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GAMING REVENUE STABILIZES
Gross gaming revenue decreased 9.5 percent to MOP17.3 billion, according to the gaming bureau. The drop is less than analysts estimated

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PHILIPPINES Allegations that the presidential election frontrunner had millions of dollars in an undeclared bank account have not been resolved after the accuser confronted the mayor's lawyer at the bank. Mayor Rodrigo Duterte's lawyer said he had asked that the account be opened to prove the allegations are false but that bank officials told him yesterday it would take a week to study the request. The election is scheduled for next Monday. [More on p11](#)

INDIA Massive wildfires that have killed at least seven people in recent weeks were burning through pine forests in the mountains of northern India yesterday, including parts of two tiger reserves.



NEW ZEALAND An American exchange student lost for five days in the New Zealand wilderness with her mother recounts her ordeal to The Associated Press. [More on p12](#)



AUSTRALIA An Australian man long thought to be associated with the digital currency Bitcoin has publicly identified himself as its creator. BBC News said yesterday that Craig Wright [pictured] told the media outlet he is the man previously known by the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto. The computer scientist, inventor and academic says he launched the currency in 2009 with the help of others. His identity had been shrouded in uncertainty until now.

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Hong Kong luxury retail moving to Macau

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Local street performers could be required to get permits

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Garrison's open day attracts 3,500 visitors

The twelfth open day of the People's Liberation Army Macau Garrison attracted 3,500 visitors over the first day of May. Thirty-two local primary and middle schools visited the camp yesterday for a special session organized for local schools. Soldiers at the Taipa camp presented military drills to visitors, including anti-terrorism exercises, and exhibited a series of weapons, which participants were allowed to hold. Training facilities and the history hall were open to the audience, including the armored force simulation-training center. Ten military training projects were also shown to visitors.

Imports decline by 23.2 percent year-on-year

The total merchandise imports for March declined by 23.2 percent year-on-year to MOP5.49 billion, of which imports of motorcars and mobile phones decreased by 63.7 percent and 57.6 percent respectively. Information released by the Statistics and Census Service indicated that the total merchandise exports for March amounted to MOP1.01 billion, down by 3.9 percent year-on-year. The value of domestic exports (MOP147 million) dropped by 21.5 percent and the value of re-exports (MOP867 million) remained stable. The merchandise trade deficit amounted to MOP4.48 billion.

Fund scheme to be launched in construction industry

The fifth Construction Industry Safety Award Scheme forum and awards presentation was held last week at the Macau Tower, with 18 companies picking up awards. During the event, Lionel Leong, Secretary for Economy and Finance, disclosed a new funding scheme to be launched within the industry. This year's edition of the scheme was organized by the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL). This year, 7,500 construction workers competed for the awards. A total of 78 awards were given: 18 were to companies and 42 individual awards were given to workers. The program was supported by 12 parties, including governmental departments and associations. Additionally, the forum invited eight companies to share their experiences and advice as to how to work safely.

Locally shot film dominates box office

The romantic comedy "Finding Mr. Right 2" is currently dominating the Chinese box office in the aftermath of China's Labor Day holiday, taking in around RMB300 million (USD46 million) as of yesterday. According to various reports, the film has also set a new record for a romantic comedy by taking in more than RMB100 million per day over three consecutive days. "Finding Mr. Right 2" narrates the relationship between a Macau-based public relations officer at a casino resort and a US-based realtor. Writer and director Xue Xiaolu told the Times last year that they filmed in many locations across Macau, hoping "to present a real Macau [...] a complex [city] with a side of glittering lights, and a simple, guileless and cordial side."

Renato Marques

STREET artistic performances" are the solution chosen by the government to "bring the arts closer to people," said the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, in his introductory speech at the plenary meeting of the advisory board, which was held last Friday at the Tourism Activities Centre.

The proposal, presented in Friday's meeting to the members of the Cultural Advisory Committee, gathered support but also raised a few suggestions and questions regarding its practical applicability.

Alexis Tam, who was speaking in the presence of the president of Cultural Advisory Committee, guaranteed that performers would be granted a permit by the Cultural Affairs Bureau in cooperation with other public services.

Tam also highlighted that this form of presenting performing arts to the public has a lot of advantages to both artists and the public in general, and is being followed by many cities and regions across the world, namely in Europe.

The scheme could be applied to different kinds of performances, such as theatre, dance, visual arts and handicrafts.

The government has already selected a few public open spaces in the territory that would be suitable to hold these performances, mostly public squares. The proposal states that the performances will only be allowed from 9.30

Street performers could be subject to permits



A Hong Kong duet plays at Senado Square

a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Another aspect that is currently under consideration is the noise level (which should not exceed the 85dB).

As for the artists, the selection criteria have also been pre-defined. Performers should be over the age of 18 and possess a Macau ID or another document that guarantees their legal stay in the territory in order to be able to apply for a permit for performance.

The president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Ung Vai Meng, explained that the street performances aim to "enrich the

cultural elements of Macau," adding that for now the proposal is preliminary.

In January, Russian busking artist (street performer) Roman Khromov was arrested by the police and accused of

illegally occupying the street when trying to sell travel photographs of his trip around the world to help to finance his tour. Other cases of buskers being detained by the police have also been reported.

CONSULTATION ON FIRST GROUP OF LISTED BUILDINGS CONCLUDED

THE PUBLIC consultation held by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) for the first group of buildings and sites proposed to be heritage listed has been concluded. According to figures presented by the IC at the Cultural Advisory Committee plenary meeting, the consultation gathered around 600 opinions and was attended by over 200 people during the public sessions.

Pearl Horizon demonstration on Labor Day

A crowd of pre-sale buyers of the troubled "Pearl Horizon" residential complex continued to protest on Labor Day.

The demonstrators, together with a small number of children, assembled at the Border Gate, while Chinese funeral music echoed around the square. Kou Meng Pok, president of the Pearl Horizon Proprietors Association, claimed that "buyers are now acting more consistently because they have been assembling every Sunday."

Flags written with sentences like "government grabs land, profiteer grabs money" could be seen by pedestrians walking to and from Zhuhai.

According to Kou, the real es-



tate developer, Polytec Assets, has already promised to give a three-month payment (up to a maximum of MOP30,000 per month) to buyers who meet

certain criteria. Approximately 200 people applied for it. "The payment is useless; it is just tinkering. [...] Made to maintain social stability," com-

mented Kou, adding that the demonstrators "do not intend to create chaos," according to a TDM report.

On Friday, the group of demonstrators published a statement in Macao Daily News accusing the government of not having warned them about the risks when making those purchases. The government replied immediately stating that such cautions were issued by related officials many times. "Since Macau conducts a free market economy, the government has no right to stop the developer from making transactions and also has no right to stop anyone from making purchases," explained the government, as reported by TDM. **Staff reporter**

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Rubber Duck docks in Macau



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The Rubber Duck being inflated

THE world's most famous yellow rubber duck has arrived in the territory. Inaugurated on Friday, the "Rubber Duck Tour (Macau)" promises to delight the numerous fans of Florentijn Hofman's creation, that has been touring the world since 2007.

Until May 27 this contemporary art public display will be floating by the shore between the Macau Science Centre and Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre. The China tour of the rubber duck started in Hangzhou and has already visited cities including Qingdao, Guiyang, Nanjing and Shanghai.

