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THE Macao Government **■** Tourism Office (MGTO) participated in the Arabian Travel Market 2016, held in Dubai this week, to uncover the potential of the Middle East as a rising tourism market for Macau, according to a statement released by the MGTO yesterday.

The organization said that it is leveraging various platforms on the internet to promote Macau as a destination and further expand its international visitor market.

Beginning on Monday and ending today, MGTO deputy director Cecilia Tse and head of destination marketing Betty Fok represented the MSAR at the travel market in Dubai alongside delegates from Macau's travel trade.

The tourism office has been running a 40-square meter booth introducing Macau's tourism offerings, including products, facilities, events and festivals, under the often-repeated slogan, "Experience Macau your own style."

The MGTO says that it regards the Middle East region as one of Macau's tourism markets with great potential for future growth. As an annual major exhibition for the tourism industry of the Middle East and Pan-Arab region, the Arabian Travel Market presents an effective platform for the MGTO to showcase Macau as a travel **TOURISM**

MGTO showcases city in Dubai travel market



destination.

According to the organizer, the exhibition has this year at-

tracted over 2,800 exhibitors from across 87 countries and regions around the world, as

well as more than 26,000 tourism professionals and buyers. MGTO has participated in the exhibition once again this year, hoping to tap into the potential of the visitor source markets.

During the evening event, the MGTO gave a presentation about what the region offers to the tourism industry to expand visitor markets. Over 200 members of travel trade from around the world were invited to the evening reception.

"The MGTO has been dedicated to fostering the growth of international visitor markets and widening their diversity, with strenuous efforts to tap into the Middle East market as well," read a statement from the entity. "In recent years, the office has been riding on the momentum of smart tourism development and different platforms on the internet to promote Macao to the world."

This year, through "Travelport," a global travel commerce platform, the MGTO is aiming to promote Macau to people and travel agencies in the Middle East, thereby opening up the possibility for more potential markets to gain knowledge of, and access to, Macau. The MGTO expressed that it wants to create greater diversity in international market segments.

Over the past few years, Macau has recorded a dramatic surge in visitor arrivals from the Middle East. Last year the number rose by 15.8 percent to over 12,000. **DB**

Counterfeit products exported to Macau, Hong Kong



Gongbei Port, Zhuhai

AST Monday, the Guangdong Intellectual Property Office (GDIPO) presented its annual report regarding the province's protection of intellectual property. The report says that over 697,000 counterfeit products were exported to Macau and Hong Kong from mainland provinces, according to an article by Macau Daily News. The report mentions that the most serious case in relation to either SAR took place at Nansha port, Guangzhou, during last December: in total, 61,176 cosmetic products tagged with "Pond's" and "Unilever联合利华"

a Guangzhou company

were intercepted before

being exported.

According to the report, Guangdong province alone accounted for 20 percent of all cases brought before the law in China regarding the protection of intellectual property, with a total of 24,000 cases forwarded to the court. Moreover, the report also disclosed that a liaison system has been established between the three regional customs departments to aid in identifying the import and export of goods that may infringe intellectual property laws.

The report further acknowledges the benefits of a cooperation agreement signed with Hong Kong regarding the protection of intellectual property.

GAMING

Belle Corp urges PH government to stop casino expansion

Belle Corp Manila has called out to discourage the near-term expansion of casinos outside the Entertainment City complex in Manila, as it could defeat the purpose of establishing the company's joint venture integrated casino complex, City of Dreams Manila.

City of Dreams Manila, operated by Melco Crown Philippines, is now in its second year of operations and was poised to post year-on-year growth, according to Belle vice-chair Willy

According to a report by Philippine Daily Inquirer, Ocier warned that the situation could end in a similar fashion to Las Vegas, which faced competition from Native American gaming facilities like bingo halls and casinos located within Indian reservations.

"If you ask me, there should be no more multiple casinos because that killed Las Vegas," Ocier said. "For the whole of China, wherever they are, it is



Signage for the City of Dreams Manila casino resort

only in Macau where they are allowed to gamble. In Singapore, [there are] only two casinos and that's it for the entire country. That should be the same in the Philippines," the vice-chair emphasized.

Entertainment City is currently being developed as the country's version of gaming hubs like Macau and Las Vegas through four licensees.

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Galaxy posts first profit gain since 2014 on new resorts

ALAXY Entertainment Group Ltd. posted the first quarterly profit gain in more than a year as its new resorts drew in more casual gamblers and tourists.

First-quarter adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization rose 6 percent to HKD2.4 billion (USD309 million), the Hong Kong-based company said yesterday. Analysts projected profit of HKD2.47 billion, based on the median of five estimates in a Bloomberg News survey. It was the first year-on-year profit gain since the 1 percent increase in the third quarter of 2014.

The "solid" performance of Galaxy's new projects "should drive best-in-class profit momentum," DS Kim, an analyst at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Hong Kong, wrote in a note April 18. The new resorts helped the operator gain market share and improve its shift toward the mass-market as well as non-gaming business, he said.

An anti-graft campaign and slowing economy in China have discouraged high-rolling VIP gamblers to Macau, the



world's biggest gambling hub, where gross gaming revenue has fallen for 22 straight months. Galaxy, along with with the Macau units of Wynn Resorts Ltd. and Las Vegas Sands Corp., are looking to attract tourists to new family-friendly resorts.

The casino operator reported mass-market revenue from tables attracting casual gamblers was at HKD5 billion, a 17 percent increase from a year earlier and a 2 percent rise from last quarter. Revenue contributed by high-end gamblers saw a 17 percent year-on-year

decline, as the company continues to allocate resources to the mass market and non-gaming, the company said in a statement.

Galaxy's Macau Phase Two and Broadway Macau resorts, the first new projects in Macau in three years, began operating in May last year and features a 3,000-seat theater to broaden its appeal to families and tourists. The two properties have boosted Galaxy's exposure to the mass-market segment.

The local government has encouraged casino operators to diversify their businesses and ■ The casino operator reported massmarket revenue from tables attracting casual gamblers was at HKD5 billion

forecasts an increase in the proportion of casinos' non-gaming revenue to 9 percent by 2020 from 6.6 percent in 2014, according to the region's 5-year development plan.

Other casino operators are also looking for new ideas to diversify their business from high-end gambling. Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd. held its Hollywood-themed Studio City opening last October. The \$4.1 billion Wynn Palace will offer air-conditioned cable car rides and Sands China Ltd's Parisian will feature a half-size Eiffel Tower replica when they open later this year. MDT/Bloomberg

Water bill to increase by the end of the year

The Marine and Water Bureau will adjust the city's water bill by the end of this year, according to a report by TDM. Susana Wong Soi Man, the bureau's director, explained earlier this week that the adjustment is because of the mainland, which increases the fees every three years. "Mainland China will increase their bills in 2017 by around 10 percent," informed Wong. According to her, and based on the balance calculated during the last accounting period, the average cost of water stands at MOP6.68 per cubic meter, a price which she expects to reach MOP7.00. However, this cost does not account for the construction of the fourth water pipe and for the water treatment plant in Seac Pai Van.

Zhongshan Macau yacht scheme without start date



The opening date for the Free Yacht Travel Scheme remains uncertain, according to a report by Jornal Cheng Pou. The infrastructure will open after a complete check of the inspection building on the Zhongshan side. The opening date of the yacht scheme was postponed several times last year, with the authorities first attempting to schedule the opening for the middle of that year, and arranging a 24-hour checkpoint at Coloane Pier. The scheme was agreed upon between the two regions in July 2014.

Myanmar exhibition to kick off on Saturday

A five-day Myanmar gems and jewelry exhibition will kick off at the Macau Fisherman's Wharf on Saturday. Around 60 exhibition stalls will be arranged to present handcrafted products, such as jade colored gemstones, made in Myanmar. There will also be a Myanmar-style performance for visitors. Last year's exhibition attracted over 25,000 visitors, and, most noticeably, led to the sale of products worth over three million patacas. The organizer, the Myanmar-Macao Exhibition and Trade Promotion Association, this year expects 30,000 visitors and more than five million patacas in sales.

Lawmakers disagree over rental review formula

COME lawmakers are Dagainst a proposal that could see property rental reviews go up as much as 29 percent. On Tuesday, the president of the Legislative Assembly's Third Standing Committee, which is currently undertaking an article-by-article discussion of a law that introduces a rental control mechanism, said that the coefficient to establish rent rates upon review could be three times the legal interest rate. Cheang Chi Keong added that he saw no contradiction between this proposal and the intention of the nine lawmakers who presented the law that got a first-reading approval in November. That intention was reportedly to establish a cap in order rationalize rental prices in Macau.

However, yesterday two



members of the Third Standing Committee dismissed the proposal mentioned by Cheang Chi Keong. According to Gabriel Tong, the link between the rent revision and the legal interest rate was "not well accepted by most of the committee members."

"I don't know if it [the proposal] will just be a flawed suggestion. Members think it should be the Chief Executive, as initially established in the law, to establish the rental revision formula," he said, cited by TDM.

Leonel Alves, who is one of the proponents of the law and also a member of the Third Standing Committee, also told TDM that the rental increase should be determined according to the market situation and also the composite consumer price index (which is currently around four percent).

Fiscal reserve shows quarterly increase

FOLLOWING the approval by the Legislative Assembly of the 2014 government budget balance, MOP90.29 billion was transferred to the region's fiscal reserve during February 2016 in accordance with the prescribed law, the Monetary Authority of Macao announced in a statement yesterday. At the end of March 2016, the total amount of the MSAR's Fiscal Reserve recorded a quarterly increase of 26 percent to a preliminary figure of MOP436.01 billion. Of this, MOP132.82 billion constituted the Basic Reserve and MOP303.19 billion the Excess Reserve.

The Monetary Authority added that for the first quarter of this year, the total investment return of the Fiscal Reserve was MOPo.62 billion, representing an annualized rate of return of 0.6 percent. The investment was spread across four areas, three of which saw a positive return, while the fourth, equity markets, recorded a substantial loss.

For the first quarter of 2016, the currency exposure, fixed-income investment and interest income offered reasonable returns to the fiscal Reserve, whereas investments in equities reported a loss in revaluation due to the recent downturn of global equity markets. **DB**



JETCO launches app to ease small money transfers

TOINT Electronic Teller J Services (JETCO) launched a peer-to-peer inter-bank platform in Hong Kong on Tuesday, a mobile application that enables cardholders of three banks to transfer money to other individuals through their smartphones.

China CITIC Bank International and Shanghai Commercial Bank are already offering the service while Wing Lung Bank will launch the service in May. According to JETCO chief executive officer Angus Choi, a total of 14 banks are expected to join the platform by the end of the first half of 2017.

Meanwhile, Choi revealed that JETCO is in discussions with Macau regulators to expand the service to the region. However, he added that there are no plans to offer the Macau service in Yuan or US dollars.

