to a record USD135 billion in December. An interest rate cut to perk up economic growth would make the yuan even less attractive, possibly fueling further outflows.

The move "suggests that concerns about capital flows have eased," Mark Williams of Capital Economics said in a report. "It may be that the PBOC senses that speculative pressure has diminished or that closer monitoring of capital flows has helped slow the flow."

The move also suggests Chinese leaders are less concerned about excessive lending following strong credit growth in January. That prompted concern they might tighten controls to prevent a run-up in already high debt levels.

"A further acceleration of credit will only deepen concerns about bad debt and over-investment. But these are issues for the medium term," said Williams. "For now, the emphasis is on shoring up growth in the near term." **AP**

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Asset manager with USD40 billion can ignore 'financial Armageddon'

Jonas Cho Walsgard

THE man in charge of bond investment at Norway's biggest bank says monetary stimulus will save the world, for now.

Next month, the European Central Bank may step in to rescue the region's "dysfunctional banking system," according to Svein Aage Aanes, the head of fixed income at DNB Asset Management.

"Many are a bit skeptical but I still think the central banks have some dry gun powder left," Aanes, 49, who oversees 315 billion kroner (USD40 billion), said in an interview in Oslo last week. "The ECB can do much. This will calm down."

DNB's asset management unit has an investment horizon of 6 to 12 months. It wants to buy more corporate bonds, and is

working on the timing of that move. It's especially interested in bank debt, where yields have surged this year amid concern the world is about to experience another financial crisis.

The bank sector needs to be rescued, with yields now so high that lenders can't issue subordinated debt, according to Aanes. Investors are counting on the ECB to "calm down" markets with rate cuts, more QE or again step in with specific measures for the banking system, he said.

But the risk is that the "development becomes self fulfilling," Aanes said. "When the stock market falls significantly, credit spreads widen, funding costs for banks increase, costs for companies rise - that's negative for growth."

Part of what's rattling global markets is a slowdown in China.



But investors are underestimating the power of the Chinese government to steer the world's second-largest economy through the turmoil, Aanes says.

"Against what normally wou-

ld've been a clear bubble situation there's a government in China that has completely different tools and the ability to intervene through regulations and capital controls," he said.

"It's a terror balance between an unbalanced economy and a government with a big foreign exchange reserve and economic muscle."

Given DNB's investment horizon, it's pointless for the fund to think about a financial meltdown years into the future.

"If we think credit spreads will narrow because someone will clean up in this round, that's a good investment," Aanes said.

But even with a short-term view, there are scenarios that can't be ignored. Central banks will at some point need to "break this loop" because markets are relying on "monetary experiments on a scale that has never been tested before," Aanes said.

"What is the end game? I don't have the answer. No one has," he said. "The risk is obviously, if this doesn't hold, a financial Armageddon." **Bloomberg**

EU rebuts US bias claims amid Apple tax deal investigation

THE European Union's competition chief sought to dispel "misunderstandings" and rebut U.S. claims that her clampdown on preferential tax deals unfairly targets American firms as regulators prepare to rule on Apple Inc.'s fiscal pact with Ireland.

"If a national tax authority gives certain companies a more advantageous tax treatment than other undertakings in the same country, this can be extremely distortive



of fair competition," the EU's Margrethe Vestager told U.S. Treasury Secretary

Jack Lew in letter sent yesterday.

She said the European

Commission's probes into tax rulings are part of the watchdog's responsibility to police fair competition within the EU. Clawing back undue advantages - as was the case when Starbucks Corp. was ordered to pay as much as 30 million euros (USD32.6 million) in back taxes to the Netherlands - "simply restores equal treatment."

"We should not allow misunderstandings of our respective legal and institutional frameworks to arise," Vestager said in

her letter, which is meant to "clarify matters." The U.S. Treasury has received the letter, an agency spokesperson said, asking not to be named citing policy. The Treasury didn't have immediate further comment.

Conflict over trans-Atlantic tax practices escalated earlier this month as Lew complained to commission President Jean-Claude Juncker that U.S. firms are unfair targets of state-aid investigations. The Treasury Secretary's

letter came after EU enforcement focused on fiscal pacts Apple, Amazon.com Inc. and McDonald's Corp. agreed with Ireland and Luxembourg. The companies all say they acted within the law.

Yet, the tax cases have also focused on European firms. The commission ordered Belgium in January to recover about 700 million euros in illegal tax breaks given to at least 35 companies, including Anheuser-Busch InBev NV and BP Plc. **Bloomberg**

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PROPERTIES AT SANDS RESORTS RANKED IN DESTINASIAN



Four properties at Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macao were recently ranked among the 'Top 5 Best Hotels' in Macau in the 2016 Readers' Choice Awards by DestinAsian.

DestinAsian, a travel and lifestyle magazine, announced

the winners of its 2016 Readers' Choice Awards in Bangkok.

The Venetian Macao was ranked first in the "Best Hotels in Macau" category, followed by Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel, Cotai Central which ranked third, Four Seasons Hotel Macao, at fourth and Conrad Macao, Cotai Central at fifth.

The voting, which was conducted between August and October 2015, involves travelers from around the world being asked to choose a winner in each of 35 different categories including hotels and resorts, serviced residences, spas, airlines, airports, and destinations.

RUSSELL PETERS FIRST MACAU SHOW IN STUDIO CITY

Global comedy star Russell Peters performed his first show in Macau with his Almost Famous World Tour on Friday.

The show was the first stand up comedy performance at Studio City Event Center (SCEC), which has already seen the likes of superstar Madonna, Asia's King of Dance, Aaron Kwok, a series of top Taiwanese artists and Cantonese crooner, Andy Hui.

"SCEC provides a series of VIP suites and Club Lounges, unprecedented in this part of the world, which allow groups of friends, families or corporates to enjoy the show in a more private setting," a press release reads.



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MGM partnered with Escola Secundária Luso-Chinesa de Luís Gonzaga Gomes under the Macau Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) to provide the first tailor-made MGM High School Diploma Program for local employees of all ages.

A ceremony was recently held to launch the program. A total of 21 employees who are mostly from the table games department were admitted to the program at junior high school level. According to a press release issued by the gaming operator, the curriculum, fully accredited by DSEJ, will be mostly taught on-site at MGM Macau. Work rosters will be adjusted



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PHILIPPINES TO CHINA

Respect coming decision on sea claims



Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario

THE Philippines asked China yesterday to respect an upcoming decision by an international arbitration tribunal on Beijing's claim to most of the South China Sea to show it does not regard itself as "above the law."

Reacting to criticism by his Chinese counterpart, Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said Beijing should foster a world order based on international law by heeding the expected decision this year.

The Philippines asked the tribunal in The Hague in early 2013 to rule on the validity of China's vast claims in the South China Sea based on the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea and to define whether certain disputed reefs and atolls mostly controlled by China give it the right to territorial waters. China has refused to take part in the arbitration and is expected to ignore any decision.

The five-member tribunal decided last October that it has the authority to hear and rule on the case this year.

Last week, Wang accused the Philippines of shutting the door to bilateral negotiations over the dispute and called Manila's move a "political provocation."