The inflation of the duck, which lasted a little over one hour, attracted many locals and tourists to the area surrounding the Science Centre on Friday afternoon, excited to watch the big yellow inflatable gain its shape as a duck.

After the task was completed, an official inauguration event was held. **RM**

Labor Day crowds smaller than previous years

FEWER people than in previous years took part in the traditional May 1 marches that mark the International Workers' Day.

Some of the issues the demonstrators called the government's attention to included the extension of the government's annual handout, securing the local labor market, fostering employees' development, and the introduction of longer maternity leave and paid paternity leave.

According to data provided by the police after the marches ended, around 580 people participated in the march which began at the Iao Hon market and concluded at the government's headquarters, where representatives of various associations and unions handed in a petition letter to the government.

The Federation of Trade Unions held a gathering at Tap Seac Square, calling on the government to improve workers' employment rights, create a well-established labor law, and



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improve the legal system and employer-employee relations. The union claimed that around 1,200 residents joined the demonstration, however the police estimated there were around 550 people.

In addition to demanding the resolution of such concerns, a spokesperson for Forefront of Macau Gaming reported that the government should strive for more stability in the gaming sector, stating that there are still unresolved issues from 2015.

"Since the gaming income has dropped, the situation has changed. However, there are still important issues from last year such as the casino smoking ban, the matter of overlapping holidays and the quitting mechanism," said the spokesperson, according to a report by TDM.

To call for the protection of Coloane Island, Macau Youth Dynamics members wore lung-shaped masks and represented real estate interests by

carrying a model of Coloane on a gurney being threatened by a dinosaur.

About 100 distressed taxi drivers also joined the demonstration in the morning to protest against "unfair profiling of the industry," which came after the new set of proposals to regulate the sector, including the use of undercover police officers and sound recording, which would be permissible in court.

The group calls for the government to review its stance on the proposals, accusing authorities of "unjustly" profiling the sector based on offences committed by only 40 of the region's approximately 1,000 taxi drivers.

"We find it unfair that taxi owners will be affected by the violations of a few other drivers. The proposal to resort to undercover police officers, for example, targets this industry alone. That is a way of profiling," complained Au Iat Sun, spokesperson for the Professional Taxi Driver Federation. **Staff reporter**

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Public housing reportedly advertised on Airbnb

RESIDENTS have exposed a situation involving two houses, suspected to be located in the public housing complex Edifício Do Lago, being advertised on the Airbnb website, according to a recent report by Macao Daily News (Ou Mun Yat Po).

Airbnb is an international home-sharing website based in San Francisco that provides a platform for people to offer their homes for temporary rent.

Both houses comprise two bedrooms and one living room, and are priced at between HKD745 and HKD496 per night. The places hold records of previous successful transactions, but have now disappeared from the website after being uncovered by Macao Daily News. The newspaper published screen shots of the advertisements on its front page.

Residents living in the buildings reported frequently seeing strangers



Edifício do Lago

carrying luggage into the apartments. Moreover, the residents expressed doubt that only two house owners were practicing this kind of business.

The Housing Bureau (IHM), which is responsible for housing management, promised to closely follow the situation. The Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has claimed that it has not received any information whatsoever about the location of the suspected houses.

According to IHM, five cases relating to illegal accommodation in economical housings have been reported since the implementation of the Economical Housings Law.

On Airbnb, more than 140 local apartments are registered, including those available for daily and monthly rent. In comparison, only about 10 apartments were available two years ago, according to a previous Times report. The prices range from 70 patacas to thou-

sands of patacas per day. Customer reviews indicate that foreign and mainland guests visiting Macau have stayed in these houses.

As the Times reported, the "sub-renting" activities provided by the home-sharing website Airbnb may exist in a gray area in the law. Lawyer Sérgio Almeida Correia told the Times in 2014 that there's "nothing illegal" about subletting a private room or an entire apartment in Macau, according to the civil code. This means that subletting is an option for tenants as long as the landlord doesn't disallow it in the contract.

"It depends on what the two parties have agreed. If I'm a tenant and the contract I signed with my landlord specifically states that the whole apartment is for me to use, the landlord [or I] will not be entitled to sign a rental agreement for one of the rooms in my apartment [with a third party]," he said. **Staff reporter**

Regional animal welfare march organized for 1st time

AROUND 900 people have participated in a demonstration organized by the Abandoned Animals Protection Association of Macau (AAPAM), calling for harsher punishment in animal abuse cases. The march departed from Tap Seac Square at 3.45 p.m. on Saturday, with some of the participants bringing along their dogs, and arrived at the Legislative Assembly building at around 4.50 p.m. before proceeding to deliver a letter detailing their request.

Public Security Police Force said 120 officers were deployed to maintain order, later confirming that the people made their appeal in a peaceful manner.

A similar demonstration took place in Hong Kong and Taiwan on Saturday, as a result of a regional activity sha-



red by the three regions. This also marks the first time that these three regions have held hands to achieve a common goal. Mark Mak Chi-ho, chairman of the Hong Kong Non-Profit Veterinary Clinic (NPV), noted that mainland organizations were also invited but declined the invitation because of the current political atmosphere.

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MACAUS April casino revenue dropped less than analysts estimated in a sign of stabilization as casinos shift their focus to attracting more casual gamblers and tourists.

Gross gaming revenue decreased 9.5 percent to MOP17.3 billion (USD2.2 billion), according to data from Macau's Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, marking 23 consecutive months of declines.

Casinos have been in a downturn since mid-2014 as China's anti-corruption campaign and a slowing economy kept the country's high rollers away from the world's largest gambling hub. Still, the industry's mass-market revenue has started to bottom out since last year with narrowing revenue declines. Operators such as Galaxy Entertainment Group, Wynn Macau and Melco Crown Entertainment are strategically focusing on the more profitable mass-market segment of tourists and recreational gamblers with new resorts.

"The casinos produced another reasonable monthly re-

Gaming revenue stabilizes, falls less than estimated

venue performance in what is a seasonally slower shoulder month," Tim Craighead, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst, said in an e-mail after the report. "It still looks to us that the business is stabilizing and the next big catalysts to watch for are the summer travel season and the new resorts from Wynn Macau and Sands China."

The local government has encouraged casino operators to diversify their businesses and 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 five-year development plan.

Other casino operators are also looking for new ideas to diversify their business from high-end gambling. 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.

While the mass market has seen some recovery signs, Macau casino operators are still exposed to the debt-ridden gaming promoters, who lend to

high-stakes gamblers, as the local government continues to tighten its regulation on the industry, according to Hong Kong-based Daiwa analyst Jamie Soo. Junkets are still under significant operating pressure with at least HKD30 billion in bad debt still outstanding at conservative estimates, he wrote. **MDT/Bloomberg**

“The casinos produced another reasonable monthly revenue performance in what is a seasonally slower shoulder month.**”**

TIM CRAIGHEAD

DSAT asserts regular removal of abandoned vehicles

A statement from the Transport Bureau (DSAT) in response to an MDT exclusive report on abandoned cars in Macau on Friday has insisted that the organization regularly remove abandoned vehicles from public streets.

According to DSAT, regular and routine inspections are conducted of public streets in conjunction with reports from the public "to enhance a better and reasonable usage of public parking resources."