Any individual with a



Hong Kong bank account can receive funds, provided that they have the JE-TCO Pay P2P Collect app, which is available for both Android and iOS devices. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority has set the maximum amount for the app at HKD3,000 every two days.

Choi said the firm wants to develop Hong Kong's mobile payment market and is seeking opportunities to cooperate, revealing that the company's next step is to add the peer-tomerchant service to the

peer-to-peer platform to enable clients to pay for online shopping,

Meanwhile, according to a South China Morning Post report, Hong Kong has been conservative in financial technology despite the expansion of the financial technology industry ('fintech') in the mainland and elsewhere.

Chief executive at Partners Capital International Ronald Wan emphasized that there are numerous rules and regulations in Hong Kong.

"It's a problem left over from history. Investors, regulators, and companies can hardly walk even an inch in the fintech industry," he said. "If you don't relax the rules, local firms are hardly able to compete with mainland peers such as Alibaba or Tencent."

MACAU PASS WITH NEW PAYMENT PLATFORM

MACAU PASS has launched "M + Pay", a third-party online payment platform. According to a report by Macao Daily News, from now on Macau Pass users can charge their cards directly through their personal accounts or through a bank account that is connected to "M + Pay." Each user account is limited to a balance of MOP5,000. The report also advised that the platform can be used to pay for online purchases and bill payments. "M + Pay" is supported by a webpage and an Android and iOS based application, which will all be available by the end of May. Users who intend to use this service can sign up for an account using their current phone number. Lao Kin Keong, deputy general manager of Macau Pass, revealed that cooperation with mainland online shopping companies, including Taobao, is currently under negotiation. He expects to reach an agreement later this year.

Unemployment rate remains stable

BOTH the unemployment rate (1.9 percent) and the underemployment rate (0.5 percent) for January-March 2016 remained stable from the December 2015 to February 2016 period.

According to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), the total labour force was 396,600 and the labour force participation rate stood at 72.3 percent. Total employment decreased by 1,400 to 389,000 from December 2015 to February 2016. Analysed by industry, employment declined in hotels and the gambling industries.

The number of unemployed persons was 7,700, up by 300 from December 2015 to February 2016. Fresh labour force entrants searching for their first job accounted for 6.3 percent of the total unemployed, down by 0.6 percentage points.

Considering the first quarter of 2016, the general unemployment rate (1.9 percent) remained unchanged when compared to the previous quarter. Total employment decreased by 4,100 quarter-toquarter, with those aged 55-64 falling by 1,200. Analysed by industry, employment in construction (48,200) dropped by 2,900, while that in restaurants (27,700) rose by 1,500.

Median monthly employment earnings of the employed remained stable at MOP15,000 from quarter to quarter, with those engaging in Gaming & Junket Activities and Construction earning MOP19,500 and MOP15,000 respectively. Moreover, median earnings of employed residents remained unchanged from the previous quarter, at MOP18,000.

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'Edgar Degas – Figures in Motion' opens tomorrow

Daniel Beitler

new exhibition celebrating the life and works of French painter and sculptor Edgar Degas will open tomorrow in the MGM Art Space as part of the "Fun for Everyone Campaign." It is being held in collaboration with "Le French May," the annual arts festival that aims to promote French art and culture in Macau and Hong Kong.

The exhibition, entitled "Edgar Degas - Figures in Motion," presents 74 pieces of bronze sculpture which have never been shown in Asia before, according to organizers, including the famous "Little Dancer Aged Fourteen."

Curated by L. Durst of the M.T. Abraham Foundation for Visual Arts, visitors will have the chance to explore the exhibition with the aid of interactive guides.

One room in the exhibition features a zoetrope, a pre-film animation device that produces the illusion of motion through a sequence of still pictures. It projects a succession of photographs of a horse and jockey that, through the sequence of images, creates the illusion that the animal is jumping. The room connects Degas's fascination with motion with the title of the exhibition.

"He [Degas] took lovely photographs," said Durst at the media preview to the exhibition. "Not only of horses, but of women and men in locomotion. He was fascinated by human and animal locomotion and movement."

French artist Pierre-August Renoir, a contemporary of Degas, had this to say about the artist and his ability to convey motion: "Degas found the means to express the 'ailment' of our contemporaries. I mean motion [...] before him, only the Chinese had found the secret of motion [in Tai Chi]. This is Degas' greatness: motion in French style" [sic].

However, the exhibition mostly features bronze sculptures by the Parisian artist. What is interesting in respect to these is that they were never intended to be shown to the public, rather they were designed

I think that his [Degas] art is fascinating because he was an innovator and a modernist for his time.

> DALIT L. DURST **CURATOR**



Dalit L. Durst, curator

to aid Degas in rendering the figures and animals in his paintings in more realistic perspective and proportionate terms. Thus the collection of his bronze figurines, representing a variety of wholesome and sometimes exaggerated poses, granted Degas a custom set of desk-sized references for his other works.

One of Degas's most renowned sculptures, "Little Dancer Aged Fourteen" is on display in another room. Standing one-meter tall, the sculpture portrays a posing ballerina girl, wearing a corset and tutu that contrasts with the bronze of the rest of the statue.

"He used ready-made materials [...] for example a real tutu that served as the skirt for the dancer and real human hair [on the sculpture's head]," explained the curator.

"[But] the visitors hated her," emphasized Durst when speaking to reporters. "Why? Because first of all she didn't look very 'classic'. They called her 'a monkey' or 'an opera rat.' She was not pretty, she was rigid and they simply hated her."

Edgar Degas, born in 1834, is renowned for his renditions of dancers, bathing women and racecourse subjects, and is regarded as both one of the founders of the Impressionist movement as well as a pioneer in abstract art. Despite this, Degas rejected the aforementioned categorization, preferring to consider himself a rea-

Asked about what drew her personally to Degas, exhibition curator Durst told the Times that although the artist held disreputable opinions, she nevertheless thinks his life story is interesting and that he has made a significant contribution to art.

"He was a bit of a misanthrope," she said. "He was an anti-Dreyfusard during the Dreyfus trial [...] and was never sorry for having condemned captain Dreyfus. He did not like women very much, although he pictured them and portrayed them."

"Yes, he was a wellknown misogynist," she added, "[which means] he had very contradictory qualities. But I think that his art is fascinating because he was an innovator and a modernist for his time."

The exhibition will not feature any of Degas' paintings; it is almost entirely composed of the bronze works designed to aid the artist.

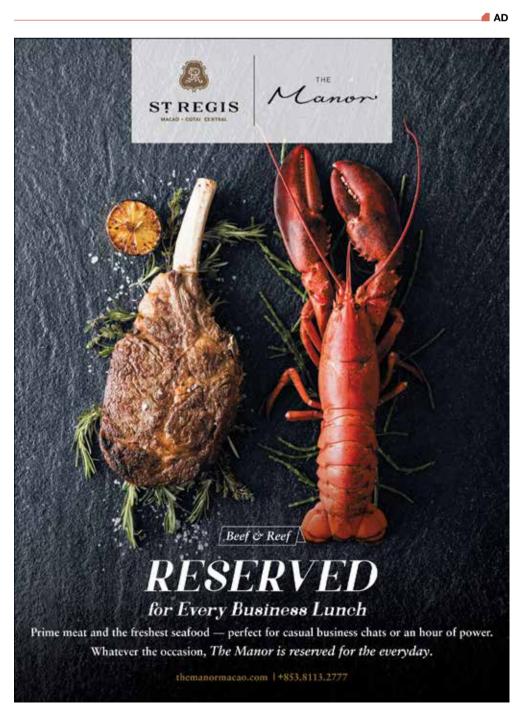
"This collection of 74 works belongs to the foundation [...] and unfortunately we don't have any of Degas's paintings. We could not get paintings from museums in China

Dega's famous sculpture, "Little Dancer Aged Fourteen"

on time... it was complicated," said Durst. "Of course it would have been ideal to have paintings amongst the works that would serve as dialogues with the sculptures. Maybe next time,"

she jokingly proposed.

The exhibition opens on Friday and will last until November 20. It is open between 12 p.m. and 9 p.m. except on Mondays when it is closed. Admission is free.



Police force to merge departments



Police officers manage the typhoon drill

Atyphoon drill was conducted yesterday by the Civil Protection Operational Center, during which the commissioner-general of the Unitary Police Service (SPU) disclosed plans for the merge of departments and the expansion of the operational center.

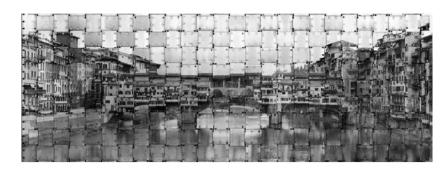
There were 27 governmental departments and private organizations that participated in the drill. In total, 24 scenarios were rehearsed, including drills of stranded vessels and floods.

Ma Io Kun, commissionergeneral of the SPU, acknowledged that the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau had predicted that four to six typhoons may reach the territory this year. "A review of the drill will be made after operations are completed," said Ma.

According to him, the Security Forces Coordination Office (GCSEG) will be combined with the current SPU. The GCSEG currently reports directly to the Secretariat for Security. A review of the

regulations and supervision of the works related to the plan are now ongoing. The department will "try to forward a report to the higher authority within the first half of this year."

Nonetheless, the commissioner also revealed that the police authority is requesting more space for the center facility, which is currently located in the Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau (DSFSM) building at Calçada dos Quartéis, because the currently available space is rather confined. "We will suggest to either expand the current facilities or build a new one," explained Ma, adding that "options under consideration are all within the police force structure." Ma expressed that there is no need to search for a location outside the security departments because close coordination works better. He expects a final decision to be announced some time this year.



ARTS

Exhibition features unusual images that mimic the look of woven textiles

THE exhibition "Travelogue - works by Park, Seung Hoon" will be inaugurated today at 6.30 p.m. at the Gallery of Taipa Houses-Museum.

Organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) and PYO Gallery, the exhibition features sixteen of the Korean artist's photographs, and will showcase two series titled "Textus" and "A Better Explanation," according to a statement by the IC.

The "Textus" series is captured on positive 16mm movie film with an 8x10mm camera, as Park weaves multiple filmstrips – produced across continents over the years – into a single unique photograph to reconstruct a scenario.

Park's latest work, "A Better Explanation," manifests change over time and space through long-term photography of the scenery surrounding the Arno River in Florence. In this series, he presents the scenery of the moment while depicting the social and historical development of the Arno River.

The organizer hopes that by sharing the artist's detailed creations with the public, the audience may develop their own imagination through the photographer's works.

The exhibition "Travelogue - works by Park, Seung Hoon" will run from tomorrow until June 26. Admission is free.

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Etihad Airways announces USD103m profit for 2015

Etay announced profits of USD103 million in 2015 off total revenues of \$9.02 billion, marking a fifth year in the black on its strategy of partnering with other carriers.