He said the decision by the Philippine government was "irresponsible to the Filipino people and the future of the Philippines." Wang said China wanted to contribute to the economic development of the Philippines.

Del Rosario said the Philippines "had countless meetings with China to try to address the issue between the two of us to no avail." The Philippines also tried unsuccessfully to invite China to join the arbitration, he said.

"As we presume to be responsible states, the Philippines, as well as the international community, are asking China to respect the forthcoming ruling," del Rosario said in a statement. "If China does not heed our collective call, does it mean that China considers itself above the law?"

The long-raging territorial disputes, which also involve Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei, escalated in recent years when China used large amounts of sand to transform seven disputed reefs into islands, where it is now constructing buildings, radar facilities and runways, alarming rival claimants as well as the United States. **AP**

ECONOMY

Beijing assures US no devaluation, pushing reforms forward

Joe Mc Donald, Beijing

CHINA'S premier told visiting U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew yesterday his government is pressing ahead with painful reforms to shrink bloated coal and steel industries that are a drag on its slowing economy and ruled out devaluing its currency as a short-cut to boosting exports.

Premier Li Keqiang's comments to Lew were in line with a joint declaration by financial officials from the Group of 20 biggest rich and developing economies who met over the weekend in Shanghai. They pledged to avoid devaluations to boost sagging trade and urged governments to speed up reforms to boost slowing global growth.

Beijing is under pressure to reassure global financial markets it has its economy under control following stock and currency turmoil.

The G20 finance officials' declaration that global growth was still on track despite signs it may be slowing again appeared to fall flat: share prices fell in most Asian markets yesterday, with the Shanghai benchmark dropping as much as 4.4 percent to close down 2.9 percent at 2,687.98.

Li told Lew that China is moving ahead with a long-range plan to squeeze excess production capacity out of industries where supply exceeds demand, according to a deputy Chinese finance minister, Zhu Guangyao. He said regulators would focus first on steel and coal, huge industries with millions of workers.

In a report in mid-February, the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China complained the ruling Communist Party's failure to eliminate unneeded production capacity in industries including steel, cement and glass has worsened China's economic slowdown.

Steel producers have responded to the glut by slashing export prices, hurting sales by foreign competitors. That prompted a protest Feb. 14 by thou-



U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew (left) shakes hands with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang ahead of a meeting in Zhongnanhai Leadership Compound in Beijing

sands of steelworkers in Brussels, seat of the European Union.

"Premier Li Keqiang told Secretary Lew that as China moves forward in reducing overcapacity, we will focus on two areas, the steel and coal sectors," said Zhu. "And in the process of reducing overcapacity, we will properly handle the issue of unemployment."

The ruling party is in the midst of a marathon effort to replace a worn-out growth model based on trade, investment and heavy industry with a more self-sustaining expansion driven by consumer spending. Growth in the world's second-largest economy slowed last year to a 25-year low of 7.3 percent and is expected to decline further this year.

In coal, regulators expect to eliminate some 1.8 million jobs, the minister of human resources, Yi Weimin, said at a separate event yesterday. That would be equivalent to about 17

percent of the 10.3 million people the China National Coal Association said last year are employed by the industry.

In steel, regulators have eliminated some 90 million tons of production capacity over the past three years and plan to close another 150 million tons in the next three to five years, according to Zhu. China's steel production last year was about 800 million tons, or half the world total.

Beijing announced a 100 billion yuan (USD15 billion) fund last week to cushion the blow to workers who lose their jobs in the restructuring and help them find new jobs.

"We believe this fund will play a very important role in this process," Zhu said.

Li affirmed Chinese pledges to avoid devaluing its yuan to boost exports, according to Zhu.

A key concern of financial markets, despite repeated Chinese denials, is that Beijing plans to allow its yuan

to weaken further following a surprise introduction of a new mechanism in August to set its state-controlled exchange rate.

Lew urged Beijing to move toward a "more market-determined exchange rate in an orderly manner," according to a Treasury statement.

The premier told Lew the yuan, also known as the renminbi, will be "basically stable" and subject to a "managed float" based on a basket of currencies, Zhu said.

"China does not intend to devalue the renminbi to engage in a trade war," Zhu said.

The shift to what China's central bank says is a more market-oriented exchange rate has allowed the yuan to drift lower against the dollar even as Chinese leaders said they had no plans for a "continuous devaluation." Yesterday, the yuan weakened by just under 0.1 percent from Friday's close to 6.5478 to the dollar. **AP**

A pro-democracy candidate won a Hong Kong weekend by-election while a rival from a radical pro-independence group arrested on riot charges placed a surprising third in a vote seen as a measure of political tension in the Chinese city.

The mainstream Civic Party's Alvin Yeung won the Legislative Council seat with 160,880 votes representing 37 percent of the turnout, edging out pro-Beijing candidate Holden Chow by about 10,000 votes, according to results released yesterday.

But the front-runners were overshadowed by Edward Leung of Hong Kong Indigenous, who garnered 15 percent of about 434,000 votes cast Sunday. Leung is one of the leaders of the group, which is part of a fledgling movement advocating Hong Kong's independence from China.

The movement has gained support amid growing unease over signs Beijing is tightening its grip on the specially administered Chinese region, which is promised civil liberties unseen on the mainland under the "one-country, two-systems" principle that took effect when Britain ceded control to China in 1997.

Hong Kong Indigenous is one of a number of groups formed after pro-democracy street protests in 2014 ended without a satisfactory resolution after Beijing refused to give any major concessions.

HONG KONG

Independence group surprises with vote result



A supporter of Edward Leung, a candidate of Hong Kong Indigenous

"There's a certain amount of Hong Kong people who support our political belief and means of fighting" for democracy, Leung told reporters. The group advocates radical protest methods. "It has given us more power to fight against the au-

thorities." Leung is among dozens of people charged with taking part in a riot following a violent nightlong clash with police at a Lunar New Year holiday street food market earlier this month that was sparked by concerns

that the city's local culture is disappearing.

Beijing has condemned groups like Leung's, calling them "radical splitting forces."

Hong Kong Financial Secretary John Tsang warned last week that rising political ten-

sions are threatening the city's economic growth.

Yesterday's vote is seen as a prelude to citywide elections later this year that are expected to be fiercely contested by pro-democracy and pro-Beijing parties. **AP**

China investigates Hong Kong bookseller over mail sales

CHINESE police are investigating a detained Hong Kong bookseller for allegedly selling books by mail illegally in mainland China, an official Chinese newspaper said yesterday, the latest twist in a case that has raised concerns over erosion of civil rights in Hong Kong.

The Communist Party newspaper Global Times said that Gui Minhai had admitted to selling more than 4,000 books by mail despite knowing they had not been approved by China's publications authority.

Gui, who holds Swedish citizenship, was one of four people connected with Hong Kong's Mighty Current publishing house who went missing in October. He resurfaced in January, making a tearful appearance on Chinese state TV to say he surrendered for



Protesters try to stick photos of missing booksellers, one of which shows Gui Minhai (left) during a protest outside the Liaison of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong

fleeing the country in violation of the terms of his suspended sentence over a 12-year-old fatal drunken driving case.