Last year the number of abandoned cars or vehicles with cancelled registrations amounted to 4,830 according to the records



of DSAT, marking an increase of 23.3 percent over those recorded in 2014. Among the vehicles detected, DSAT staff on patrol found 523, the public reported 162, and other public service departments transferred 1,208 vehicles to the bureau. Meanwhile

a further 2,937 vehicles' registrations were "cancelled" by their owners, revealed the bureau.

In regards to Penha Hill, which has become a popular spot for abandoned or long-term parked vehicles, DSAT said that they have already received reports from the public and have been sending staff to investigate as recently as last month.

"Besides the abandoned vehicles and the vehicles without a valid circulation tax seal, the bureau also found some vehicles covered with cloth which made it impossible to verify the situation," wrote DSAT in their response. "Such cases

were reported to the police for follow-up action."

While visiting the Penha Hill site last week, a Times reporter heard a street cleaner who claimed that the vehicles had been parked there by car workshops that "park them here until they are needed and then they come and take one and leave another in its place."

Additionally the Times came across a truck and three staff members of DSAT on-site, though they were apparently not performing any tasks related to these vehicles.

In their statement, DSAT also urged vehicle owners that if they plan to cancel a

vehicle's registration, they should proceed to the reception area of DSAT with the identification document, the original vehicle registration document, a document for the disposal of the vehicle and a copy of the property registration of the vehicle for the relevant procedures.

Until such a time when DSAT can remove the vehicles in question, the owner should park in a legal parking space on a public road and "pay the parking fees until the car is removed to avoid being fined for infringement of traffic regulations."

Residents complained to the Times last week that

illegally-parked cars in Taipa were contributing to the "visual pollution of a natural place." Some of those vehicles had clearly been stationed there for some time as there were plants growing around them.

The areas of complaint included Penha Hill and the Taipa Pequena Trail. Similar complaints were leveled against Hac Sa beach's public car park in December 2014, where many cars were suspected of being stored as a means of disposal. Meters were later installed for most of the car park and the abandoned vehicles relocated elsewhere. **DB**

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An employee shows luxury watches to customers inside a Unique Timepieces store, subsidiary of Halewinner Watches Group, in the Causeway Bay district of Hong Kong

Daniela Wei and Jill Mao

HK luxury moves to Macau along with Chinese tourists

LUXURY-WATCH retailer Halewinner will almost double its store count in the Chinese gambling hub of Macau, where casinos want time to be irrelevant, dealing another blow to Hong Kong's staggering retail market.

Halewinner Watches Group will open at least nine more shops in Macau while closing two in Hong Kong, Chairman Karson Choi said in an interview. Most of the new stores will be in the Cotai Strip, where Sands China Ltd. will open its Parisian resort this year and Wynn Macau Ltd. will debut the Wynn Palace.

"This year we're still going ahead with our major expansion plan," said Choi, son of billionaire Francis Choi. "That plan is in Macau."

The peninsula, home to the world's biggest gambling center, is trying to diversify its image by welcoming luxury-brand shoppers. That effort is helping siphon big spenders from Hong Kong, where the number of visitors from China dropped for nine straight months and retail sales in February plunged the most in 17 years.

The outlook isn't any better for this week's Labor Day holiday, with the Hong Kong Travel Industry Council estimating the number of package-tour travelers will drop by 50 percent. The tour-group visitor count, which mostly consists of Chinese tourists from the mainland, plunged 60 percent in the first quarter from a year before.

The gloom engulfed even Apple Inc., with sales for Greater China plunging 26 percent in the quarter ending March 30.

"The vast majority of the weakness in the Greater Chi-

na region sits in Hong Kong," Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook said during an April 26 call with analysts. One reason he cited is the local currency's peg to the stronger U.S. dollar. "That has driven tourism, international shopping, and trading down significantly compared to what it was in the year ago," Cook said.

Luxury handbag and fashion

Retailers are still willing to expand in Macau because Chinese visitors will continue to come and play in the gaming hub.

MICHAEL CHENG

retailers also are taking hits in the city. Burberry Group PLC sales in Hong Kong fell more than 20 percent for a third straight quarter, and the company is seeking to reduce its local rent payments.

Prada SpA, which held Hong Kong's biggest initial public offering in 2011, reported sales in Asia fell 16 percent last year.

"The near-term outlook for retail sales will still be con-

trained by the weak inbound tourism performance and uncertain economic prospects," the Hong Kong government said after retail statistics were released in late March.

Choi's father is billionaire Francis Choi, whose Early Light Industrial Co. Ltd. makes toys for more than 30 brands, including Mattel, Hasbro, Disney and Wow Wee. Early Light also owns properties in Hong Kong and is moving into consumer electronics and medical products to help increase profit margins, the younger Choi, 30, said.

Halewinner outlets sell watches from more than 40 brands, including a USD200,000 Jaeger-LeCoultre and a \$180,000 Blancpain. During an April 20 interview at a Halewinner outlet in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong's premier retail district, Choi wore a steel Audemars Piguet Royal Oak timepiece priced at \$21,000.

The family acquired the watch retailer in 2010, when it had just seven stores. Now it has more than 30 outlets in Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China.

Sales at its Hong Kong stores dropped 30 percent last year amid China's economic slowdown, a government anti-corruption campaign and protests by Hong Kong residents claiming the city caters to wealthy mainland visitors at their expense.

Zhou Guoliang, 54, a general manager in the electronics industry from Shanghai,

and his wife rarely visit Hong Kong nowadays partly because of social tensions.

"I heard Hong Kong people insult Chinese," said Zhou. "We come to bring consumption, and you should be nice and guide visitors."

So he's taking his money to Macau, where he vacations three to four times a year. Zhou once bought a \$7,000 Omega watch and a \$6,000 necklace from Chow Sang Sang Holdings International with his winnings in Macau, although he observed the watches are slightly pricier in Macau.

"People who gamble in Macau go there particularly for amusement and fun," said Zhou. "I wouldn't save the money to bring it back home."

Swiss watch exports to Hong Kong in March fell 38 percent from a year ago, the most among major markets, according to the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry.

Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd., the world's largest listed jewelry chain, and Sa Sa International Holdings Ltd. reported slumping sales during the Lunar New Year holiday in February, when the number of mainland Chinese tourists to Hong Kong dropped by 26 percent from a year earlier.

Shares of Chow Tai Fook Jewellery have dropped 44 percent from a year ago, while competitor Chow Sang Sang Holdings International has declined 30 percent. The benchmark Hang Seng Index

is down 26 percent from a year earlier.

China's economic slowdown and anti-corruption efforts also affect Macau and its \$30 billion casino industry, yet there are signs the market has hit bottom. Visitor totals for the former Portuguese colony rose 4.2 percent last month, and a flood of new projects like the Batman Ride targets tourists and families.

"Retailers are still willing to expand in Macau because Chinese visitors will continue to come and play in the gaming hub," said Michael Cheng, Asia Pacific & Hong Kong/China retail & consumer partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Halewinner's 15 shops in Macau experienced a downturn last year, though Choi remains bullish because "the situation improved" by the fourth quarter and the city is the only one in China with gambling. For Hong Kong, he expects sales to drop 10 to 15 percent this year.

The company plans to have more than 20 shops there by year's end and is trying different methods to engage with customers - even hosting parties with wine and cigars to show new watches.