The Abu Dhabi-owned carrier, which is the United Arab Emirates' national airline, said its continued profitability showed the value of its approach of taking minority equity stakes and codeshares outside of traditional airline alliances.

In 2014, Etihad had a profit of \$73 million and revenues of \$7.6 billion. The airline said it carried 17.6 million passengers in 2015, an increase of 18.9 percent from the year before, while increasing its fleet count to 121 aircraft.

"Our profitability clearly demonstrates the success of our business strategy, based on organic growth boosted by our partnerships," James Hogan, Etihad Airways president and CEO, said in a sta-

Etihad has codeshare agreements with 49 airlines and holds stakes in Air Berlin, Air Seychelles, Jet Airways, Air Serbia, Alitalia and Virgin Australia. Its agreement with Air Berlin, Germany's second-biggest airline, has been contested by the German government. An appeals court in January allowed Etihad to continue most of its disputed codeshare flights for the rest of its winter schedule.

That dispute is part of a larger conflict pitting Gulf airlines like Etihad against longestablished carriers in the West, who allege they receive unfair subsidies. Gulf airlines repeatedly have denied the allegation, though the fight has grown increasingly bitter as American carriers demand the U.S. Congress take action.

The UAE is also home to the Dubai-based long-haul carrier Emirates, which is also targeted in the U.S. lobbying campaign along with Qatar Airways. AP

Nintendo sinks into bigger quarterly loss on weak sales

Yuri Kageyama, Tokyo

TAPANESE video-game U maker Nintendo Co. reported a 24 billion yen (USD216 million) loss for January-March yesterday, bigger than the loss it reported the previous year.

Nintendo also said yesterday that its new game platform codenamed NX will be launched globally in March next year. Some game fans had expected the machine might be shown at the annual E3 electronics show in Los Angeles in June.

Quarterly sales fell 26 percent on-year to 78.8 billion yen (\$708 million) as overseas revenues were hurt by a stronger yen. Nintendo racked up a nearly 18 billion yen quarterly loss the previous year.

The Kyoto-based company behind Pokemon and Super Mario games said yesterday it expects to recover to a 35 billion yen (\$314 million) profit for the fiscal year ending in March 2017.

For the fiscal year just ended, it earned 16.5 billion yen (\$148



million), down 61 percent from the previous fiscal year.

Recent sales of Nintendo's Wii U machine have lagged rivals Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 4 console and Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox One, including the key year-end holiday shopping season.

After years of scoffing at the threat from smartphones, Nintendo did an about face last year and entered an alliance with Japanese mobile game company DeNA Co. to develop games for mobile devices.

It said its first app for smartphones called Miitomo has done well since its release in March. The app features customizable avatars called Miis, created using a smartphone camera and then outfitted with virtual fashions.

The momentum of Nintendo's 3DS hand-held game machine has dwindled amid competition from other mobile devices and a lack of hit game software for the 3DS.

Nintendo said it will release a major Pokemon software game for the 3DS called "Pokemon Sun/Pokemon Moon" globally ahead of the holidays later this year. AP

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corporate bits

WYNN PALACE FOCUSED ON HIRING LOCALS



Wynn Macau has announced the hiring of over 3,600 local employees for its Wynn Palace casino resort, which is still under construction. According to a press release issued by Wynn on Tuesday, the resort "has now attracted | space of a month.

over 3,600 local talents. 1,000 of those being team members who have seen their internal transfers [from other Wynn properties in Macau] facilitated, and more than 300 newly hired employees in the

In addition, Wynn Paand fresh graduates.

The company stated that it was promoting members of its existing team to new roles at Wynn Palace, as over 200 local employees would be promoted in a bid to "prioritize the upward mobility of local residents."

Moreover, the multi-billion dollar integrated resort promised to increase the number of locals hired after the property opens its doors.

lace has also organized on campus recruitment days in collaboration with various tertiary institutes, attracting over 1,000 students. The company also orchestrated a Seminar and Open Day for local university students earlier this year, targeting prospective

ce and vinegar-caviar" and "wok fried sea-cucumber, wheat gluten with dried-

shrimp roe and onions." Meanwhile, the 888 Buffet will provide exclusive dishes including "chicken with water chestnut salad" and a "Portuguese roasted rack of lamb," which will be available during dinner buffets from May 16 to May 22. The 888 Food Court will launch a selection of limited-time menus with a decadent twelve-layer red velvet cake just for the occasion. Lastly, Moonlight Noodle house will be offering noodle menus starting at just MOP68, which will be available at the restaurant from the beginning of May.

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SANDS ANNOUNCES SPECIAL MENUS FOR 12TH ANNIVERSARY



In celebration of Sands Macao's 12th anniversary, the resort is offering special menus throughout each of its five restaurants for a limited time during May.

Copa Steakhouse, the resort's traditional-style American steak house will be showcasing a selection of dishes to celebrate the anniversary for the whole month of May. In one of the leading Chinese restaurants, Golden Court have created a menu featuring specialties such as "wok-fried prawns with chef Kan's special sau-

CHEC involved in investment of USD1 billion in the new port of Maputo

N international consortium, which includes the port company China Harbour Engineering Co, is projecting an investment of USD1 billion in a new port in Maputo province, to serve Mozambique and neighboring countries, including South Africa.

The project for the deep water port of Techobanine in Matutuíne district, southern Maputo province, is being promoted by a consortium led by Mozambican company Bela Vista Holdings (BVH) that in addition to CHEC, includes South African public rail company Transnet, according to weekly newspaper Savana.

Mozambique and Botswana initially agreed to this project in 2010, providing total financing of USD7 billion, the construction of 1,100 kilometers of rail link, with capacity to process 200 million tons of cargo per year, ranging from general bulk to ores, fuel and passengers.

In 2011, Zimbabwe joined the project, through a memorandum of understanding providing financing from the private sector and concession of infrastructure and the following year the master plan of the project



was completed and a public tender was launched to select a company responsible for economic viability studies.

Weekly newspaper Savana wrote that the plans are underway for construction of the port "which may somewhat ease the pressure on the port of Maputo and offer more competitive options for access to international markets by some Southern African countries."

"As this is a category A project, this development will be subject to a full environmental impact study, which will result in a plan for its management, supported primarily by the project", a source close to BVH told the newspaper.

An international consortium has already completed the preliminary environmental impact studies and, in response to its recommendations, the

The new port will facilitate and diversify access to the sea to several countries in the region

project's promoters have decided to choose a location that is 23 kilometers from the Maputo Special Reserve for the location of the port at Ponta Techobanine.

The port's construction works will include the opening a 3.5-kilometre access channel and the building of an industrial free zone, among other complementary facilities.

The new port will facilitate and diversify access to the sea to several countries in the region, such as Botswana, Swaziland and Zimbabwe, as well as shorten the distance to the coast from mining regions within South Africa.

A rail link through Swaziland, along the Maputo River, could help to significantly re-

duce transportation costs of ore produced in South Africa, "allowing for it to be placed on the Asian market at competitive prices," the newspaper said.

The East African coast is one of the areas included in the Chinese business strategy of the New Silk Road, which will support the creation of new infrastructure and industrial areas.

China has taken on an important role among Mozambique's main foreign partners and most analysts expect that role to increase.

"We expect that the involvement in the Mozambican economy of companies from Brazil, India and China will strengthen ties with these countries," said the latest report on Mozambique from the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

The China Harbour Engineering Co. is already in charge of the works of the new port of Beira, which began in September 2015.

This infrastructure in the second largest city in the country is seen as key to revitalize the country's fisheries industry and is prepared to serve the entire production chain, including refrigeration and export of processed products. MDT/Macauhub

Angola-China Chamber of Commerce wants to encourage partnerships

 $R^{\text{ESTORING}}_{\text{dence to setting up}} \ \, \text{confi-}$ business partnerships is the aim of the new Angola-China Chamber of Commerce, whose governing bodies include important figures from Angolan society and the business world.

The institution, which is a continuation of the former Angola-China Friendship Association, established in 1995, is group of several Chinese associations in Angola, a community currently consisting of about 200,000 individuals and to stimulate business partnerships between the two countries.

In addition to a board made up of 27 Angolan and Chinese businesspeople, the Chamber's president is Arnaldo Calado, former CEO of Angolan national diamond



The Angolan Kwanza

company Endiama, as President of the General Assembly Paulo Kassoma, former president of the National Assembly and one of its promoters is Carlos Feijó, one of Angola's most renowned lawvers.

In an interview with Angolan newspaper Novo Jornal, Calado said that the Chamber "will act as a platform for Angolan and Chinese businesspeople."

"It will be good to bring these Chinese private interests together with ours. We have several entrepreneurs who unfortunately lack funds, have space and ideas [...] but lack the funds," said the head of the Chamber, referring to the credit lines opened by China.

"The most important thing in business is trust. That has not happened so far. The lack of confidence of Chinese entrepreneurs due to various situations will be minimised with the Chamber. Our partners will have our seal of approval. There is no suspicion here. This is key in business. And it is something that the Chinese did not have before," he said.

The Chamber currently brings together over 200 Angolan companies and more than 100 Chinese companies.

The Chamber has seven strategic areas made up of the offices for food, agro-industry and fisheries; construction, housing and infrastructure; transport and logistics; banking, insurance and capital markets; tourism, housing and culture; health and education; water, energy and mineral resources; innovation, information and communication technology; trade, industry and services.

"Our time is short, we have to move fast. Over and above the time we have to prepare the studies, we have to have elements. For other example, if a Chinese investor is interested in investing in a farm in one of the provinces, we have to mention that this money will have to enter the BNA, go through the procedures and all these things that are out of our hands. As the Chamber we will put pressure on," Calado told Novo Jornal.

"Fortunately we have a political climate that allows us to negotiate. We do not have the problems that exist in many countries. I think that despite the economic and financial crisis affecting the whole world, and also Angola, the political and legal climate, of the laws governing business in the country is considered very good," he said.

With low oil prices dragging on that has made diversification of the economy more urgent and the "drying up" of several credit lines to stimulate economic activity, the Chinese financing has become increasingly important for Angola.

According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), China will continue to be an important partner, which was evident in the announcement made February that USD5.3 billion of Chinese credit lines will be used to finance 155 public investment projects across the country.