Chinese authorities say three others connected with Mighty Current and its retail outlet, Causeway Bay Bookshop, have been detained for an investigation into

unspecified criminal activity. The three others — Lui Por, Cheung Chi Ping and Lam Wing Kee — are shareholders or employees of the company.

Gui disappeared from his vacation home in Pattaya, Thailand, while the three others went missing in main-

land China.

Hong Kong police also said they received a handwritten letter from a fifth missing person, editor Lee Bo, in which he purportedly rejected a request to meet with them.

Lee, a British citizen, disappeared on Dec. 30, and many suspect he was abducted by mainland Chinese security agents operating in Hong Kong, which would be a breach of the "one country, two systems" principle Beijing agreed to when it took control of the city from Britain in 1997.

The European Parliament has called for the five to be immediately released, joining British, American and Swedish officials who have raised concern about the case.

Mighty Current's books on political scandals and intrigue involving China's communist leaders are popular with mainland Chinese visitors to Hong Kong, despite their being banned on the mainland. **AP**

Knife-wielding man slashes 10 kids at school in Haikou

A knife-wielding man slashed 10 children outside a primary school in southern China before killing himself yesterday, police said.

None of the children suffered life-threatening injuries during the attack in the southern city of Haikou, but two were seriously hurt in the attack, media reports said.

An official at Haikou's Longhu police station said the schoolchildren were stabbed as they walked out of the Yang Fan Primary School during their lunch period. She declined to give further details, saying the case was under investigation.

Knife attacks against schoolchildren have become fewer in recent years after Chinese schools were hit by a rash of mass stabbings roughly five years ago. The attacks, mostly

carried out by disaffected perpetrators with mental illnesses, sparked outrage among Chinese parents who demanded enhanced security at schools and, for a while, prompted nationwide discussion of what caused them.

Although Chinese leaders made public acknowledgments that there were underlying social tensions that contributed to the crimes, several of the incidents were censored by state media for fear of copycat attacks, while online discussions were also blocked.

In one of the deadliest cases, a 42-year-old man killed eight children at an elementary school in Fujian province in 2010.

Because of tight restrictions on gun ownership, large knives and cleavers are the most frequently used weapons in mass attacks in China. **AP**

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North Korea gives media a look at detained American

NORTH Korea presented a detained American student before the media yesterday in Pyongyang, where he tearfully apologized for attempting to steal a political banner — at the behest, he said, of a member of a church back home who wanted it as a “trophy” — from a staff-only section of the hotel where he had been staying.

North Korea announced in late January it had arrested Otto Warmbier, a 21-year-old University of Virginia undergraduate student. It said that after entering the country as a tourist he committed an anti-state crime with “the tacit connivance of the U.S. government and under its manipulation.”

No details of what kind of charges or punishment Warmbier faces were immediately released.

According to Warmbier’s statement, he wanted the banner with a political slogan on it as a trophy for the church member, who was the mother of a friend.

In previous cases, people who have been detained in North Korea and given a public confession often recant those admissions after their release.

He was arrested while visiting the country with Young Pioneer Tours, an agency specializing in travel to the North, which is strongly discouraged by the U.S. State Department. He had been staying at the Yanggakdo International Hotel, which is located on an island in a river that runs through Pyongyang.

It is common for sections of tourist hotels to be reserved for North Korean staff and off-limits



American student Otto Warmbier (center) arrives at the People's Cultural House

to foreigners.

Warmbier is a native of Ohio and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, while campaigning in New Hampshire as a Republican presidential candidate, called the arrest “inexcusable.” Kasich has urged President Barack Obama to “make every effort to secure Mr. Warmbier’s immediate release and keep [his] family constantly apprised.”

Kasich said North Korea should either provide evidence of the alleged anti-state activities or release Warmbier.

In his comments, Warmbier said he was offered a used car worth USD10,000 by a member of the church. He said the church member told him the slogan would be hung on its wall as a

trophy. He also said he was told that if he was detained and not returned, \$200,000 would be paid to his mother in a way of charitable donations.

Calls to the Friendship United Methodist Church went unanswered yesterday.

Warmbier named that as the church his acquaintance belonged to and there is church of that name in his hometown, Wyoming, Ohio.

He said he was also encouraged in his act by the “Z Society” at the University of Virginia, which he said he was trying to join. The magazine of the university’s alumni association describes the Z Society as a “semi-secret ring society” that was founded in 1892 and conducts philanthropy,

puts on honorary dinners and grants academic awards.

Warmbier said he accepted the offer of money because his family is “suffering from very severe financial difficulties.”

“I started to consider this as my only golden opportunity to earn money,” he said, adding that if he ever mentioned the involvement of the church, “no payments would come.”

North Korea regularly accuses Washington and Seoul of sending spies to overthrow its government to enable the U.S.-backed South Korean government to control the Korean Peninsula.

U.S. tourism to North Korea is legal and virtually all Americans who make the journey return home without incident.

Even so, the State Department has repeatedly warned against travel to the North. Visitors, especially those from America, who break the country’s sometimes murky rules risk detention, arrest and possible jail sentences.

Young Pioneer describes itself on its website as providing “budget tours to destinations your mother would rather you stayed away from.”

The agency, based in China, also has tours to Iran, Cuba, Turkmenistan, Iraq and other former Soviet countries.

After Warmbier’s detention, it stressed in a news release that he was the first of the 7,000 people

it has taken to North Korea over the past eight years to face arrest.

“Despite what you may hear, North Korea is probably one of the safest places on Earth to visit,” it says on its website. “We have never felt suspicious or threatened at any time. In fact, North Koreans are super friendly and accommodating, if you let them into your world. Even during tense political moments tourism to the DPRK is never affected.”

In the past, North Korea has held out until senior U.S. officials or statesmen came to personally bail out detainees, all the way up to former President Bill Clinton, whose visit in 2009 secured the freedom of American journalists Euna Lee and Laura Ling. Both had crossed North Korea’s border from China illegally.

It took a visit in November 2014 by U.S. spy chief James Clapper to bring home Matthew Miller, who had ripped up his visa when entering the country, and Korean-American missionary Kenneth Bae, who had been incarcerated since November 2012.

Jeffrey Fowle, another U.S. tourist from Ohio detained for six months at about the same time as Miller, was released just before that and sent home on a U.S. government plane.

He left a Bible in a local club hoping a North Korean would find it, which is considered a criminal offense in North Korea. **AP**

JAPAN

Three ex-executives of utility charged in Fukushima disaster

THREE former Japanese utility executives were formally charged for alleged negligence in the Fukushima nuclear disaster yesterday, becoming the first ones from the company to face a criminal court.

A group of five court-appointed lawyers indicted Tsunehisa Katsumata, chairman of Tokyo Electric Power Co. at the time of the crisis, along with two other TEPCO executives, according to the lawyers’ offices. The three men, charged with professional negligence, were not arrested.

The indictment follows a decision by an 11-member judicial committee in July to send the three men to a

criminal court after prosecutors had dropped the case twice, saying they could not obtain sufficient evidence to establish criminal case against them.