"Buying things is one of the things you do when you go on a vacation," Choi said. "They buy because they won some money or because they lost some money. A lot of customers lost some money and come to buy a product so they feel better." **Bloomberg**

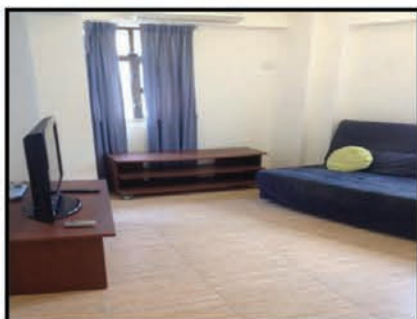
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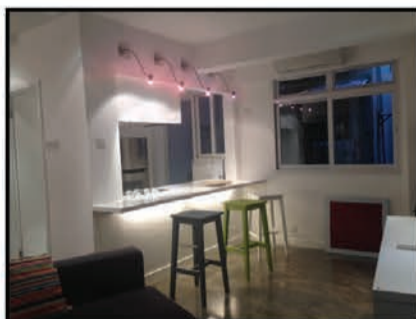


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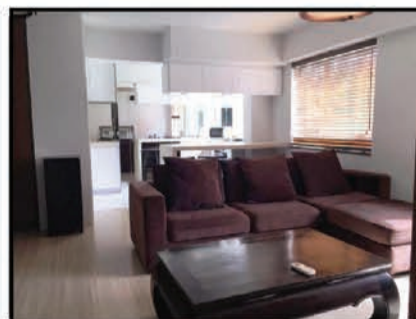
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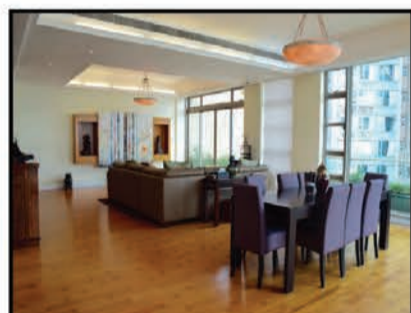
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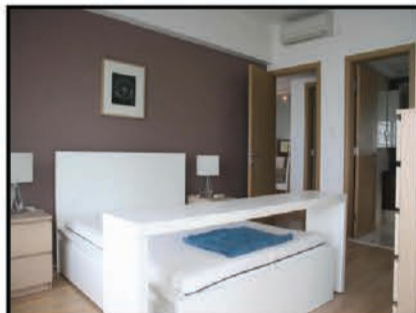
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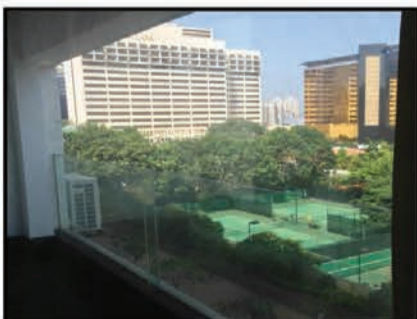
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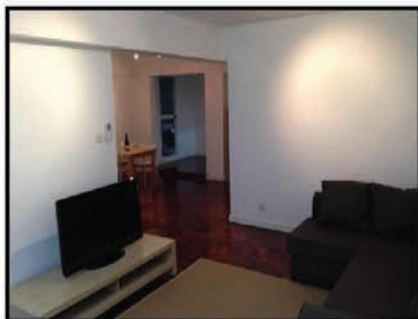
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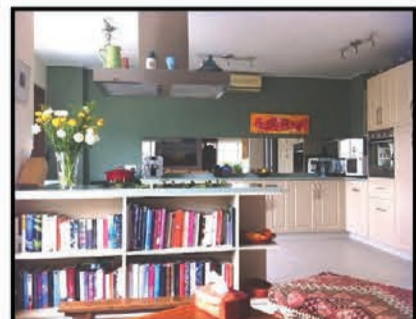
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Reckitt Benckiser Korea apologizes for deadly sterilizers

BRITISH consumer goods company Reckitt Benckiser apologized yesterday for selling deadly disinfectants that killed or injured hundreds of people, five years after the government ordered the company to remove the products from shelves for health risks.

Ataur Safdar, head of the company's Korean division, said the company accepted responsibility and wanted to make amends. He spoke at a news conference, where he was interrupted by angry and tearful victims and family members who cursed and hit him.

A teenager with a big, green oxygen tank, and four other people who were apparently victims or their families, walked to the stage to confront Safdar.

"Can you save the child? What are you going to do?" said a woman, in a scene broadcast live on television. "Why did it take so long?" a man said.

Safdar said the company will come up with a plan to compensate victims. It will also provide 10 billion won (\$8.8 million) to a humanitarian fund for them, including 5 billion won it pledged two years earlier. He called the day "an important milestone in achieving progress for victims."

But the victims and families rejected the apology, appealing to the South Korean public to punish Reckitt Benckiser with a boycott. In a press conference outside the prosecutors' office, victims and campaigners lined up the products made by Reckitt Benckiser and asked the public not to buy them.

The apology came as South Korean prosecutors were investigating Reckitt Benckiser and about a dozen other companies for selling or manufacturing unsafe disinfectants. Earlier the company had refused to take responsibility.

In a separate statement after the press conference, civic groups representing the victims said they planned to file a complaint against Rakesh Kapoor, the British company's chief executive officer, and the company's seven other board members for failing to conduct safety tests before the disinfectant's launch in 2001 and until sales were discontinued in 2011.

The victims have already filed a complaint against 10 disinfectant manufacturers and 19 companies that sold the products.

The health risks from the disinfectants came to attention in 2011 with mysterious lung ailments that killed pregnant women. Later that year, authorities said the chemicals PHMG and PGH in the disinfectants that many South Korean households used to cleanse humidifiers were to blame. **AP**

INFRASTRUCTURE

Japan announces USD7 billion plan to develop Mekong region

Tassanee Vejpongsa, Bangkok

JAPAN'S foreign minister announced a multibillion-dollar initiative yesterday to promote development in Southeast Asia's Mekong region, which encompasses parts of Vietnam, Laos and Thailand through which the river flows.

In a speech at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Fumio Kishida affirmed the importance of Southeast Asia's economic prosperity to Japan. He pledged 750 billion yen (USD7 billion) in funding during the next three years to support development and growth in the region.

The initiative will help promote "connectivity" within Southeast Asian countries and Japan, through funding in infrastructure and development of human resources. Thailand has become a key manufacturing and export hub for Japanese manufacturers such as Toyota and Honda.

"Invigorating the flow of goods and people by connecting the region through roads, bridges and railways is indispensable for promoting economic development," he said, adding that Japan's cooperation will go beyond just building infrastructure.

Over the next three years, "we will make use of funds amounting to 750 billion



Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha (right), meets with Japan's Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida at Government House in Bangkok

The initiative will help promote 'connectivity' within Southeast Asian countries and Japan

yen toward cooperation with the Mekong region," Kishida said. Specific details have not been announced but he said Japan would like to work together with the Mekong countries to create a framework to support the various efforts,

including regional issues and theme-oriented support, in a detailed manner.

"I am expecting the day when, as a result of these efforts, I can depart from Bangkok eastward in the morning and arrive in Ho Chi Minh City at night and enjoy pho for dinner," he said.

Kishida also renewed his call for the establishment of a code of conduct in the South China Sea, where China, Vietnam, the Philippines and others have competing territorial claims, and that prosperity can only be achieved if there is peace and stability in the region.