According to the EIU in its latest report on Angola, the government of Luanda is expected to continue prioritizing the payment of debts to China, in order to ensure the continuation of the Chinese credit. MDT/Macauhub





"Plano Quinquenal de Desenvolvimento da RAEM (2016-2020) Projecto" Segunda parte

Reserva de terrenos e planeamento urbanístico

- Criar reserva de terrenos
- Planear as zonas marítimas e terrestres e elaborar o Plano Director Urbanístico
- Declarar a caducidade de concessão de 23 terrenos não aproveitados dentro do prazo previsto, com uma área total de 85 mil metros quadrados
- Declarar igualmente a caducidade de concessão de 10 terrenos que não reúnem condições para a conversão em concessão definitiva, com uma área total de 172 mil metros quadrados

Desenvolvimento saudável do sector do jogo

- Aumentar o número de mesas de jogo em valor não superior a
- Introduzir mais variedades de serviços de lazer, acolhedores e saudáveis, de recreação, de comércio e negócios, de convenções e exposições e de actividades multiculturais
- Concluir a revisão intercalar da indústria do iogo

Promoção do desenvolvimento coordenado dos sectores não-jogo

- Indústria de processamento tradicional: com o esforço conjunto do sector, definir políticas e medidas precisas de apoio
- Venda a retalho: aumentar o peso da população activa deste sector em
- Hotelaria: aumentar o número de quartos e de postos de trabalhos Indústria: Criar produtos industriais com designação de "Made in Macau" e "Criados em Macau", para
- responder ao progresso e à modernização da Construção: Promover a construção das grandes
- infra-estruturas públicas Financeiro: Promover a construção do "ficheiro de dados de crédito", da "plataforma de pagamento de terceiros" e do "sistema electrónico de liquidação de títulos" e estudar o desenvolvimento das actividades

financeiras com características próprias Turismo de qualidade e roteiros especiais

- Concluir o "Plano Geral para o Desenvolvimento da Indústria do
- Melhorar de forma adequada a capacidade de carga do turismo Intensificar o desenvolvimento em conjunto entre o sector do turismo e os sectores afins
- Explorar de forma activa novos mercados e novas fontes de turismo
- Incentivar os empreendimentos turísticos de grande envergadura para cooperarem em conjunto com as pequenas e médias empresas
- Formar a marca turística de Macau
- Consolidar e enriquecer os produtos turísticos e explorar o turismo de lazer, turismo marítimo, turismo de saúde e turismo comunitário

Fomentar o novo desenvolvimento do turismo cultural



Convenções e exposições

Impulsionar o desenvolvimento de varias acavidades, a restauração, o mente, a publicidade e propaganda, a logistica, a restauração, o

- Considerar a "primazia de convenções" como uma direcção e acelerar o fomento das indústrias adjacentes ao sector de convenções e exposições, com vista a atrair turistas em negócios Medicina tradicional chinesa
- Construir o Parque Científico e Industrial de Medicina Tradicional Chinesa na Ilha de Hengqin
- Aperfeiçoar o sistema de padronização de medicamentos da medicina tradicional chinesa e o respectivo sistema de controlo Indústrias culturais e criativas
- Envidar esforços para que os 50 projectos culturais venham a
- Desenvolver a função de apoio financeiro do Fundo das Indústrias

Apoio às pequenas e médias empresas

- Criar o "Plano de acção de apoio às pequenas e médias empresas" e melhorar as actuais medidas de apoio
- Reforcar a função do Fundo de Desenvolvimento
- Industrial e de Comercialização Acelerar a divulgação da aplicação das tecnologias
- Apoiar as pequenas e médias empresas na participação do
- projectos de desenvolvimento de Hengqin

estimular as concessionárias do Jogo na escolha dos mesmos

- Proporcionar às pequenas lojas tradicionais e típicas a
- recriarem as suas marcas Concretizar a escolha dos produtos de concepção ou de origem local nas aquisições de bens e serviços pelo Governo e

Empreendedorismo entre os jovens

- Criar um ambiente incubador de empreendedorismo
- Optimizar o serviço do centro incubador para os jovens empreendedores e introduzir incubadores empresariais Ambiente incubador de
- Incentivar a entrada de grandes grupos de investimento semente e fundos de investimento de apoio ao empreendedorismo
- Centrar nos estudos de inovação da ciência e tecnologia, na medicina tradicional chinesa e nas indústrias criativas
- Aproveitar a cooperação regional para ampliar as possibilidades de negócios



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Cooperação regional e ampliação das possibilidades de negócios

- Integrar de forma activa no processo de desenvolvimento do País e reforçar o nosso papel e função no contexto do desenvolvimento económico e no processo de abertura do País ao exterior
- Promover a estratégia de desenvolvimento que se traduz na diversificação adequada da economia local e no aprofundamento da cooperação regional
- Promover o desenvolvimento da Plataforma de Serviços para a Cooperação Econômica e Comercial entre a China e os Países de Língua Portuguesa
- Participar e apoiar na construção de "Uma Faixa, Uma Rota"
- Sob a égide da cooperação da Região do Pan-Delta do Rio das Pérolas, aprofundar a cooperação de Macau com as Províncias de Guangdong e Fujian, com Beijing, com Taiwan e com Hong Kong
- Alargar o âmbito de cooperação, da área comercial e económica para áreas mais diversificadas, designadamente nas áreas de serviços sociais, gestão urbana, cultura e educação e do desporto terapêutico

Elevar as capacidades governativas

- Divulgar as informações do Governo em tempo real e apresentar de forma
- Rever o sistema dos órgãos consultivos das diversas áreas de políticas
- Rever de forma global o Regime jurídico da função pública
- Estudar o mecanismo de promoção e selecção dos trabalhadores da
- Administração Pública
- Rever de forma global os regimes de avaliação do desempenho dos titulares de cargos e dos trabalhadores em geral
- Optimizar o fluxo administrativo e promover o Governo electrónico Concluir a primeira fase da reestruturação funcional e iniciar os trabalhos
- da reestruturação orgânica Concluir os trabalhos para a criação do órgão municipal sem poder político
- Introduzir um mecanismo de avaliação por uma terceira parte
- Aperfeiçoar o regime de apreciação do desempenho do
- pessoal de direcção
- Fortalecer o regime de responsabilização do pessoal de direcção

Aumentar o número de serviços "one-stop" Reforço da construção do sistema jurídico

- Desenvolver plenamente as funções do Comissariado Contra a Corrupção e do Comissariado de Auditoria
- Prosseguir continuamente os trabalhos de recensão dos diplomas legais
- Promover a divulgação sistemática da Constituição Nacional e da Lei Básica da RAEM
- Elevar a qualidade das eleições democráticas e fomentar a cultura
- saudável das eleições
- Aperfeiçoar o mecanismo de formação judiciária para a formação de
- magistrados e funcionários de justiça
- Promover a elaboração de diplomas legais nas áreas de maior importância
- Impulsionar, de forma estável, o desenvolvimento do sistema político

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Movie 'Doctor Strange' turns Tibetan man into European woman

Louise Watt, Beijing

Tibetan male character Afrom the "Doctor Strange" comic books presented such a political minefield to Marvel that in the film version they cast a Caucasian woman in the role, reflecting the pressures Hollywood movie makers perceive when trying to appeal to the Chinese market.

One of the film's screenwriters has suggested that the casting of British actress Tilda Swinton as sorcerer the Ancient One was partly done to avoid potentially offending China's government and moviegoers, who now represent the world's second-largest annual box office after North America.

Although some online commentators criticized the casting of a white woman rather than a Tibetan actor, the film's backers apparently didn't want to risk losing out on Chinese distribution by introducing the highly politically charged subject of Tibet.

While the Ancient One was written in the comic book as Tibetan, "if you acknowledge that Tibet is a place and that he's Tibetan, you risk alienating 1 billion people," screenwriter C. Robert Cargill said in a podcast interview

with the Texas-based Double-Toasted.com.

There was, Cargill said, a risk of "the Chinese government going, 'Hey, you know one of the biggest film-watching countries in the world? We're not going to show your movie because you decided to get political."

Hollywood producers are increasingly attempting to woo the Chinese audience and government with China-friendly story lines and Chinese actors. Only a limited number of Hollywood films are allowed into China each year and those dealing with political or social topics frowned upon by the ruling Communist Party are doomed to miss the cut.

Even given such concerns, the apparent degree of caution shown by Marvel was re-

Movies that simply mention Tibet and Tibetans aren't necessarily displeasing to Beijing, although those that criticize its rule over the Himalayan region, such as the 1997 film "Seven Years in Tibet" starring Brad Pitt, most definitely are. China says Tibet has been part of its territory for more than seven centuries, although many Tibetans say the region was effectively independent for most of that time.

In a statement, Marvel said it has "a very strong record of diversity in its casting of films," Mashable reported yesterday. Marvel did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

"The Ancient One is a title that is not exclusively held by any one character, but rather a moniker passed down through time, and in this particular film the embodiment is Celtic," the Marvel statement was quoted as saying.

Cargill, who wasn't involved in the casting of Swinton, said the comic book character of the Ancient One was "a racist stereotype." "There is no other character in Marvel history that is such a cultural landmine, that is absolutely unwinnable," he said, adding: "It all comes down on to which way you are willing to lose."

Casting a "Chinese actress as a Tibetan character" would have been a bad idea, Cargill

If a Tibetan actor had been cast in the role, Cargill said people would have criticized the movie as "it's another white guy goes to the Orient, adopts their ways and then comes back and it's the great white hero story."

He said director Scott Der-



rickson instead decided to "make one of the most powerful characters in the Marvel universe a woman."

"Everybody kind of pats us on the back for that and then decides to scold us for her not being Tibetan," said Cargill. "We knew that the social justice warriors would be angry either way."

Tibetans in exile re-elect Lobsang

"Doctor Strange," due out late this year in the United States and other countries, stars Benedict Cumberbatch as the titular neurosurgeon who goes on a quest to find the Ancient One and ends up being trained in otherworldly powers. Whether the film will be accepted for release in China isn't yet known. AP



OBSANG Sangay has ⊿been re-elected prime minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile in voting held last month, officials announced yesterday, with Sangay saying the election shows that Tibetans in exile "are practicing democracy, whereas China is not."

Tibetan election officials announced the result in the northern Indian town of Dharmsala, the headquarters of the government-in-exile. Sangay, 47, defeated his only rival, Penpa Tsering, receiving about 58 percent of the 58,740 votes cast.

It was the second election since the Dalai Lama stepped down as head of the government-in-exile in 2011 to focus on his role as the Tibetans' spiritual leader. Tibetans living in exile cast their votes in 40 countries.

China says Tibet has historically been part

of its territory since the Lama since 2010. mid-13th century, and the Communist Party has go-

verned the Himalayan region since 1951. But many Tibetans say that they were effectively independent for most of their history, and that the Chinese government wants to exploit their resource-rich region while crushing their cultural identity.

The Dalai Lama and his followers have been living in exile in Dharmsala since they fled Tibet after a failed 1959 uprising against Chinese rule.

China doesn't recognize the Tibetan governmentin-exile, and hasn't held any dialogue with the representatives of the Dalai

Sangay as prime minister

very clear and powerful message to the Chinese government and the country, China," Sangay told reporters after the result was announced. "It is a clear statement that even exile Tibetans are practicing democracy, whereas China is not."

Sangay said his government would continue to fight for basic freedoms and genuine autonomy for Tibetans living under Chinese rule in Tibet.