Proving criminal responsibility for failing to prevent the Fukushima meltdowns may be difficult, but many people including the residents affected by the disaster say they hope that any trial would reveal more facts about the disaster and TEPCO’s role that the utility has not disclosed.

Three reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant damaged in the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami suffered meltdowns, triggering massive radiation leaks that

forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate.

The indictment document said Katsumata, 75, and Sakae Muto, 65 and Ichiro Takekuro, 69, who were vice president and technical adviser, respectively — failed to foresee and take precautionary steps for the tsunami, resulting in the deaths of 44 hospitalized elderly people during evacuation period and injuries to 13 defense soldiers responding to the emergency, Kyodo News reported.

The judicial committee said in July that the three men neglected to take sufficient measures even though they were aware of the risk of a massive tsunami to

the Fukushima plant by 2009. It said they should be charged with professional negligence resulting in death and injury during the accident and its aftermath. TEPCO and government officials say nobody died of a direct impact from radiation leak caused by the accident.

In Japan, a court-appointed judicial committee has the final say about a criminal complaint filed to a prosecutors’ office and then dropped.

Government and parliamentary investigative reports of the accident have said TEPCO’s lack of a safety culture and weak risk management, including an underestimate of tsunami threats, led to the di-



Tokyo Electric Power Co., (TEPCO) then-Chairman Tsunehisa Katsumata (center) with then-Vice President Sakae Muto (right) bows before a news conference at the company's head office in Tokyo

saster. They said TEPCO ignored tsunami safety measures amid collusion with then-regulators and lax oversight.

TEPCO declined to comment yesterday.

The utility has said it could have been more proactive on safety measures, but that a tsunami of the magnitude that crippled the plant could not have been anticipated.

While struggling with a cleanup at the wre-

cked Fukushima plant that will take decades, TEPCO is hoping to restart two reactors at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in northern Japan.

The disaster resulted in Japan taking all of its nuclear power reactors offline for checks. Of the 43 workable reactors in Japan, four have been put back online since last year, while the others are still offline for repairs or safety checks. **AP**



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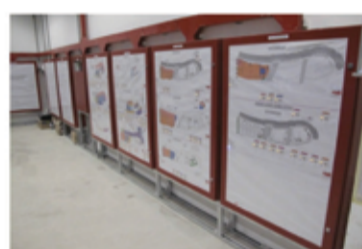


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Jake Coyle, Los Angeles

Oscars crown 'Spotlight' but diversity had the limelight

IN an underdog win for a movie about an underdog profession, the newspaper drama "Spotlight" took best picture yesterday [Macau time] at an Academy Awards riven by protest and outrage, and electrified by an unflinching Chris Rock.

Tom McCarthy's film about the Boston Globe's investigative reporting on sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests won over the favored frontier epic "The Revenant." McCarthy's well-crafted procedural, led by a strong ensemble cast, had lagged in the lead-up to the Oscars, losing ground to the flashier filmmaking of Alejandro Inarritu's film.

But "Spotlight" — an ode to the hard-nose, methodical work of a journalism increasingly seldom practiced — took the night's top honor despite winning only one other Oscar for McCarthy and Josh Singer's screenplay. Such a sparsely-awarded best picture winner hasn't happened since 1952's "The Greatest Show On Earth."

"We would not be here today without the heroic efforts of our reporters," said producer Blye Pagon Faust. "Not only do they effect global change, but they absolutely show us the necessity for investigative journalism."

The night, however, belonged to host Rock, who launched immediately into the uproar over the lack of diversity in this year's nominees, and didn't let up. "The White People's Choice Awards," he called the Oscars, which were protested beforehand outside the Dolby Theatre by the Rev. Al Sharpton, and saw some viewers boycotting the broadcast.

Rock insured that the topic remained at the forefront throughout the evening, usually finding hearty laughs in the process. In an award show traditionally known for song-and-dance routines and high doses of glamour, Rock gave the 88th Academy Awards a charged atmosphere, keeping with the outcry that followed a second straight year of all-white acting nominees.

"Is Hollywood racist? You're damn right it's racist," said Rock. "Hollywood is sorority racist. It's like: We like you Rhonda, but you're not a Kappa."

Streaks, broken and extended, dominated much of the evening. After going home empty-handed four times previously, Leonardo DiCaprio won his first Oscar, for a best actor in "The Revenant" — a gruff, grunting performance that traded little on the actor's youthful charisma. DiCaprio, greeted with a standing ovation, took the moment to talk about climate change.

"Let us not take our planet for granted," said DiCaprio. "I do



Leonardo DiCaprio accepts the award for best actor in a leading role for "The Revenant"

not take tonight for granted."

His director, Inarritu won back-to-back directing awards after the triumph last year of "Birdman." It's a feat matched by only two other filmmakers: John Ford and Joseph L. Mankiewicz. "The Revenant" also won best cinematography for Emmanuel Lubezki, who became the first cinematographer to win three times in a row (following wins for "Gravity" and "Birdman"), and only the seventh to three-peat in Oscar history.

Inarritu, whose win meant three straight years of Mexican filmmakers winning best director, was one of the few winners to remark passionately on diversity in his acceptance speech.

"What a great opportunity for our generation to really liberate ourselves from all prejudice and this tribal thinking and to make sure for once and forever that the color of our skin becomes as irrelevant as the length of our hair," said Inarritu.

The night's most-awarded film, however, went to neither "Spotlight" nor "The Revenant." George Miller's post-apocalyptic chase film, "Mad Max: Fury Road" sped away with six awards in technical categories for editing, makeup, production design, sound editing, sound mixing and costume design.

"Us Mad Maxes are doing OK tonight," said editor Margaret Sixel, who's married to Miller. The flurry of wins brought a parade of Australian craftsmen

onstage in an Oscars that was at least internationally diverse.

Best actress went to Brie Larson, the 26-year-old breakout of the mother-son captive drama "Room." The Sweden-born Alicia Vikander took best supporting actress for the transgender pioneer tale "The Danish Girl."

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But the wins at times felt secondary to the sharp, unflinching host. Rock confessed that he deliberated over joining the Oscars boycott and bowing out as host, but concluded: "The last thing I need is to lose another job to Kevin Hart."

Gasps went around the Dolby when Mark Rylance won best supporting actor over Sylvester Stallone. Nominated a second time for role of Rocky Balboa 39 years later, Stallone had been expected to win his first acting Oscar for the "Rocky" sequel "Creed." But the famed stage actor who co-starred in Steven Spielberg's "Bridge of Spies" won instead.

Adam McKay and Charles Randolph took best adapted

screenplay for their self-described "trauma-dy," "The Big Short," about the mortgage meltdown of 2008. Best known for broader comedies like "Anchorman" and "Step Brothers," McKay gave an election-year warning of the sway of "big money" and "weirdo billionaires" in the presidential campaign.

Talk of election was otherwise largely absent the ceremony, though Vice President Joe Biden (whose presence added even greater security to the Dolby Theatre) was met by a standing ovation before talking about sexual assault on college campuses in an introduction to best-song nominee Lady Gaga.