"In this region, there are issues of terrorism, extremism, and ensuring mari-

time safety and security," he said. "There are multitudes of issues now facing our ASEAN partners. We need to face these issues together, and maintain stability in this region. What is necessary is respect for diversity, and what is fundamental for that is the rule of law."

Referring to Thailand's current political situation and its military government, Kishida said he hoped that the people of Thailand will overcome the current difficult challenges and "play more active role in the region and international community."

The visit to Thailand is part of his regional tour that includes stops in China, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. **AP**

corporate bits

SANDS CHINA AWARDS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES



Sands China celebrated its outstanding team members on Thursday at the sixth "Because We Care Team Member Awards Ceremony" at The Venetian Macao's Venetian Theatre.

Five team members and two teams from among a pool of 227 nominations were recognised with seven distinct awards for their achievements in exemplifying the company's

"Because We Care" values – friendliness, professionalism, active listening and teamwork, stated a press release issued by Sands China.

Each winner received a trophy, a certificate, a cash prize of MOP20,000, MOP5,000 in food and beverage vouchers, and a one-night stay in a hotel in Hong Kong with round-trip, first-class Cotai Water Jet tickets for two. Other top nominees each received a cash prize of MOP3,000 and a certificate.

In addition, 24 team members from eight different departments received a special Sands Global Synergies trophy in recognition of their contribution to the Global Standard Operating Procedures Project organised by Las Vegas Sands Corp.

MGM LAUNCHES 'FUN FOR EVERYONE' CAMPAIGN



MGM Macau has commissioned a photography campaign inspired by the overall theme "Fun for Everyone" as a tribute to the resort's latest exhibition, "Edgar Degas: Figures in Motion."

The series of ten portraits in the campaign features a mixture of a group of Macau, Hong Kong and China-based leaders, re-creating an elegant pose inspired by Edgar Degas' sculptures that are

currently on display in the art exhibition at MGM Art Space.

According to a statement by MGM Macau, the portraits feature Carlos Marreiros, a local artist and architect; Han-jin Tan, a Hong Kong singer and artist, MGM's senior design manager Mário Siqueira, and Pansy Ho, co-chairperson and executive director of MGM China Holdings Limited (pictured).

The photos are available on MGM Macau's social media channels, with a range of games tagged with prizes and special offers.

A highlight program for Le French May, "Edgar Degas: Figures in Motion" presents 74 pieces of bronze sculptures never before shown in Asia, including the famous "Little Dancer, Aged Fourteen."

HONG KONG

Hundreds gather to protest editor's dismissal



AP PHOTO
Around 400 people have gathered in Hong Kong to protest a veteran newspaper editor's

dismissal that triggered concerns about press freedom in the semiautonomous Chinese territory. The dismissal last month of the Ming Pao newspaper's No. 2 editor, Keung Kwok-yuen, came after the newspaper published a report on the "Panama Papers" document leak revealing offshore business dealings of the rich and powerful. The newspaper said Keung was dismissed to save operating costs. The South China Morning Post said journalists, activists and politicians attended the rally yesterday outside the Ming Pao Industrial Center. Protesters carried signs saying "protect journalists, protect Ming Pao, protect press freedom." Anxiety has grown in recent years among many in Hong Kong about Beijing's growing influence on the territory.

China rejects Hong Kong port call by US aircraft carrier



AP PHOTO
China recently denied a request from a U.S. aircraft carrier for a port visit in Hong Kong, the State Department

said Friday, in an apparent sign of mounting tension in the disputed South China Sea. Defense Secretary Ash Carter and his Philippine counterpart visited the carrier, USS John C. Stennis, in those waters two weeks ago, a move that irked Beijing. Gabrielle Price, spokeswoman for East Asia, said the department was recently informed that a request for a visit by the Stennis and accompanying vessels was denied. She said the U.S. has a long record of successful port visits to Hong Kong, including a current visit by the USS Blue Ridge, and it expects that will continue. The Chinese Embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

China ambassador says North Korean proposal merits study



AP PHOTO
China's U.N. ambassador says a North Korea proposal under which Pyongyang would halt its nuclear

program if the U.S. and South Korea suspend joint military exercises merits consideration. "I think anything, anything, any proposal, no matter where the proposal comes from, so long it is conducive to a negotiated solution that will contribute to denuclearization to peace and stability on the Korean peninsula should be studied very carefully," Liu Jieyi said on the weekend. He stressed the need for a multidimensional approach to the North Korea situation and said that sanctions and Security Council resolutions alone would not resolve the issue. He added countries could also work directly with North Koreans to diffuse tensions. Liu made his remarks during a news conference wrapping up his month-long term as Security Council president.

China lays out firm conditions for improved ties with Japan

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

CHINA laid out firm conditions over the weekend for improved ties with Japan, telling Tokyo's visiting foreign minister that there could be "no ambiguity or vacillation" in meeting Beijing's demands over historical interpretation, relations with Taiwan and other key matters.

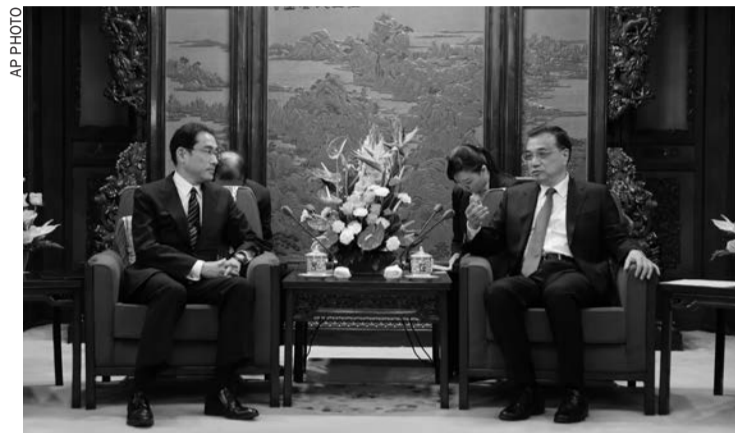
Beijing portrayed the visit by Fumio Kishida as an act of outreach to an angry China, as the two sides try to repair relations bedeviled by disputes over territory, history and competition for influence in East Asia.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told Kishida that the ties must be based on "respect for history, adherence to commitment, and on cooperation rather than confrontation."

Relations have gone through "twists and turns in recent years due to reasons best known by Japan," Wang said, adding that China desires "healthy and stable relations" with its neighbor and key economic partner.

Japan needs to "turn its words into deeds," Wang said.

In an elaboration on Wang's comments, the Foreign Ministry quoted him as saying that Japan must adhere to commit-



AP PHOTO
Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (left), talks with China's Premier Li Keqiang

ments laid down in previous agreements, "face up to and reflect upon the history and follow the one-China policy to the letter," the last part a reference to Beijing's insistence that self-governing Taiwan is Chinese territory.

"No ambiguity or vacillation is allowed when it comes to this important political foundation of the bilateral ties," the ministry quoted Wang as saying.

As part of what the ministry termed a "four-point requirement on improving bilateral ties," Wang also demanded that Japan "have a more positive and healthy attitude toward the growth of China, and stop spreading or echoing all kinds of China threat or China economic recession theories."

Kishida was making the first formal visit to China by a Japanese foreign minister in more than four years, part of an effort to revive a relationship that for years has been economically vital but politically dormant. He also met with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and senior foreign policy adviser Yang Jiechi.