Last month, he called for China to engage in dialogue on autonomy for his people's homeland. Stressing that a dialogue with China would be his

main initiative, he said he "This election sends a hoped that Chinese President Xi Jinping would look at the Tibetan issue and take the initiative to hold talks with Tibetan exiles.

Yesterday, Sangay called the results of the election "the consolidation of democracy" and said an increased participation of Tibetans in the voting process reflected their maturity.

"By democratic standards, the exile Tibetan democracy is now a fullfledged, consolidated democracy," he said.

The international community, he said, should look at his administration as a legitimate democratic identity. He said the exiled government "in many ways" reflected the aspirations of Tibetans inside Tibet.

Tibetan officials in exile say at least 114 monks and laypeople have set themselves on fire to protest Chinese rule over their homeland in the past five years, with most of them dying. U.S. governmentbacked Radio Free Asia puts the number of selfimmolations at 144 since 2009.

Beijing blames the Dalai Lama and others for inciting the immolations and says it has made vast investments to develop Tibet's economy and improve the quality of life. AP

HINESE President Xi Jinping said more should be done to deal with unemployment as the government tries to curb overcapacity in stateowned enterprises, anticipating "many hardship" as the world's second-largest economy comes under increasing strain.

"As supply-side structural reform deepens, some employees will be laid off," the official Xinhua news agency reported Xi as saying during an April 24-27 visit to Anhui province.

Xi said it is the "bottom line responsibility" of officials to ensure people's livelihoods

"We should pay more attention to employment, create more jobs, and implement and improve assistance measures."

Xi's remarks underscore the tightrope Chinese authorities must tread as they seek to overhaul the bloated USD18 trillion state-owned enterprise sector, with labor unrest emerging as a key concern. Steady employment and rising salaries are crucial to the shift toward an economy premised on consumption and services, and they also underpin the legitimacy of the Chinese government.

While authorities have pled-

Xi urges focus on jobs with economy under growing strain



President Xi Jinping talks with villagers on poverty alleviation work in a village, in Anhui province

ged there won't be a repeat of widespread layoffs that accompanied a similar overhaul in the 1990s, around 1.8 million workers in the steel and coal sectors alone are expected to be lose their jobs. State-ow-

ned companies are plagued by inefficiency, but they provide employment for millions of people and power much of the economy, from energy to commodities to shipping.

In reported comments yes-

terday, Xi said it is the "bottom line responsibility" of officials to ensure people's livelihoods, and that reform should start with "issues people feel most strongly about.'

He said businesses should be

encouraged to carve out more job openings, while regions should optimize supply structures, improve product quality, and develop new industries, products and services. **Bloomberg**

Fishermen protest Japan's seizure of boat



In protest of the Japanese coast guard recently detaining a Taiwanese fishing boat, fishermen hurl eggs outside of the Japan representative office in Taipei

CCORES of Taiwanese **O**fishermen protested yesterday outside Japan's representative office in Taiwan to demand an apology over the seizure of one of their fishing boats by the Japanese coast guard.

The fishermen lobbed eggs and clashed briefly with police while delivering a petition at the Interchange Association, which handles relations between the two in the absence of formal diplomatic ties.

Taiwan's government has called the boat's seizure Monday about 150 nautical miles southeast of Japan's Okinotori islands an illegal act, saying it was fishing in international waters at the time. The uninhabited islands, located more than 1,700 kilometers south of Tokyo, consist mostly of partially submerged coral

The boat owner, Pan Chung-chiu, said he paid a USD54,442 bond to secure the release of the Tung Sheng Chi No. 16 and its 10 crew members.

"As a fisherman of [Taiwan] I didn't do anything wrong," said Pan.

At yesterday's protest, chairman of the National Fishermen's Association Lin Chi-tsang compared the seizure to "pirates asking for a large ran-

Japan considers the surrounding waters to be its exclusive economic zone, give it rights to fish stocks and other resources in the area. To help maintain that status, it has been shoring up structures built on the reefs. AP

Before FM's arrival, China says ties with Japan improving

to Beijing later this news briefing. Ministry said yesterday that frequently tense relations with Tokyo have been getting better.

Spokeswoman Hua Chun-ying told reporters yesterday that Fumio Kishida's visit starting tomorrow comes as ties "have shown signs of improvement, yet in the meantime are still facing challenges."

"We hope Japan can meet China halfway [...] properly deal with the issues and make concrete contributions to the sound and steady development ral Chinese cities. AP

Japan's of the bilateral reladiplomat tionship," Hua said at making a rare visit a regularly scheduled

week, China's Foreign Kishida is due to meet Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and other officials for talks on bilateral relations and other issues of common concern. Hua said.

Many Chinese believe Japan has yet to truly atone for its brutal World War II invasion of much of China. High-level exchanges have been largely frozen since Japan nationalized a string of uninhabited East China Sea islands claimed by China in 2012, setting off violent anti-Japanese protests in seve-



PHILIPPINES

Aquino: Canadian's killers also plotted to kidnap Pacquiao

Jim Gomez, Manila

THE Philippine president **⊥** said yesterday that Abu Sayyaf militants may have plotted to kill him and kidnap boxing star Manny Pacquiao, disclosing previously unknown details about an extremist group blamed for the beheading of a Canadian hostage.

President Benigno Aquino III said the Muslim militants also wanted to explode bombs in metropolitan Manila to try to get funding from the Islamic State group but the plans were uncovered and troops have reduced the Abu Sayyaf's ability to inflict harm.

Aquino, whose six-year term ends in June, vowed "to devote all my energies" to ensure that the extremists would be "at the very least [...] a very seriously degraded problem" for his successor.

While he has forged a peace pact with a larger Muslim re-



President Benigno Aquino III

bel group, Aquino said there is no possibility of engaging in talks with the brutal Abu Sayvaf, which is accused of beheading Canadian John Ridsdel on Monday in southern Sulu province.

"We have always believed in the power of dialogue, development and positive engagement over arms," Aquino said.

But he said of the Abu Sayyaf, "You have chosen only the language of force and we will speak to you only in that language."

Ridsdel, 68, was beheaded after the Abu Sayyaf did not receive a large ransom it had demanded by a Monday deadline. A fellow Canadian, a Norwegian and a Filipino woman who were kidnapped with Ridsdel from a southern marina in September are still being held by the militants, along with about 20 other foreign hostages.

Police have recovered Ridsdel's head, which was dumped by the militants in Sulu's Jolo town. A headless body of a Caucasian man was also found by villagers in a mountain clearing in Sulu and police forensic experts were checking yesterday if it was that of the former mining executive.

Aquino said he sent a letter expressing condolences to Ridsdel's family, describing his death as appalling.

In Canada, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he spoke with Aquino about possible actions against the kidnappers.

"The discussions I had with President Aquino and are continuing to have with our allies in the Philippines is the need to bring these criminals to justice and to do whatever we can to express that we are very concerned about security of Canadians," Trudeau said.

The Canadian leader stressed that "we will not pay a ransom."

A sizeable Abu Sayyaf force, led by militant commander Radulan Sahiron, is surrounding the remaining captives, Aquino said. While that is a delicate situation, "it is also an opportunity because smashing these forces is within our grasp," he said.

"Casualties are to be expected," he said, but he added that troops were adequately trained and well-armed.

Aquino said the Abu Sayyaf militants have posed as Islamic freedom fighters, but "have behaved as criminals focused on enriching themselves by taking hostages for ransom."

"They allegedly even hatched plots to kidnap Manny Pacquiao or one of his children, as well as my sister Kris or one of her children, with the plan to use them in bargaining for the release of their cohorts," he said, referring to his younger sister, who is a famous actress.

"Threats against my own life have been investigated," he said, without elaborating. AP

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Kristen Gelineau, Sydney

HE fate of hundreds of asylum seekers being held in a detention center in Papua New Guinea was in limbo yesterday as the country's prime minister announced the facility would close in response to a court ruling that Australia's detention of the men on the island nation is illegal.

Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister Peter O'Neill said he would immediately ask Australia to come up with alternative arrangements for the 900 asylum seekers and refugees currently held on the Pacific nation's Manus Island.

The decision prompted fresh questions about the future of Australia's divisive policy of refusing to accept asylum seekers who try to reach its shores by boat. Australia pays Papua New Guinea and Nauru to hold them in detention camps instead.

"We did not anticipate the asylum seekers to be kept as long as they have at the Manus Center," O'Neill said in a statement.

He said that those deemed to be legitimate refugees could resettle in Papua New Guinea "if they wish to be a part of our society and make a contribution to our community."

"It is clear that several of these refugees do not want to settle in Papua New Guinea and that is their decision," he said.

O'Neill's announcement, which gave no timeframe for the facility's closure, follows a ruling by the nation's Supreme Court on Tuesday that said the detention of the men at Manus was a violation of their constitutional right to personal liberty. Australian officials have been

Australia's refugee camp in Papua New Guinea to close



Iranian asylum seekers who were caught in Indonesian waters while sailing to Australia sit on a boat at Benoa port in Bali

scrambling to respond to the decision, with Immigration Minister Peter Dutton saying none of the men will be resettled in Australia despite the pleas of human rights groups.

The chaos came as an Iranian refugee at Australia's detention center on Nauru set himself on fire in an apparent protest over

Australia's strict asylum seeker policies. Dutton said the man would be airlifted off the island for medical treatment yesterday night.

"He is in a very, very serious condition and his outlook is not good at all," Dutton told reporters.

Dutton insisted the court ru-

ling would not change Australia's policy. Australian officials were in talks with other countries that could potentially take detainees who had been declared genuine refugees, Dutton said. Australia already has a deal with Cambodia that allows refugees held on Nauru to settle there, though only five people have taken up that option.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said the government had no immediate plan to contend with Tuesday's court ruling, which ordered both countries' governments to quickly end the detention of the men held at the facility.

"We were not a party to the litigation as you know, but this is something that's under consideration," Turnbull told reporters in Brisbane, "I can't provide a definitive road map from here."

The 23-year-old Iranian refugee on Nauru set himself on fire in a protest intended to coincide with a visit to the island by representatives of the U.N. refugee agency, Nauru's government said in a statement.

Self-harming incidents do happen on occasion at Australia's immigration detention camps, with asylum seekers cutting themselves, swallowing chemicals or sewing their mouths shut as a form of protest. But the incident was particularly

Asked if he felt any responsibility over the apparent desperation of asylum seekers left languishing in detention, Dutton replied: "I feel terribly for people that have been conned by people smugglers to pay thousands of dollars believing that they were coming to Australia." AP

THAILAND

Thais are used to hot Aprils, but not this hot!

ANIMALS at Bangkok's zoo are being fed special frozen fruit pops. People are flocking to shopping malls just to soak up the air-conditioning. Authorities are telling people to stay out of the blazing sun to avoid heat stroke.

April in Thailand is typically hot and sweaty, but this year's scorching weather has set a record for the longest heat wave in at least 65 years.