The composer John Williams ("Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which went away empty-handed despite being the biggest box-office hit of the decade) came in with his 50th nod, but lost to Ennio Morricone, who, at 87, landed his first competitive Oscar for Quentin Tarantino's "The Hateful Eight." (He was given an honorary one in 2009.)

Sam Smith and songwriting partner Jimmy Napes picked up the Academy Award for best song for "Writing's on the Wall," from the James Bond film "Spectre."

"I stand here tonight as a proud gay man and I hope we can all stand together as equals one day," said Smith.

Best animated feature film went to "Inside Out," Pixar's eighth win in the category since it was created in 2001. Asif Kapadia's Amy Winehouse portrait,

"Amy," took best documentary. Hungary scored its second best foreign language Oscar for Laszlo Nemes' "Son of Saul," a harrowing drama set within a concentration camp.

"Even in the darkest hours of mankind, there might be a voice within us that allows us to remain human," said Nemes. "That's the hope of this film."

Down the street from the Dolby Theatre, Sharpton led several dozen demonstrators in protest against a second straight year of all-white acting nominees. "This will be the last night of an all-white Oscars," Sharpton vowed.

The nominees restored the hashtag "OscarsSoWhite" to prominence and led Spike Lee (an honorary Oscar winner this year) and Jada Pinkett Smith to announce that they wouldn't attend the show. Several top African American filmmakers, Ryan Coogler ("Creed") and Ava DuVernay ("Selma") spent the evening not at the Oscars but in Flint, Mich., raising money for the water-contaminated city.

Aside from pleading for more opportunity for black actors, Rock also sought to add perspective to the turmoil. Rock said this year didn't differ much from Oscar history, but that black people earlier were "too busy being raped and lynched to worry about who won best cinematographer."

In a quick response to the growing crisis, Cheryl Boone Isaacs, president of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, led reforms to diversify the academy's overwhelming white and male membership. But those changes (which included stripping older, out-of-work members of their voting privileges) precipitated a backlash, too. A chorus of academy members challenged the reforms.

In remarks during the show by the president — usually one of the sleepest moments in the broadcast — Boone Isaacs strongly defended the changes, quoting Martin Luther King Jr. and urging each Oscar attendee to bring greater opportunity to the industry. She was received politely, if not enthusiastically, by the audience.

"It's not enough to listen and agree," said Boone Isaacs. "We must take action."

How the controversy will affect ratings for ABC was one of the night's big questions. Last year's telecast, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, slid 16 percent to 36.6 million viewers, a six-year low. **AP**

what's ON



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UNTIL: March 3, 2016
VENUE: Casa Garden Orient Foundation
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THE MASTERY OF SHIPBUILDING
 – FISHING JUNK MODELS BY WAN CHUN
TIME: 10am-6pm
 (Closed on Sundays and public holidays)
UNTIL: April 9, 2016
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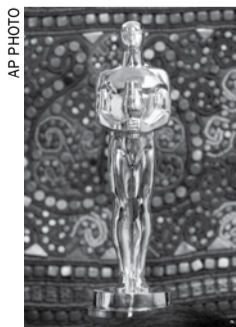
ONE CENTURY OF AUSTRIAN ART 1860-1960
TIME: 10am-7pm
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UNTIL: April 3, 2016
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IN EXHIBIT OF CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE
TIME: 10am-7pm
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UNTIL: June 19, 2016
VENUE: The Handover Gifts Museum of Macau,
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 – CELIA LEI SOLO EXHIBITION
TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm
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Offbeat

RUSSIAN FANS PRESENT DICAPRIO
WITH A HOMEMADE OSCAR

Before he secured an Academy Award, Leonardo DiCaprio had an Oscar — or at least a close replica of the coveted statue.

Residents in Russia's Far East have made a statue for DiCaprio that bears close resemblance to the Oscar prize and is made from donated metals. Nearly 150 DiCaprio fans from the Yakutia region donated the 1.5 kilograms of silver and 4 grams of gold to make the statue for the American, who is nominated in the best actor

category for his role in "The Revenant."

One fan, Anna Ivanova, said "even if DiCaprio [would not have] receive an Oscar, he will still be our favorite."

DiCaprio, whose grandmother was Russian, is popular in the country, and he met with Vladimir Putin in 2010 to discuss tiger conservation. **AP**

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
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25 FEB - 02 MAR



MERMAID

ROOM 1

2.15, 4.00, 5.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Stephen Chau

Starring: Deng Chao, Show Lo, Zhang Yu Qi

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 92min

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: ROAD CHIP

ROOM 1

7.30 pm

Director: Walt Becker

Starring: Jason Lee, Jessica Ahlberg, Josh Green

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 92min



THE FINEST HOURS

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Craig Gillespie

Starring: Chris Pine, Casey Affleck, Ben Foster, Eric Bana

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 117min

THE SECRET

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Barbara Wong ChunChun

Starring: Leon Lai, Wang Luodan, JJ Lin

Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 107min

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THE GOOD DINOSAUR

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Peter Sohn

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 93min

this day in history

1990 SECRETS ACT GAGS
WHISTLEBLOWERS

Whistleblowers and journalists risk prosecution from today if they disclose information the British government considers to be damaging to defence or the country's interests abroad.

The new Official Secrets Act replaces section two of the 1911 act, under which it was a criminal offence to disclose information without lawful authority.

The new act makes it an offence for any member, or former member, of the security services to disclose official information about their work. It is also an offence for a journalist to repeat any such disclosures.

The areas covered by the act include releasing information on defence, international relations, security service activities, foreign confidences and information that might lead to a crime being committed.

The maximum penalties for breaking the new law are two years' imprisonment, an unlimited fine or both.

The blanket ban on giving away official secrets will also apply to some civil servants.

There will be no public interest defence, so an official would not be able to argue in court that they broke the law in the national interest.

The tightening of the law governing official secrets follows the Clive Ponting case in 1985.

The civil servant was charged, but acquitted, of breaking the 1911 secrets act after leaking two documents about the sinking of the Argentine ship, the General Belgrano, during the Falklands war.

Ministers had misled the public into thinking the ship was threatening British lives, when in fact it was sailing away from the battle zone when it was attacked.

Although the judge advised jurors to prosecute, they ignored his advice and Mr Ponting was let off.

Other high-profile cases followed including the whistleblower Cathy Massiter, who escaped prosecution despite revealing in 1985 that MI5 were illegally tapping the phones of public figures, human rights campaigners and pressure groups.

In 1987 the government mounted a huge legal battle to prevent the publication of former MI5 officer Peter Wright's memoirs. But Spycatcher was published in the US and Australia and copies found their way into Britain.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Since the new act came into force the government has achieved a number of legal successes.

In 1997, former MI6 officer Richard Tomlinson was sentenced to a year in prison for passing secrets to an Australian publisher.

In 2002 former MI5 officer David Shayler was jailed for six months for passing intelligence service information to a newspaper.

However in February 2004 Katherine Gun, a GCHQ translator, had charges of leaking American plans to bug UN diplomats before the war in Iraq dropped.

On 1 January 2005 the Freedom of Information Act came into force. It allows the public to access documents about the workings of government and other public bodies.