Kishida's spokesman Masato Otaka described the discussions as frank and candid, and said the atmosphere throughout the visit was "forthcoming."

Otaka said he believed ties were on the uptick, partly as a result of increased contacts between leaders of the two sides at multinational gatherings.

"Basically, the two countries are trying to find ways to im-

prove the relationship," Otaka said.

High-level ties between the two countries have been largely frozen since Japan nationalized a string of uninhabited East China Sea islands claimed by China in 2012, sparking deep anger among Chinese. Kishida's visit was the first formal one to China by a Japanese foreign minister in more than four years.

Despite their crucial economic relationship, many Chinese harbor deep animosity toward Japan dating from its brutal invasion and occupation of much of China during the 1930s and 1940s. Meanwhile, distrust toward Beijing runs deep among the Japanese public, who see their country's economic and political influence being overshadowed by a rising China.

China is also deeply critical of Japan's alliance with the U.S. and has warned Tokyo to keep out of a festering dispute over China's moves to cement its claim over virtually the entire South China Sea. Beijing has also lambasted moves by Japanese conservatives seen as whitewashing Japan's militaristic past and minimizing World War II atrocities committed in China and elsewhere. AP

Malaysia deports 32 Taiwanese suspects to Guangzhou, draws protest

TAIWANESE officials have protested Malaysia's deportation of 32 of the self-ruled island's nationals to China this weekend to face wire fraud charges, the latest in a series of disputes that has raised new friction between China and Taiwan.

The deportation follows the sending of nearly four dozen Taiwanese from Kenya to China last month, a case some experts and observers see as an attempt by Beijing to bully the island that it claims as its own territory.

Chinese authorities have said they need to crack down on perpetrators of phone scams that have resulted in an estimated 10 billion yuan (USD1.5 billion) of losses each year. Scammers posing as officials from the police, government, banks or insurance companies convince their victims to transfer funds or provide personal information that can be used to steal from them.

Taiwanese Cabinet spokesman Sun Lih-chyun said that China had invited a delegation from the island to come to the mainland for talks on the Taiwanese detained in the investigation. Sun welcomed China's move, according to Taiwanese media.

In a statement late Saturday, the Cabi-

net said that China had pressured Malaysia to deport the Taiwanese suspects to the mainland against Taiwan's wishes.

The island's foreign ministry lodged a protest with Malaysia for taking that action despite Taiwanese officials' efforts to negotiate, and said the deportations would hurt relations. In April, Malaysia sent 20 Taiwanese wire fraud suspects back to Taiwan despite Beijing's request that they be sent to China.

China claims jurisdiction in these cases because it says the victims of the alleged fraud were residents of mainland China.

The Taiwanese were part of a group of 97 phone fraud suspects Malaysia deported to the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou on Saturday night. The other 65 among them were mainland Chinese citizens, Chinese state media reported.

Malaysian government officials confirmed Sunday that the Taiwanese were sent to mainland China.

A Malaysian official, who declined to be named because he isn't authorized to speak to the media, said the decision came after Beijing made further appeals to the Malaysian government after the earlier group of Taiwanese suspects were repatriated to Taiwan.



AP PHOTO
Chinese suspects involved in wire fraud are escorted off a plane upon arriving at the Beijing Capital International Airport

China's official Xinhua News Agency said all the suspects arrived in Guangzhou bound by shackles and wearing black hoods.

Officials and state media have complained that Taiwan doesn't punish such crimes harshly enough, encouraging others to try their luck at such relatively low-risk, low-overhead scams that can potentially lead to massive payouts.

Taiwan says Beijing violated a tacit understanding under which both sides agreed not to interfere in the legal affairs of their citizens abroad. AP

Andreo Calonzo & Clarissa Batino

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Philippine front-runner open to talks with Beijing on maritime dispute

RODRIGO Duterte, the tough-talking Davao City mayor who is leading Philippine presidential polls, said he will hold bilateral talks with China to resolve a territorial dispute in the South China Sea if the current multilateral discussions don't bear fruit within two years.

Duterte told supporters Sunday night on Liwasang Bonifacio square in Manila City that he will defend Philippine claims in the contested waters while remaining open to the possibility of joint exploration for energy assets with China. He may also ask China to help build key railway projects connecting Manila to provinces and for assistance with a long-standing plan for a train system in Mindanao, his home region.

"If negotiations will be in still waters in 1 or 2 years, I will talk to the Chinese," Duterte, 71, told a crowd of about a thousand people.

Bilateral talks would mark a departure from the policy of outgoing President Benigno Aquino, who has brought China before an international arbitration panel to try to resolve the dispute, leading to a deterioration in bilateral ties. China has been more aggressively asserting its claims to more than 80 percent of the waterway in recent years, reclaiming more than 3,000 acres of land to build out artificial islands that will better allow it to project force in waters that are a rich fishing ground for the Philippines.



Rodrigo Duterte

Duterte has said he will tout the Philippines' alliance with Western powers such as the U.S. to get China to accept the Philippine position. He also said he would ride a jet ski to a disputed island occupied by China and personally stake the Philippines' claims.

China has failed to recognize

the legitimacy of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague to deal with the dispute and said it will only engage in bilateral talks with claimant states over the water, which hosts about USD5 trillion in shipping a year. China's claims to most of the South China Sea overlaps with those of the Phil-

ippines and four other states.

Duterte, was leading the field of five candidates for the May 9 election with 33 percent support, with Senator Grace Poe in second place with 22 percent, according to the latest opinion poll by Pulse Asia Research Inc. released by ABS-CBN on April 29.

Duterte, who ruled Davao for 22 years and is credited with improving security and the economy of the southern city, also told supporters during his May 1 speech that he won't live in the presidential residence; has no plans to hold a big inaugural event; and will shun banquets with foreign envoys.

He also pledged to appoint a non-politician to head the transportation department, pursue a fair peace deal with all Muslim rebels and work for genuine land reform that will improve the lot of farmers. His administration will pour 1 billion pesos (\$21 million) per region to boost small and mid-sized businesses.

The mayor, accused of not declaring tens of millions of dollars in assets, questioned how Senator Antonio Trillanes got access to information on his bank accounts when Philippine laws guarantee deposit secrecy. Trillanes and Duterte's lawyer met yesterday at the Julia Vargas branch of the Bank of the Philippine Islands to discuss the mayor's alleged undisclosed accounts. **Bloomberg**

ECONOMY

China factory stabilization shows little need for added stimulus

WITH new data suggesting that China's economy stabilized in April amid a property recovery and credit surge, analysts say there is little need for stepped-up monetary easing in the immediate future.

China's official factory gauge, the manufacturing purchasing managers index, stood at 50.1 in April, the nation's statistics agency said Sunday. That is the second consecutive month the indicator has moved above 50, which indicates improving conditions. The non-manufacturing PMI, which signals conditions at services and construction firms, slid slightly to 53.5 last month after a big jump in March.

The stabilizing readings eased urgency to add monetary stimulus, which risks fueling housing prices or flooding overcapacity sectors such as steel or coal with cheap credit. Maintaining the pace of growth in China while reining in overcapacity is the delicate balance the government is trying to strike this year, and it is ready to pull the trigger again on further stimulus if signs indicate a sharp slowdown.