The average peak temperature each day this month has been above 40 degrees Celsius, with the mercury spiking one day to 44.3 degrees C-justshort of the all-time re-

The heat wave has also fueled a new record for



energy consumption and prompted health warnings on everything from foodborne illness to drowning, both of which rise every April when Thailand's hottest month coincides with school summer break.

"As of now we can say we've broken the record for the highest temperatures over the longest duration in 65 years — and the season isn't over yet," said Surapong Sarapa, head of the Thai Meteorological Department's weather forecast division. Thailand began keeping national weather records after 1950.

On this very day, April 27, in 1960, Thailand posted its hottest day ever recorded with 44.5 degrees Celsius in the northern province of Uttaradit.

Countries across Southeast Asia are feeling the heat, which scientists say is triggered by El Nino, a warming of parts of the Pacific Ocean that changes weather worldwide and tends to push global temperatures up. El Nino has also been blamed for causing the worst drought in decades across the

Thailand's Department of Disease Control has warned people to beware of food poisoning and other food-related illnesses that typically increase during hot weather when bacteria can thrive on unrefrigerated food.

"Stay indoors, try to limit activity outdoors. Wear sunglasses, wear hats with large brims. Drink more water than usual," the disease control center said in a statement this week. It also reminded of the increased risk of drowning in hot weather as children flock to Thailand's beaches, ponds and lakes to take a swim.

"Do not let young children out of your sight for even a brief moment," the statement said, noting that an average of 90 children die every month in Thailand from drowning but that number increases to about 135 in April.

Thais are used to the heat. April typically brings an average of 38-degree C days. The current stretch of sweltering weather has been a main topic of conversation, but people are taking it in

In Cambodia, the hot weather was blamed for the death of an elephant trained to carry tourists at the famed Angkor Wat temple compound. Local media carried pictures of the pachyderm which collapsed last week and quoted the Angkor Elephant company as saying she had apparently died of a heart attack due to high temperatures and lack of wind. AP



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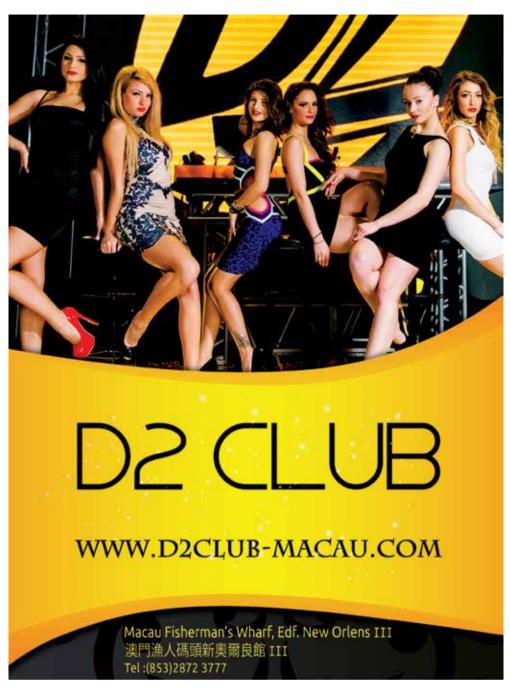
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Julie Pace, Washington

OLSTERING his grip on the Republican primaries, Donald Trump prepared vesterday for a general election showdown with Hillary Clinton, accusing the Democratic front-runner of "playing the woman card" in her presidential campaign.

Trump swept five states in Tuesday's Northeast primaries, bringing him tantalizingly close to securing the Republican nomination against Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich. Clinton, meanwhile, is now 90 percent of the way to her party's nomination after four solid victories of her own.

Trump, the Republican businessman, pushed forward with his charge that Clinton is "playing the woman card," telling CNN's "New Day" in a telephone interview yesterday that "she does have the woman card" but said that "a lot of women don't like Hillary, despite the card."

Clinton said during her rally in Philadelphia that Trump had accused her of playing the "woman card," telling supporters, "if fighting for women's health care and paid family leave and equal pay is playing the 'woman card,' then deal me in.'

The Republican race now turns to Indiana, where next week's primary marks one of Cruz's last chances to slow Trump and push the race toward a contested convention. While Trump does need to keep winning in order to stay on his narrow path to the GOP nomination, he declared himself the party's "presumptive nominee" after the results rolled in.

"It's over. As far as I'm concerned it's over," he declared. The real estate mogul now has 77 percent of the delegates he needs.

Trump emerged with more than 50 percent of the Republican votes in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Maryland, and scored over 60 percent in Delaware and Rhode Island.

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Trump, Clinton press closer to general election showdown





Donald Trump

Similarly, Clinton won convincingly in four of the five contests, scoring 56 percent in Pennsylvania and 63 percent in Maryland — the two biggest contests of the night. Her rival, Bernie Sanders, won the Rhode Island primary with 55 percent of the vote.

Trump planned to deliver a foreign policy speech in Washington and then campaign in Indiana. The address at a downtown hotel is the first in a series of speeches the Republican front-runner is expected to give in the coming weeks, all with the goal of easing Americans' concerns about his readiness for the presidency.

Likewise, Clinton was eager to turn her attention to Trump. While Clinton advisers say they won't underestimate Trump, as many of his vanquished Republican rivals did, her campaign sees opportunities to not only energize Democrats in an effort to keep him out of the White House but also appeal to Republicans turned off by the brash

"If you are a Democrat, an independent or a thoughtful Republican, you know that their approach is not going to build an America where we increase opportunity or decrease inequality," Clinton said of the GOP candidates.

Trump's victories came Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Clinton ceded only Rhode Island to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Sanders, in an interview with The Associated Press, conceded he has a "very narrow path and we're going to have to win some big victories.'

In the Republican race, Cruz

and Kasich are desperately trying to force a convention fight. The challengers have even taken the rare step of announcing plans to coordinate in upcoming contests to try to minimize Trump's delegate totals.

But that effort did little to stop Trump from a big showing in the Northeast, where he picked up at least 109 of the 118 delegates up for grabs. He now has 954 of the 1,237 delegates he needs to secure the nomination.

Cruz spent Tuesday in Indiana, where Kasich's campaign has withdrawn in an attempt to give the Texas senator a clear

"Tonight this campaign moves back to more favorable terrain." Cruz said during an evening rally in Knightstown, Indiana.

Cruz announced yesterday in Indianapolis that he would make a "major announcement"

Trump swept five states in Northeast primaries, bringing him close to securing the Republican nomination

later in the day amid speculation that he may name former rival Carly Fiorina as a running mate.

Asked earlier on Fox & Friends about Cruz potentially naming a running mate, Trump said, "to me it looks ridiculous, he's not going to get the nomination."

Democrats award delegates proportionally, which allowed Clinton to maintain her lead over Sanders even as he rattled off a string of wins in recent contests. According to the AP count, Clinton now has 2,151 delegates while Sanders has 1,338.

That count includes delegates won in primaries and caucuses, as well as superdelegates party insiders who can back the candidate of their choice, regardless of how their state votes.

Sanders has vowed to stay in the race until voting wraps up in June. He continues to raise millions of dollars and attract big crowds, including in West Virginia, where he urged his supporters to recognize that they are "powerful people if you choose to exercise that power." AP

FRANCE

Key Paris attacks suspect Abdeslam extradited to France

PARIS attacks suspect Salah Abdeslam Europe's most wanted fugitive until his capture in Belgium last month was returned to France yesterday to face justice and is willing to cooperate, his lawyer said.

Abdeslam was appearing before investigating judges in Paris who will decide how to charge him.

The 26-year-old French citizen of Moroccan origin was arrested in March in the Brussels neighborhood where he was raised after four months on the run. Investigators have said he was instrumental in coordinating logistics for the Nov. 13 attacks that killed 130 people at Paris restaurants, a noted music hall and the sports stadium

outside the city. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the carnage.

The quick, secret transfer surprised even Abdeslam's lawyer in France, who rushed from Lille to join his client at the Palace of Justice, arriving in the early afternoon.

Frank Berton, who announced earlier that he would represent Abdeslam, described his client as a young man who is "falling apart" and is ready to cooperate.

"He has things to say," he told iTele TV. "He wants to explain his route to radicalization."

However, he said his client doesn't want to take responsibility for others.

"That means be judged for facts and acts that he committed but not for



This file image taken from video and first released on Wednesday April 13, 2016 shows Salah Abdeslam (left) the fugitive from the Nov. 13 Paris attacks

what he did not commit simply because he is the only survivor of the attacks," Berton said.

The attacks were carried out by three teams of assailants who blew

themselves up or sprayed gunfire and Abdeslam's testimony will likely prove significant to definitively linking the events that night. His brother was one of the suicide bombers. AP



what's ON



ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAMME 2016: Weathers of Love - Photo Exhibition BY CHAN WAI KWONG

TIME: 12pm-7pm

(closed on Tuesdays, open on public holidays)

UNTIL: May 1, 2016

VENUE: Ox Warehouse, at the intersection of Av. Coronel Mesquita and Av. do Almirante Lacerda

ADMISSION: Free

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TIME: 10am-9pm UNTIL: June 12, 2016

VENUE: Tap Seac Gallery, located at Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, No. 95.

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THE CHARMS OF FLOWERS - EXHIBITION OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT TIME: 10am-6pm (no admission after 5:30 pm, closed on Mondays, open on public holidays)

UNTIL: July 31, 2016

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INK WASH OF THE FORBIDDEN CITY - Paintings by Charles Chauderlot

TIME: 10am-7pm

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UNTIL: June 19, 2016

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Offbeat

12-YEAR-OLD GIRL RUNS **NY** HALF-MARATHON BY MISTAKE

A 12-year-old western New York girl has wound up running 10 extra miles after she got into the wrong road race. Lee Adianez Rodriguez had registered for the 5K race that was part of last Sunday's Rochester Regional Health Flower City Challenge. She thought she was arriving late at the starting line when the race started, so she began running with the rest of the runners.

It turned out she was running with the half-marathoners on the 13.1-mile course and not in the 5K, or 3.1 miles. Rodriguez says she realized about halfway through that she was in the wrong race but decided to finish.

She completed the half-marathon in 2:43:31.

Her mother became worried when she wasn't among the finishers of the 5K, but they were reunited when she finished the half-marathon.