It is meant to make government more transparent although documents relating to national security or other sensitive information will remain confidential.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You need to explore new territory today so see if you can get your people to back you up — you'll learn all that the world has to offer. Someone close needs reassurance, which is easy to give.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Take your time and make sure that you're thinking through all of your options. You are almost certainly on the precipice of something big, but you need to be sure you're making the right call.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Someone you know, but not well, comes to your aid today. You may not even realize what's happening until it's all over. It's good to know that you've got people who are looking out for you.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Your mental energy is still as strong as ever. In fact, you may come to some startling new realizations about your past that puts your current situation into an entirely new light.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You need to expand your wealth of knowledge — and it should be great fun. No matter how you choose to learn, you should find that your mind engages with greater ease than usual.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Your energy is practically limitless today — so make sure that you're making the most of it! Your mood should be good, too, so it's a good time for you to confront difficult social situations.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
Compromise is vital today — and you need to make the first offer. It's okay to haggle back and forth for quite a while, as long as both parties acknowledge that they each need to give something up.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You're incredibly helpful today — as long as you choose to be, that is. You can score some points with the boss or a neighbor if you offer to lend a hand when the chips are down. Go for it!

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You need to have fun if you want to get anything done today — and fortunately, you have terrific energy and an even better mood! Make a game out of the boring stuff so you can get it done faster.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You've got a message waiting for you from your elders — and it may take the form of a dream or a sign from beyond. Pay attention, and you should know it when you see it. Remember, it's not a command.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Your altruistic side is making itself heard loud and clear today — you are definitely focused on the greater good! That may cause problems with someone close who feels too caught up in their own drama.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
You may find that your situation isn't black and white — it's either gray or rainbow-striped! The ambiguity is fine with you, but a close friend or family member could have some problems with it.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Chongqing	4	24	clear
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Nanjing	0	11	cloudy/clear
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Hangzhou	1	15	overcast/clear
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Frankfurt	5	3	drizzle
Paris	8	6	drizzle
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New York	0	9	overcast/drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Shaft shot from a bow; 6- Rolling in dough; 10- Woeful word; 14- Bobby of the Black Panthers; 15- Suffix with buck; 16- Money maker; 17- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame architect; 18- Poi source; 19- "A Death in the Family" author; 20- Grandparent; 23- Attack with severe criticism; 27- Name; 28- Trim; 29- A rural soviet; 34- Baffled; 36- Pan-fry; 37- Breast-supporting undergarment; 40- At the same time; 43- Tricky curve; 44- Expressed disapproval; 45- Refuse; 46- Logic; 48- City near Phoenix; 49- Medicinal shrub; 53- Eluded; 55- Counterpoise; 60- Hind part; 61- Abound; 62- Cosmetician; 67- Big brass; 68- Strip of wood; 69- Put back into service; 70- Kind of D.A.; 71- Automotive pioneer; 72- George of "Just Shoot Me";

DOWN: 1- Faulkner's "___ Lay Dying"; 2- Sleep stage; 3- Knock vigorously; 4- Cheer for Manolete; 5- Place on a scale; 6- Pro follower; 7- Teheran's country; 8- Thin rope; 9- Foot of a horse; 10- Stradivari's teacher; 11- Illumination; 12- Slippery as ___; 13- One cubic meter; 21- Accelerate; 22- Be present; 23- Room; 24- The Younger and The Elder; 25- Upbeat, in music; 26- High schooler; 30- City near Kobe; 31- Ways to the pins; 32- Perform better than; 33- RR stop; 35- Star-related; 37- Greeted the villain; 38- Charlotte ___; 39- Syrian president; 41- Half a fly; 42- Writer Bombeck; 47- Open mesh fabric; 49- Perfect Sleeper maker; 50- Horse play?; 51- Deadens; 52- Try to bite; 54- Swerves; 56- Wishing won't make ___; 57- Ringing instrument; 58- Went through, as the paper; 59- Tsp. and tbsp.; 63- Date; 64- Pull; 65- Conductor ___-Pekka Salonen; 66- Snaky swimmer

Yesterday's solution

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ANALYSIS

New FIFA president has big job undoing Sepp Blatter's damage

Tariq Panja and Hugo Miller

FOR the first time in nearly three decades global soccer has a leader whose name isn't Sepp Blatter. After passing sweeping reforms earlier in the day, FIFA's 207 delegates elected Gianni Infantino, a European soccer official who hails from a Swiss canton a few miles from Blatter's hometown. Infantino won with 115 votes, beating three other contenders.

Despite their shared geography, Infantino represents a break from the imperious and scandal-ridden Blatter who ruled FIFA with an iron fist even as he doled out cash to patrons in far-flung corners of the globe.

In choosing Infantino over the other leading candidate, Bahrain's Sheikh Salman al Khalifa, delegates rejected a staunch Blatter ally for a career soccer bureaucrat who has vowed sweeping change to win back skittish sponsors even as he attempts to lead FIFA out of the morass.

"We will implement reforms to make sure the image and reputation of FIFA will come back to where they belong," an emotional Infantino told a press conference after his victory.

Can Infantino make good on that promise? He's got a big job to do. Eight months ago, Swiss police swept into the posh Baur au Lac hotel in Zürich, arresting several senior leaders amid a joint Swiss-U.S. investigation into practices at the soccer governing body. Four days later and just after the 79-year-old Blatter secured another four year term, he was pressured to step down.

Hours before the election of Infantino, FIFA delegates, with some staying at same hotel where police descended in May, passed the most sweeping set of reforms in the governing body's 112-year history. The reforms include replacing FIFA's insular and discredited executive committee with a broader governing council that includes women, and 12-year term limits for the president and senior officials, as well as disclosure of their pay.

Now it's up to Infantino, a multilingual lawyer and secretary-general of the European soccer federation, to get those reforms implemented even as he fends off investigations on both sides of the Atlantic and works to woo back corporate



Swiss Gianni Infantino

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sponsors. FIFA hasn't signed a new sponsor since the 2014 World Cup, and with legal bills mounting the organization announced it was USD550 million behind in its revenue projections for the upcoming 2018 World Cup.

"He's not a politician. He's an administrator and an organizer and that's what FIFA needs," said Greg Dyke, chairman of the English Football Association. "It needs cleaning up and it needs sorting out and he's the best person to do it."

One of Infantino's first tasks

will be convincing top sponsors that FIFA is an asset, not a liability. Recently Visa Inc., Coca-Cola, McDonald's and Budweiser issued strong statements calling for the organization to embrace reform. After today's election, former sponsors reminded the world soccer body that simply passing the reforms was insufficient.

"FIFA must regenerate itself and create the needed transparency and cultural change that will restore its image and effectively resume its mission of developing football around the world," Coca-Cola, FIFA's oldest sponsor, said in a statement. Visa and McDonald's made similar statements, reiterating a call for independent oversight of FIFA's reform process.