"The near future is an observation period for the stimulus package," said Ming Ming, a Beijing-based fixed-income analyst at Citic Securities Co. "There won't be any big moves temporarily. Risk

in the financial markets – including commodities, property and bond markets – is the focus right now."

The manufacturing PMI compared with 50.2 in March and a median estimate of 50.3 in a Bloomberg News survey of economists. That indicates a slight weakening from the strong, unexpected jump seen in March. The sub-index of new orders in April stood at 51, indicating a rebound, while that of new exports and imports dropped, and the employment gauge showed that factories are reducing staff.

"Monetary policy will remain supportive in general, while some sort of management, such as

targeted tightening in the property market, is possible at some point," said Zhou Hao, a Singapore-based economist at Commerzbank AG. "The Chinese government only rolls out some short-term stimulus when the data are at the worst. It doesn't want to see all the steel mills firing up again or the market's speculation momentum get too strong."

China had an across-the-board rebound in March as corporate profits jumped, and new credit, investment, industrial output and retail sales beat economists' estimates. Those stronger readings may have the central bank hold off on stimulus for a while. Eco-



nomists see the People's Bank of China keeping the benchmark one-year lending rate at a record low 4.35 percent through the third quarter, before cutting it to 4.1 percent in the fourth.

The resilience of data stemmed in part from a surge in old growth drivers such as steel, in-

frastructure and properties, according to Bloomberg Intelligence economists Tom Orlik and Fieding Chen. "Once again, China's return to growth has come through a revival in lending and construction – at the expense of progress on deleveraging and re-balancing," they wrote. **Bloomberg**



Carolyn Lloyd (left), comforts her daughter Rachel Lloyd at Wellington Hospital



The word HELP spelled out with fern fronds is seen by Amalgamated Helicopters chief pilot Jason Diedrichs

Nick Perry, Wellington

NEW ZEALAND

North Carolina pair survive five days in the wilderness

AN American exchange student and her mother were rescued over the weekend in the New Zealand wilderness, where they were lost for five days after setting off on a day hike. A helicopter pilot spotted the large “help” signs they had made from fern fronds.

After thinking she would die, 22-year-old Rachel Lloyd is now recovering in Wellington Hospital with her mother, Carolyn Lloyd, by her side. The pair recounted their ordeal to The Associated Press.

DAY ONE: Carolyn Lloyd, 47, of Charlotte, North Carolina, was visiting her daughter for about a week, and Rachel was eager to show her some highlights of New Zealand. They had planned to hike the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, a popular route that was the backdrop for some of the scenes in “The Lord of the Rings” movies. But the winds that day were too strong, so they changed their plans to do a day hike in the expansive Tararua Forest Park. It was close to where Rachel was completing a semester abroad at Massey University in Palmerston North, after finishing most of a double degree at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

They left April 26, with Rachel’s college backpack filled with some water, trail mix and other snacks. They followed orange markers up a trail for about three hours to a summit, where they enjoyed sunny weather and spectacular views. But as they set off to complete the circular trail, they couldn’t locate any more orange markers and started following some blue markers down a hill. They

figured it was a continuation of the trail but later learned it was probably a track for pest monitoring.

“It got very steep, very jungly,” said Rachel. “The markers completely stopped after about 20 minutes but it was so steep it was physically impossible to climb back up.”

Rachel said they continued descending until they got stuck on a tiny ledge atop a 182-meter (600-foot) waterfall. As it got dark, they straddled a tree and lay atop one another to keep warm, keeping each other awake so they wouldn’t fall over the edge.

DAY TWO: Carolyn opened a package of cheese, only to have it tumble over the waterfall.

The pair forged ahead by scaling down the cliff next to the waterfall.

“There would be one tiny little rock, or one tiny shrub, and we’d swing to the next thing,” Rachel Lloyd said.

Once down, they followed a stream, figuring it would lead eventually to civilization. But they were forced to keep switching sides and Rachel fell head first into the icy water, hitting her head on a rock.

“That’s when I started going downhill,” she said. “I could never get dry and couldn’t get warm the rest of the trip.”

Carolyn piggybacked her dau-

ghter at times as they continued their journey. They made camp that night in a grassy clearing. They gathered ferns and lay atop each other as they tried to keep warm in temperatures which fell close to freezing.

“At this point it was very scary,” said Rachel. “I was trying to stay positive, and constantly praying, asking God to be with us.”

DAY THREE: Their cellphones died. They had been able to get reception at the summit but hadn’t been able to get service since they’d gotten lost. They had tried to conserve the batteries by switching off data and apps while periodically checking in to see if they could get reception.

Now they had no way to contact anybody, and nobody yet knew they were missing. Unknown to them, Carolyn’s husband, Barry, had been sending messages, urging them to get in touch, but hadn’t yet raised the alarm. And some hikers in the area stay overnight in huts, so the fact their car remained at the trailhead may not have seemed unusual.

The pair kept following the stream but it became deep and unpassable. They turned back and found a flat area with some sun and decided to stay put.

Rachel said her health was failing and she was losing her

vision and hearing. They were rationing what little food they had left, eating as little as three peanuts at a time. They were able to drink fresh water from the streams.

DAY FOUR: Carolyn came up with the idea of making the “help” signs. She made one in a creek bed and another in a clearing, using dead fern fronds, sticks and stones to make letters about 2 meters (6 feet) high.

“I was like a zombie, very dizzy, disorientated and cold, in my wet clothes,” said Rachel. She said her mother was incredibly supportive.

Rachel said she thought she was going to die, and began relaying her last wishes to her mom, telling her who should get various souvenirs she’d collected in New Zealand.

“I was terrified as a mother,” said Carolyn. “I was doing everything I could to keep her alive.”

By this time, authorities knew something was wrong. Carolyn had failed to check out of her hotel and return her rental car. Police had been in touch with family members back in the U.S., who were frantic. Authorities sent search teams into the forest.

DAY FIVE: Jason Diedrichs, chief pilot for Amalgamated

Helicopters, said police asked him Saturday morning to try to find the missing women. He didn’t know all the details, he said, but knew that after four nights missing, it could well be a mission to haul out bodies.

However, after 30 minutes of searching, at about noon, he spotted a “help” sign in a riverbed. As he circled overhead, he spotted the second “help” sign in a small clearing and saw the two women waving.

“To be honest, we were pretty relieved,” Diedrichs said.

He said Carolyn seemed OK but Rachel was clearly weak and exhausted, and he needed to lift her into the helicopter. She was later admitted to Wellington Hospital suffering hypothermia and undernourishment. She said yesterday she expected to stay there a couple more days, with her mother by her side.

Rachel said despite everything, she intends to finish her studies in New Zealand. And she wants to thank everyone who helped, including police, university officials and U.S. Embassy staff.

“I’m feeling so, so much better,” she said. “I’ve gotten a lot of food into me, I’m eating all the time, and just hearing my father’s voice, and my brother’s voice. On both sides of the equator, everyone’s support and love has been so overwhelming.” AP

Paul Elias, San Francisco

ASIAN AMERICANS

San Francisco chief releases racist texts, orders training

SAN Francisco's police chief said that he has ordered that all officers finish an anti-harassment class within the next month amid a racist texting scandal that has rocked the department already dogged by fatal shootings of unarmed minority suspects.