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13:00 TDM News (Repeated)

13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast

15:00 RTPi Live

18:30 Helena's Shadow (Repeated)

19:00 Montra do Lilau (Repeated)

Soap Opera 19:30

20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report

21:00 TDM Talk Show

21:40 Comedy

22:10 Helena's Shadow 23:00 **TDM News**

23:30 Champions League Highlights

23:45

Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated) 00:15

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ROOM 1 (2D) **2.30**, **6.30**, **9.15** рm **ROOM 2**

(3D) 4.15, 7.00 pm

Director: Anthony and Joe Russo Starring: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan

Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 147min

BUDDY COPS

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Starring: Bosco Wong, King Kong Li,

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Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min

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гоом 3 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm (30 Apr - 02 May) 2.30,9.30 pm Director: William Brent Bell Starring: Lauren Cohan, Rupert Evans

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 97min

(30 Apr - 02 May) BOOK OF LOVE

4.30 pm

Director: Xue Xiaolu Starring: Tang Wei, Wu Xiubo

Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 130min

(30 Apr - 02 May) THE HIMALAYAS_ **поом** 3 7.15 pm

Director: Lee Seok-hoon Starring: Hwang Jung-min, Jung Woo Language: korean (Cantonese/English) **Duration: 124min**

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this day in history



1945 ITALIAN PARTISANS KILL MUSSOLINI

Benito Mussolini, dictator of Italy until his downfall in 1943, has been killed by partisans along with his mistress, Clara Petacci, and some close associates.

Their bodies were taken to Milan from the Lecco district near Lake Como where they were arrested and then killed yesterday.

According to the Times correspondent in Milan, the corpses of Mussolini, Petacci and 12 Fascists are on display in Piazzale Loreto "with ghastly promiscuity in the open square under the same fence against which one year ago 15 partisans had been shot by their own countrymen".

One woman fired five shots into Mussolini's body, according to Milan Radio, and shouted: "Five shots for my five assassinated sons!"

Other passers-by spat on the bodies.

The executions are the first conspicuous demonstration of mob violence carried out by the partisans who until now have been kept under control by their leaders.

The partisan commander-in-chief General Raffaele Cadorna said such incidents were regrettable but desirable in this case as a way for the public to vent their anger against the former dictator and his cohorts.

Among the bodies were former general secretary of the Fascist Party, Roberto Farinacci and Carlo Scorza, former secretary of the party.

Mussolini was spotted yesterday heading towards Switzerland by an Italian customs guard at Dongo, near Lake Como. He was driving a car in a column of other German cars wearing a German greatcoat over his uniform.

Other members of his party were found in neighbouring

It was in Milan that Mussolini founded Europe's first fascist movement - Fasci di Combattimento - in 1919. He came to power in 1922 after the so-called March on

By 1928 Mussolini was absolute dictator and took the title of Duce, leader, and embarked on an expansionist foreign policy taking Ethiopia in 1935 and annexing Albania

in 1939. That same year Mussolini signed a Tripartite Pact with Adolf Hitler's Germany and Imperial Japan. After defeats in Greece, the Balkans, North Africa and Russia, Mussolini lost popularity. Then on 9 July 1943 the Allies landed in Sicily and Italy was faced with an invasion

of its mainland. Mussolini failed to secure assurances from Germany of adequate support against such an invasion and the Fascist Grand Council turned against him and had him arrested on 25 July.

Marshal Pietro Badoglio was appointed prime minister, dissolved fascist organisations and negotiated an armistice with the Allies.

Six weeks later the Germans launched a dramatic rescue of Mussolini. He was made head of the puppet republic of Salo - also known as the Italian Social Republic - once the Germans had occupied northern Italy in September 1943. On 11 October 1943 the Badoglio government declared

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

war on Germany.

It was later reported the mutilated bodies of Mussolini and his mistress had been hung upside down outside the forecourt of a Milan garage.

Beside them was Alessandro Pavolini, who had headed the "black brigades" to hunt down partisans and former leader of the Fascist Party Achille Starace.

On the following day Mussolini was buried in the family tomb in the village of Predappio.

The Committee of National Liberation in northern Italy publicly accepted responsibility for the executions and called them a "necessary conclusion to a phase of history which has left Italy in a state of material and moral ruin".

Two days after Mussolini's death, Adolf Hitler committed suicide in his bunker in Berlin and the war was effectively over in Europe.

Times

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You're feeling quite good — but maybe just a bit out of touch with your peers. That makes today perfect for focusing on personal projects, as you risk offending folks you work closely with.



Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

You and a friend or loved one need to spend more time together — and now is your chance to reconnect! Your need for deeper relationships is tied in closely to their need for something meaningful.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Your amazing energy is pushing you way outside your comfort zone – but you don't feel bad about it at all! In fact, your new adventure is likely to be life changing in a really good way.

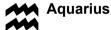


that's been waiting for you for quite some time - so don't take on anything new! Your energy is great when you're moving but not when you're planning.



Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Something strikes you early today that brings a smile to your face and almost nothing can take it away from you. Make sure that you're sharing your good mood and good fortune with the world!



Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is all about people getting along $well\ together-better\ than\ expected,$ in fact. You may be an important part of the social engineering, so don't be shy about introducing people or refereeing spats



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Your radar is set to ping at the slightest hint of offense today — so try to keep that in mind when you're tempted to blow up! You should find that someone close is actually on your side.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You feel torn between two different options - and there's no way to meet in the middle this time! You may end up having to flip a coin or ask someone else to make the decision for you.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Relax a bit - circumstances may not be quite to your liking, but you can still make progress if you just go with the flow. That might not feel quite right but you can make

Scorpio



Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You need to deal with something Your energy is expanding your possibilities today — so go for something larger than you had thought you could manage. Ambition should be rewarded, though it may take extra time.



Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your speed isn't quite under your control today, but that's okay — in fact, that likely means that you



Pisces

make far more progress than you would have otherwise. Enjoy the

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Try not to read too much into it, but you're riding a streak of luck through the day. Little things tend to go your way, and while there shouldn't be any big wins, there shouldn't be any losses either.









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CROSSWORDS

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DOWN: 1- Rubber; 2- Bind with a tourniquet; 3- Lug; 4- At the drop of __ Ghastly; 6- Similar; 7- Gads about; 8- Stylish; 9- Flounder; 10- Follows orders;

'The Matrix" hero; 12- Author Amy; 13- Mantra sounds; 21- Hideout; 22-Actress Garr; 26- Shred; 27- ___ take arms against...; 28- Small songbird; 30- Copied; 31- Concordes, e.g.; 34- Evil is as evil ____; 35- Trauma ctrs.; 36- Mission control gp.; 37- Blunted blade; 38- Family portrait?; 39- Be dependent; 43- Viscount's superior; 44- Purify; 45- Thrust forward; 46- 500 sheets; 50- South American cowboy; 51- Scattered rubbish; 52- Flammable gas; 54- Corpulent; 55- Detest; 56- Vive _!; 59- Nota ___; 60- Cereal grain; 61- Siesta; 62- Non-pro sports org.; 63-Damage;



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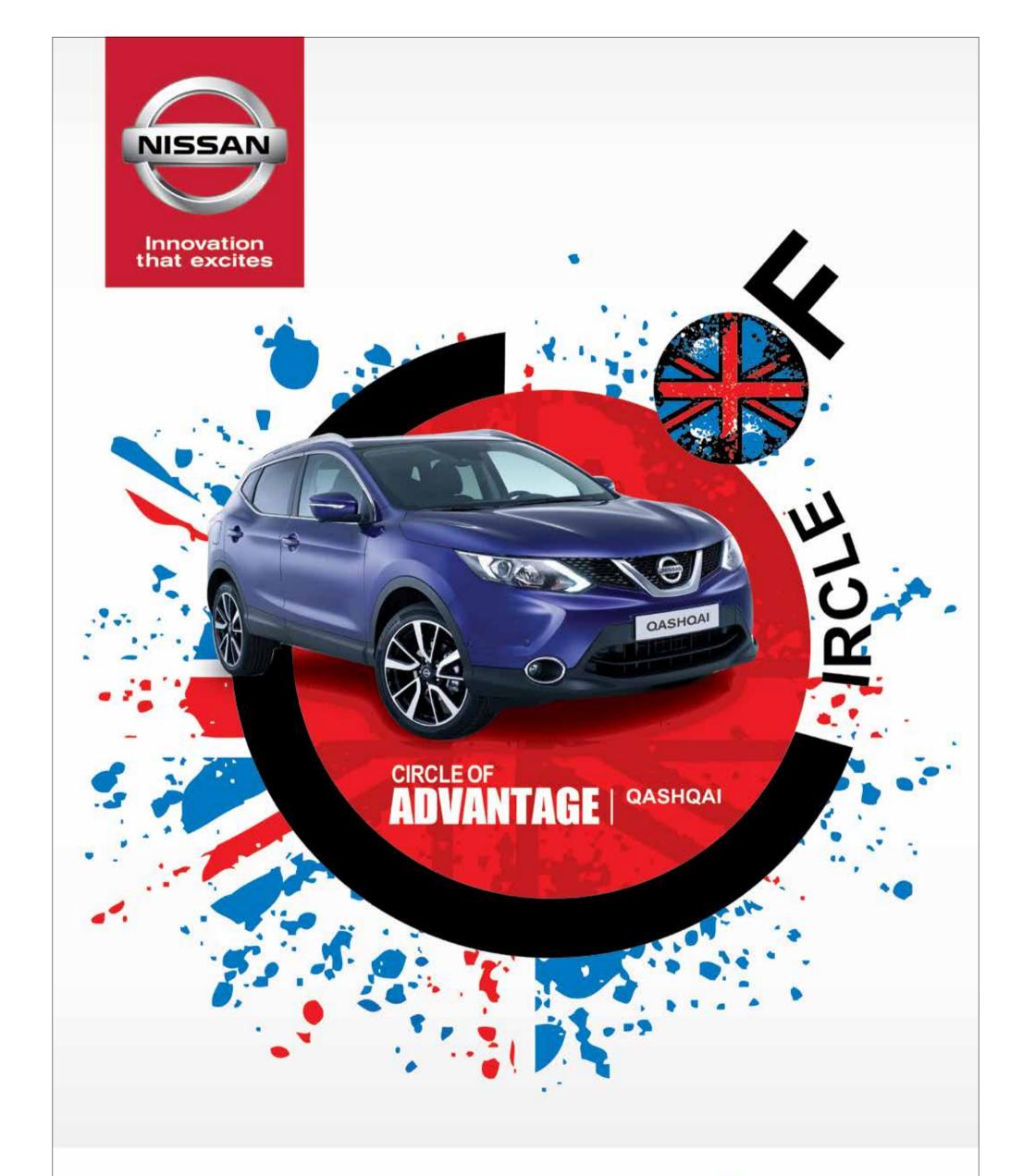
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Steve Douglas, Manchester

EAL Madrid failed to turn late domination into a goal without the injured Cristiano Ronaldo as Manchester City held on for a 0-0 draw in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal yesterday.

City goalkeeper Joe Hart prevented Madrid from taking an away goal back to Spain for next week's second leg, producing close-range saves from Casemiro and Pepe in the final 10 minutes of a cagey match at Etihad Stadium.

"Before the game, it was 50-50," Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said. "I think it's the same."

City may not get a better chance to beat Madrid, which played half of the first leg without its two most potent attackers. Ronaldo had been nursing a right thigh injury and "felt something" in a training session Monday, according to Zidane, while Karim Benzema started but didn't come out for the second half after attempting to play through a knee problem.