The vote was a squeaker. In the days and hours leading up to the vote, it became clear that it would be a contest between Infantino and Sheikh Salman, with the Bahraini's

camp suggesting he had the edge thanks to the endorsement of Africa's soccer body to go with his own in Asia. So it was a surprise when Infantino led with 88 to Salman's 85 after the first round of voting. Africa and Asia had long been a stronghold of Blatter, an ally of Salman's. Infantino's Europe had been critical of the way FIFA had been run, with his former boss Michel Platini, set to make his own run to lead the soccer body before he

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was banned from soccer with Blatter in October.

Until Platini's ouster, Infantino had never been discussed as a potential candidate. He was elevated to the role as a stopgap while his French boss tried to appeal his suspension. With Platini definitely ruled out, Infantino, armed with a \$500,000 travel budget, toured the world to win votes.

For some of the delegates, it was the small details that swayed in favor of Infantino. A member of the Uruguayan delegation said the fact they could communicate with Infantino, who speaks six languages, made a difference. "With him we don't need to use Google translate," he said. "I don't speak Arabic."

Infantino, 45, grew up in Brig, about six miles from Blatter's hometown. Though never a top soccer player – he played for a while for the third team of F.C. Brig in Switzerland's fourth division – "his passion was always football, he was and is football crazy," said Patrick Amos, a classmate of Infantino's who now is in charge of sporting activities for the town.

Infantino showed early enthusiasm for soccer management, Amos said, organizing matches and thinking up ways to seek sponsors for the team. After graduating from the Kollegium Spiritus Sanctus in Brig, a high school founded in 1662, Infantino left his hometown to study law at the University of Fribourg, a bilingual city that straddles the French- and German-speaking divide in Switzerland.

Though he's worked his entire professional life in Switzerland, Infantino speaks at least five languages and at a recent press conference fielded questions in French, German, Italian, Spanish and English. In his post-election speech he also offered words in Arabic, the native language of his wife. After qualifying as a lawyer, he ran the Centre for Sports Studies at the University of Neuchâtel before joining UEFA's headquarters in Nyon overlooking Lake Geneva in 2000.

"It's a good day for the sport," said Sunil Gulati, a member of FIFA's soon-to-be-replaced executive committee. "This morning we passed the reform and we have a president we think very highly of, respect and look forward to working with."

Infantino appeared close to tears when the result was announced. "I have not yet realized probably what has happened today," he said.

Perhaps the biggest relief of all for Infantino and FIFA is that on this day, unlike that fateful early morning hotel sweep, no one was arrested.

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MOTORSPORTS

Two-time Macau winner steps into Mercedes role



Felix Rosenqvist

TWO-TIME Macau Grand Prix winner and current Euro Formula 3 champion, Felix Rosenqvist, has been named Mercedes-AMG test and reserve driver for the 2016 Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters (DTM) season.

The 24-year-old Swedish driver tested a Mercedes-AMG DTM car in December 2014 in Jerez, Spain as part of his reward for winning the Macau Grand Prix that year.

He says that he is already comfortable as part of the Mercedes line-up and is keen to prove his worth as a DTM driver.

"I've had an excellent relationship with Mercedes for quite a long time and really feel at home in the team," Rosenqvist said. "Of course, it will be a new experience for me to act as test and reserve driver for the DTM squad."

Rosenqvist will adopt this new role as Esteban Ocon steps into a rookie campaign in the German championship. Ocon, who undertook the role of DTM reserve driver last year, assisted other drivers and prepared himself for a future career during the season. He is now moving into a full-time driving role with Team ART Mercedes.

"If you get the chance to drive in the DTM, you want to be as well prepared as possible, so from that perspective, this is a great opportunity for me to learn as much as possible about the DTM," said Rosenqvist.

OLYMPICS

Rio's challenges, doping in Russia and Kenya top IOC agenda

Stephen Wilson, Lausanne

WITH five months to go until the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the challenges keep piling up. From the Zika outbreak to severe water pollution, from behind-schedule venues to delayed metro lines, from sluggish ticket sales to cuts in services, from Brazil's deep financial crisis to impeachment proceedings against its president, the buildup to South America's first games faces a long list of concerns.

Rio's final preparations and the status of anti-doping efforts in Russia and Kenya will top the agenda when the International Olympic Committee executive board holds a three-day meeting starting today in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The board is also expected to discuss progress in identifying refugee athletes who will compete under the IOC flag in Rio, the proposed formation of an independent agency to take over drug-testing for all sports, and plans for the Court of Arbitration for Sport to handle doping sanctions.

With next Saturday marking the five-month countdown to the Aug. 5 opening ceremony at the Maracana Stadium, Brazilian organizers are tackling issues on several fronts. Carlos Nuzman, head of the Rio organizing committee, will give his latest update to the IOC board on Wednesday.

Rio is preparing for the games at a time when Brazil is mired in its worst recession since the 1930s, President Dilma Rousseff is fighting impeachment and the country is dealing with a vast corruption scandal centered on state-controlled oil-and-gas giant Petrobras.

If that weren't enough, Brazil is now at the epicenter of the spread of Zika, the mosquito-borne virus that has been linked to a rise in cases of babies born with abnormally small heads. While the link to microcephaly has not been confirmed, the Zika outbreak has raised concerns among some athletes and fans ahead of the games.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised Friday that pregnant women consider not going to Brazil and that their male sexual partners use condoms after the trip or abstain from sex

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IOC President Thomas Bach

during the pregnancy. Women who are trying to become pregnant should talk to their doctors before making the trip, the CDC advised.

The IOC has repeatedly said it is monitoring the situation and following the guidance of the World Health Organization, which has declared Zika a global health emergency but has not issued any travel restrictions for Brazil.

"We're very confident that the athletes and the spectators will enjoy safe conditions in Rio de Janeiro," IOC President Thomas Bach said this month.

Other issues facing Rio:

— Delays to the main swimming venue could force a test event scheduled for April 15-20 to be moved to the nearby diving arena. The international swimming federation was already unhappy with reduction in seating at the pool.

— A track cycling test event from April 29 to May 1 could be scrapped because of delays to the velodrome, the International Cycling Union has said.

— Also at risk could be the subway line extension connecting the Copacabana and Ipanema beach areas to the western suburb of Barra da Tijuca, where the main Olympic Park is located. The IOC has expressed confidence the 10.3 billion Brazilian real (USD2 billion) project will be com-

pleted in time.

— Rio's drug-testing laboratory has until March 18 to meet World Anti-Doping Agency's guidelines. If it fails, the lab would be declared non-compliant, meaning thousands of doping samples during the games would have to be sent out of Brazil for testing, raising major logistical and financial challenges.

■ Ticket sales to the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro have been disappointing

— Athletes remain concerned about pollution in the waterways that will host Olympic competitions. On Saturday, activists staged a symbolic burial of the Guanabara Bay, the sewage-filled waters where sailing will be held. Last week, the local O Globo daily ran a photo of what appeared to be a severed arm floating in the bay.

— Ticket sales have been disappointing, with only about half of the 4.5 million domestic tickets sold as of early this year. The numbers are much worse for the Paralympics,

with only 10 percent sold of three million tickets.

Also, WADA President Craig Reddie will report to the IOC board on efforts by Russia and Kenya to become compliant with the agency's anti-doping code, as track and field athletes from both nations risk missing the Rio Games.

The IAAF suspended Russia from global competition in November following a WADA commission report that detailed a vast system of state-sponsored doping and cover-ups. WADA declared Russia's anti-doping agency non-compliant.

The IAAF says Russia must reform and meet a series of conditions in order to be readmitted. A new Russian anti-doping agency and lab must also be formed and accredited by WADA. Whether Russian track athletes will be reinstated in time for Rio remains uncertain.

Kenya has until April 5 to meet WADA requirements or face being declared non-compliant, a step toward a possible ban from the Olympics for its track and field athletes.

More than 40 Kenyan athletes have failed drug tests since 2012, and four high-ranking national federation officials are under investigation for doping cover-ups and other alleged wrongdoing. **AP**

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THE GENETIC TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION

One of the most exciting and promising developments in the history of medical science may bypass the U.S. if Congress fails to act. It needs to lift the ban on federal spending on research involving human embryos.

Other governments are already responding to the progress being made in genetic technology. The U.K. has given researchers permission to use an ingenious new gene-cutting technique called Crispr-Cas9 to investigate how human embryos develop. Chinese scientists have wielded the same tool to see if it's possible to fix, in human embryos, the gene responsible for beta-thalassemia, a deadly blood disorder. (So far, no.)

In the U.S., such studies are allowed - but only if they are privately funded. Not only is there the congressional ban, but the National Institutes of Health has refused to fund research that uses gene-editing technologies on human embryos.

This prohibition, unfortunate in itself, poses a greater problem: When genetic techniques advance to the point where they might be used clinically - that is, to safely prevent disease in human embryos that progress to live births - the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) won't be able to license them. This gives Congress even more compelling reason to change course.

The FDA has pointed out this problem: Its own expert panel has recommended that medical scientists be allowed to pursue "mitochondrial replacement therapy," or MRT. This is an experimental genetic technique that has the potential to prevent debilitating, sometimes deadly mitochondrial diseases with so-called three-parent embryos (it swaps an embryo's flawed mitochondrial DNA with that of a healthy donor).

For such technology to move beyond the laboratory and into actual practice, however, the FDA would have to license it, as if it were a drug or a medical device. But the agency said Congress prevents it from "using funds to review applications in which a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification."

And this is precisely what MRT does: It modifies an embryo in a heritable way. By the same token, the kind of human DNA-editing that Crispr is expected to enable - to alter genes responsible for diseases such as Tay-Sachs, Huntington's and sickle cell anemia - would presumably result in heritable changes. So it's possible to imagine a future in which there are powerful medical weapons that would be prohibited in the U.S.

It's true that these advances raise ethical and social concerns. In the case of MRT, offspring would have genes from three people - nuclear genes from the main parents and mitochondrial genes from a separate "mother." And the changes this would bring about, however beneficial, would be irreversible.

The way to deal with these concerns, however, is not to ban the practice. It is to carefully regulate and monitor it, and keep all participants sufficiently informed. This is the strategy recommended by the FDA panel and being followed in the U.K., whose parliament has authorized researchers to pursue MRT.

In other words, scientists should proceed with caution - but they should proceed. The alternative is to ignore an exhilarating opportunity to alleviate human suffering.

THE BUZZ BUFFETT CAN'T PREDICT HOW NEGATIVE RATES WILL AFFECT ECONOMY

Investor Warren Buffett says he can't predict how having interest rates negative for a prolonged period will affect the economy because it has never happened before.

The billionaire from Omaha said on CNBC yesterday that Berkshire Hathaway's insu-

rance units in Europe will lose money on the cash they have to keep in banks.

He joked that Berkshire would be better off stashing cash in a giant mattress instead of banks if only he could find a trustworthy person to sleep on top of a billion euros.

WEATHER

Cruise ship that was damaged in storm turns around again



A passenger from the Royal Caribbean cruise ship, Anthem of the Seas, awaits transportation after arriving at Cape Liberty cruise port

A cruise ship that was battered by a major Atlantic storm earlier this month was headed back to its home port over the weekend as another squall threatened its current voyage.

Royal Caribbean tweeted on Saturday that the Anthem of the Seas ship would return to the port of Bayonne, New Jersey.

"The decision to return home was based on avoiding forecasted gale warning weather conditions along our original itinerary and our desire to ensure the safety and comfort of our guests and crew," Cynthia Martinez, a spokeswoman for the Miami-based crui-

se line, said in a statement yesterday [Macau time].

John Turell, an executive with The Associated Press who is aboard the ship with his wife, said in an email that the ship's captain and its cruise director made announcements saying some people were suffering from norovirus.

"Sanitation levels on the ship have been boosted," said Turell, the AP's regional television executive for the Northeast. "[Ship] workers are scurrying around like ants, scrubbing down handrails, tables and any other surfaces that can be washed."

He noted that life aboard

the ship "appears quite normal" other than the very visible increased sanitation efforts.

Martinez said "a small percentage of our guests have experienced gastrointestinal illness thought to be norovirus," about nine to 10 cases per day out of more than 6,000 people aboard. "Those affected by the short-lived illness are responding well to over-the-counter medicine," she said.

Turell said passengers were told Saturday night that the cruise was being cut two days short because of a storm developing off Cape Hatteras. As a result, planned stops in Barbados and St. Kitts were being skipped and the ship was expected to arrive at its home port tomorrow.

The voyage's premature end comes just weeks after the Anthem of the Seas made headlines for another stormy incident.

The ship was damaged a day after it set sail on Feb. 6 when it encountered 30-foot waves and hurricane force winds, and its 4,500 passengers hunkered down for hours.

One passenger's lawsuit claims that people had to hold onto their beds to keep from falling and injuring themselves. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	60-80 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	65-85 Moderate
Ambient	60-80 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



USA Voters in the four states to hold 2016 presidential primaries and caucuses thus far have handed out just a fraction of the delegates it takes to win the Democratic and Republican nominations. But when a dozen states vote on Super Tuesday [tomorrow, Macau time], nearly half the delegates needed to win the Republican nod and more than one-third required to win the Democratic one are at stake. Each of the remaining major candidates has a "best-case scenario" for a day that's likely to provide some decisive moments in the 2016 race for the presidency.

USA Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev passed the U.S. citizenship test and denied terrorism links just months before he and his brother detonated two pressure cooker bombs that killed three people at the race's finish line. The revelations were made in hundreds of heavily redacted Department of Homeland Security documents provided to The Boston Globe.



VATICAN One of Pope Francis' top advisers acknowledges he had heard that an Australian Catholic school teacher who serially abused students might be involved in "pedophilia activity" in the 1970s, during an extraordinary public hearing of an Australian investigative commission just a few blocks from the Vatican. Australian Cardinal George Pell, who testified via videolink from Rome to the Royal Commission in Sydney, also conceded that the Catholic Church "has made enormous mistakes" in allowing thousands of children to be raped and molested by priests.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Oscars' selfie. From left: Mark Rylance, winner of the award for best actor in a supporting role for "Bridge of Spies", Steven Spielberg and Kate Capshaw attend the Governors Ball after the Oscars, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.