City, though, couldn't capitalize and managed just two shots on target — one of which was a free kick from Kevin De Bruyne that was tipped over the bar in second-half injury time.

"We were not very creative," City manager Manuel Pellegrini said. "But in terms of intent, we had most intent to win the game."

Zidane said he was unsure if Ronaldo and Benzema, who have scored 74 goals between them this season, will be fit for the second leg. "We have to take it day by day," the FrenFOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Without Ronaldo, Madrid holds City 0-0 in semis



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates scoring his third goal during the Champions League 2nd leg quarterfinal soccer match between Real Madrid and VfL Wolfsburg at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid

chman said.

A match between the grand master of European soccer — Madrid is a record 10-time European champion — and a recent arrival to the continent's top table proved to be something of a let-down. Perhaps injuries played a part, with City, already without Yaya Toure

(muscle problem), losing David Silva to a hamstring complaint late in the first half.

The absence of Ronaldo gave City a pre-game lift and ensured Madrid lacked a cutting edge going forward. Madrid's central-midfield trio of Casemiro, Luka Modric and Toni Kroos rarely ventured forward to help out the front three, preferring instead to give the visitors a solid block in front of the defense.

City saw plenty of the ball in a tight first half but never threatened Madrid goalkeeper Keylor Navas, and then lost its way after the break.

The aerial route proved to be Madrid's likeliest chance of ■ The absence of Ronaldo gave City a pregame lift and ensured Madrid lacked a cutting edge going forward

scoring.

Hart had to be alert to save a header from the unmarked Sergio Ramos at a corner early in the second half, before Jese — a halftime replacement for Benzema — met a right-wing cross with a header that glanced the top of the crossbar and bounced over.

Hart then came into his own, keeping out Casemiro's close-range header and then rushing out to the feet of Pepe to stop the center back from turning in a loose ball from inside the sixyard box.

"We had a couple of chances to score a goal. In that sense, a little bit disappointed," Zidane said. "But defensively, really happy with what we did." **AP**

GOAL ON FIRE

Alicia Keys to debut new music at Champions League Final

ALICIA Keys will added to the debut new music from her next album during the first-ever live musical performance as a part of the opening ceremony for the UEFA Champions League Final in Italy next month.

UEFA and Pepsi announced that the Grammy-winning singer will be the first musical act to perform as a part of the final, which is aired in more than 220 countries.

The singer has been working on a followup to her 2012 studio album "Girl on Fire," but she was coy about the new songs she'll be performing on May 28.

"I have to leave it as a



Singer Alicia Keys performs at the coffee company's annual shareholders meeting in Seattle

surprise for sure 'cause that's ... part of the fun of it," Keys said in a phone interview from New York yesterday.

"But you're definitely going to hear some new music."

The multi-platinum singer, songwriter and

pianist was feeling the energy and excitement of spring as she talked about the upcoming performance and new music. The mother of two is also going to be the musical guest on "Saturday Night Live" on May 7 and will be a judge on the next season of "The Voice," alongside Blake Shelton, Adam Levine and Miley Cyrus.

"It's such a fresh time for music. To me, it's my favorite time," Keys said.

She'll have a global stage to introduce her new music to millions of football fans worldwide from the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza in Milan. And as the inaugural performance for the opening ceremony, she said wants to put her own creative stamp on the show.

"It's pretty insane. I know there is going to be 80,000 people

there in person and people are all over the world are going to witness it and watch this and celebrate," Keys said. "It's a huge space to fill."

Music, Keys said, transcends language, so she's excited to perform for fans all around Europe.

"No matter what you speak, you understand. You understand the emotion, you understand the feeling," she said. "And I think that's what is so magical about music, what makes us love it so much."

Keys also said she is looking forward to returning to Italy, a place that feels like home to her.

"My mother's family is from Italy, so whenever I go, I always feel the most loved," Keys said. "I feel like it's a homecoming of love in a lot of ways." AP

FENCING

Italian great Valentina Vezzali ends career with silver medal

TALIAN fencing great Valentina Vezzali's career ended yesterday after she helped the nation win a silver medal at the team world championships in Rio De Janeiro.

Vezzali, a six-time Olympic champion, had previously announced that the world championships would be her last appearance on the piste. But Russia defeated the Italians 45-39 in women's foil — just a year after losing to Italy at worlds.

Vezzali, now 42, failed to qualify for the Rio Olympics after a defeat in November. She won nine Olympic medals and 16 world golds during her career.

France finished third, followed by South Korea and the U.S.



opinion

Views of the World

Jonathan Bernstein, Bloomberg

TRUMP MAKES UP FOR LOST GROUND

The good news for Donald Trump continued Tuesday night. He's closer to the nomination. But he's not there yet.

Trump was long expected to win in the primaries in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island, so pulling off that sweep wasn't anything special. But across all five states, Trump's margins were large, well over 50 percent everywhere. He'll wind up with more delegates than he was projected to get; Nate Silver says Trump "basically made up all the ground he lost in WI and CO."

It's also encouraging for him going forward. Trump right now leads the polls in Indiana and California, the two key states remaining. Until last week in New York, however, Trump usually underperformed his early polling numbers; once the full campaign showed in each state, his opponents generally took most or all of the undecided vote, and sometimes some of his. But that's not what happened in New York, or (overall) in the five states Tuesday night. Perhaps it's only a regional effect, but it's at least a bit of evidence that Trump may do as well or better than he's currently polling.

That said: Unless he beats current projections elsewhere, Trump still needs to do well in Indiana and California in order to reach the 1,237 delegates needed to win the nomination. If he falls short, then he's still going to need to pick up support from the small number of unbound delegates.

I'm hearing plenty of pundits talk about how Trump's sweep Tuesday and last week will make that easy. Trump himself said as much in his press conference: How can the party oppose a candidate winning by so much?

But remember: A Trump who doesn't get to 1,237 after the final primaries on June 7 won't be the triumphant one emerging from today's contests. He'll be the candidate who fell short, having lost in several states over the final weeks.

Nor am I convinced that current polling in which Republicans believe the delegate leader should become the nominee will matter much. That's still perhaps an abstract question, but after June 7 the question will be only whether to nominate Trump or not. And again, that wouldn't be the triumphant dominant Trump, but one who fell short. It's hard to predict what effect that would have on the polls.

The other thing to watch for, in addition to Indiana on May 3, will be whether the Republican Party begins to rally behind him. After some success in February and March, including three governor endorsements in the last month, only one Republican in the House of Representatives has endorsed him. No senators. It's really been an impressive showing of anti-Trump sentiment against the normal inclination to climb on the bandwagon. We'll see whether that changes now - or after Indiana if Trump does well there. The answer will tell us whether Trump has any chance to unify the bulk of the party at all. And that will tell us whether Trump will be a very weak general election candidate, or a historically awful one.

CHINA HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNER HARRY WU DIES

Harry Wu, a former political prisoner who dedicated his later life to exposing abuses in China's brutal prison labor camp system, has died. He was 70

Wu died yesterday (Macau time) while on vacation in Honduras, Ann Noonan, administrator with Wu's Laogai Human Rights Organization, told AP. The cause of death wasn't immediately known, and Wu's son Harrison and former wife

China Lee were traveling to the Central American nation to bring home Wu's remains.

Wu was born into a prosperous family in Shanghai that saw most of its property confiscated following the civil war in 1949. He studied geology at university but fell afoul of the authorities for his criticism of the Soviet Union, China's then-ally, and was sentenced in 1960 at age 23 to "reform through labor."

CAPE VERDE

Police capture suspected killer of eight soldiers, three civilians

WEST Africa's Cape Verde defense official said yesterday police has captured the suspected killer of 8 soldiers, 3 civilians at military barracks.

The former Portuguese colony's president, Jorge Carlos Fonseca, said earlier on his Facebook page that investigations into the slayings are proceeding "at a good and positive pace."

The government said a disgruntled soldier who has gone missing is suspected of gunning down eight other soldiers and three civilians, including two Spaniards, early yesterday [Macau time]. It did not name him.

By then, the suspected soldier was missing but there were "strong indications" he was behind the slayings, the former Portuguese colony's government said in a statement on its website.

The statement said "personal motives" inspired the attack, ruling out an attempted coup or any connection with violence associated with drug trafficking that has recently plagued the archipelago.

"People are advised to remain calm and serene," the statement said.

However, it also said officials had seized nine wea-



pons and ammunition. It didn't elaborate on that find, nor did it say how it might be connected to the killings.

The three civilians killed included two Spanish technicians on assignment in Cape Verde, according to the government. The dead were all men aged between 20 and 51.

It said authorities are investigating what happened at the barracks that housed soldiers protecting a hilltop communications hub where the Spaniards and a Cape Verdean were reportedly working on repairs.

The government placed security forces on red alert at the international airport in Praia, the capital, and at the island's ports after the attack, the online service of newspaper Expresso das Ilhas said.

A policeman came across the bodies around midday, Cape Verde Television said.

The Cape Verde archipelago, some 600 kilometers off Senegal, is made up of 10 islands. Around 500,000 people live there.

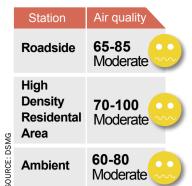
Authorities in Cape Verde, which is classified as a developing nation, have received praise and financial aid from international bodies for their commitment to democracy and economic development.

However, the country has recently been fighting international drug rings attempting to smuggle cocaine into the country. Police last week seized 280 kilograms of cocaine from a yacht, and officials have linked two recent armed attacks against public figures to that battle.

A new government took office last Friday after winning a March election and vowed zero tolerance in the fight against crime.

Fonseca said in his social media post yesterday that he is canceling an official trip to one of the country's 10 islands so he can follow the investigation.

Local newspaper A Semana reported a heavy police presence in the capital Praia, with some 40 police in its main square. MDT/AP



WORLD BRIEFS



THAILAND's military government yesterday turned up the pressure on its opponents, filing a legal complaint against critics of a proposed new constitution and detaining 10 people in connection with social media postings.

AUSTRALIA The fate of hundreds of asylum seekers being held in a detention center in Papua New Guinea is in limbo as the country's prime minister announces the facility will close in response to a court ruling that Australia's detention of the men on the island nation is illegal. More on p13

MYANMAR Two German tourists and their local guide are recovering from wounds suffered when they accidentally set off a land mine in eastern Myanmar.

CAMBODIA An overloaded truck carrying Cambodian garment workers swerved and flipped over after a tire exploded, leaving 64 passengers injured

including several in

critical condition.



ABU DHABI Etihad Airways announced profits of USD103 million in 2015 off total revenues of \$9.02 billion, marking a fifth year in the black on its strategy of partnering with other carriers. The Abu Dhabi-owned carrier, which is the United Arab Emirates' national airline, said its continued profitability showed the value of its approach of taking minority equity stakes and codeshares outside of traditional airline alliances. More on p7