Flanked by religious and minority community leaders at a San Francisco press conference, Chief Greg Suhr also released more transcripts of racist and homophobic text messages first made available to The Associated Press along with inflammatory and inappropriate images found on former officers' cellphones.

It's the second texting scandal since 2014 in a department that is attempting to diversify its officers to reflect the San Francisco culture and population. The department of 2,100 was led by an Asian-American woman and a black man before Suhr took over five years ago.

About half the officers are white, roughly reflecting the white population in San Francisco. Asians make up a third of the city population, but account for about 16 percent of the officers. Close to 9 percent of its officers are black, exceeding a city population of 6 percent.



San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr, with his command staff and community and religious leaders behind him

Suhr says he has no plans to resign and Mayor Ed Lee says he supports the chief.

Lee sent an email letter to the entire department of nearly 2,100 officers last week calling on them to report colleagues who display intolerant behavior.

Suhr said last week that two officers turned in by colleagues for suspected overtime abuse and unauthorized access of driving records are being investigated by the district attorney for possible criminal charges.

"I support Chief Suhr," said the

Rev. Amos Brown, president of San Francisco's NAACP chapter.

Investigators say they found the text messages on the personal phones of the officers during criminal probes of former officer Jason Lai and retired Lt. Curtis Liu.

"The vast majority of police officers are shaken," Suhr said in an interview with AP. "The expectations have never been higher, so when officers do something like this, the disappointment can't be greater."

The names of those involved in the racist and homophobic con-

versations Suhr provided were redacted. Suhr said that Lai, Liu and an unidentified third former officer sent and received many of the messages. He also said several civilians were involved in the conversations.

Lai resigned earlier this month and Liu retired last year. Both are Chinese Americans, according to Suhr. The unidentified officer, who is white, also resigned. Suhr declined to identify a fourth officer implicated in the texting scandal who is facing dismissal before the city's Police Commission.

The newly provided transcripts denigrate minority suspects with racial slurs and insult colleagues perceived to be gay. The texts ridicule blacks in Ferguson, Missouri, where police shot and killed an unarmed black man.

They discuss a shootout among black men and the shooting of an armed suspect by police. In doing

so, they appear to ridicule the shooting death by police in 2014 of a mentally ill man carrying a stun gun officers mistook for a handgun.

They also exchanged photographs with racist captions.

One photo depicts a white man playfully spraying a young black child with a garden hose. The caption calls the boy a racial slur.

There's a photo of smoke rising above San Francisco and guesses are exchanged about the origins of the fire.

"Must be Korean BBQ," quips one.

"I heard was a slave ship!!" quips another.

Liu's attorney Tony Brass said that the texts investigators turned over to him show Liu only on the receiving end. Brass said he may not be privy to all Liu's texts, only the ones that pertain to his criminal case. **AP**

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TRADE unions and other groups are staging rallies around the world to mark International Workers Day. A look at some May Day events:

MAY DAY

Trade unions worldwide hold

TAIWAN

In Taipei, Taiwan's capital, labor unions took to the streets with a march to call on the government to reduce working hours and increase wages.

Many among the Taiwanese public have been concerned that outgoing President Ma Ying-jeou's push for closer economic ties with China has benefited just a few. Young Taiwanese have seen wages stagnate and good full-time jobs harder to find as the export-led economy has slowed.

Chen Li-jen, a protester with the Taiwan Petroleum Workers Union, said that while companies were seeing their earnings per share grow every year, workers' salaries were not rising in tandem.

"Hardworking laborers are being exploited by consortiums," Chen said.

"For the past decade, our basic salary has not made any progress," he said. "Laborers' rights have always been neglected. This is why I hope to take advantage of the May 1 Labor Day protest and tell the government that we are determined to fight for our rights."



A police officer yells at his colleagues during a clash with protesters in Manila to mark the International Labor Day

PHILIPPINES

In Manila, about 2,000 left-wing protesters scuffled with riot policemen, who used shields and a water cannon to try to prevent the flag-waving demonstrators from getting near the U.S. Embassy. Labor leaders said 20 protesters were injured.

Some of the protesters managed to break through the police cordon. TV video showed some of them punching a retreating police officer and using wooden poles to hit a fire truck.

Police made no arrests and the

protesters dispersed after about two hours.

May Day rallies were held across the Philippines, with campaigning entering the final week ahead of the May 9 presidential election. Some of the candidates pledged to address labor complaints.

"We'll see the real color and what will become of the sweet promises when one of them sits as president," left-wing labor leader Elmer Labog said.

TURKEY

Thousands of Turkish demon-

strators rallied for May Day in an authorized area of Istanbul while police cracked down on other protests.

Police used tear gas and water cannons on demonstrators trying to reach Taksim Square. One man died after being hit by a water cannon vehicle.

Taksim has symbolic meaning as the center of protests in which 34 people were killed on May Day in 1977.

The office of the governor of Istanbul said 24,500 security officers reported for duty Sunday, and that 207 people were detained.

Tensions are running high in Turkey after a string of deadly suicide bombings linked to either Kurdish or Islamic State group militants.

In the capital, Ankara, police rounded up four suspected IS members who were allegedly planning to attack May Day demonstrators.

May Day marches were held elsewhere in Turkey without incident but were cancelled in the southern city of Gaziantep after

a deadly car bombing on a police station.

In the coastal city of Izmir, some demonstrators stripped down in protest over police body searches at a square where people were allowed to gather, according to local media.

RUSSIA

Tens of thousands of people marched across Moscow's Red Square on a sunny Sunday morning in a pro-Kremlin workers' rally. The protesters were carrying the Russian tricolor and balloons.

As is typical for rallies organized by the ruling United Russia party, the May Day rally steered clear of criticizing President Vladimir Putin or his government for falling living standards. The slogans focused on wages and jobs for young professionals.

Left-wing Russian groups held their own rallies.

This year the May Day coincided with the Orthodox Easter in Russia. Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov told Russian news agencies ahead of the rally

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rallies; clash with police

that he celebrates Easter despite the Communist party's history of oppressing the Russian Church. When a supporter greeted him with "Christ has risen!" Zyuganov echoed "He is risen indeed!" in a traditional Orthodox greeting.

FRANCE

Fearing France's worker protections are under threat, hundreds of angry youths on the sidelines of a May Day labor rally hurled stones and wood at police in Paris, receiving repeated bursts of tear gas in response.

Trade unions, teenagers, pensioners and families held nearly 300 largely peaceful marches Sunday in Paris and cities around the country. The traditional May Day rallies took on greater weight this year as parliament is debating a bill that would allow longer working hours and let companies lay workers off more easily.

The bill has prompted the most violent labor-related protests in a decade, with marches and sit-ins frequently degenerating into clashes with police.

Riot police encircled a few hun-



Employees, workers and students demonstrate in the Old-Port, in Marseille

dred suspected troublemakers on the sidelines of the Paris march Sunday, and frustrated youth threw projectiles. Later, protesters set fires at a subway entrance and around the Republique plaza that has become a rallying point.

Nationwide two people were injured and 18 arrested, according to the Interior Ministry. Marchers held banners calling President Francois Hollande a "traitor."

The Socialist government hopes the relatively modest labor reform will reduce chronically high unemployment and make Fran-

ce more globally competitive, by allowing companies more flexibility. Opponents say it erodes hard-fought worker protections and call it a gift to corporate interests.

BRITAIN

Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn joined thousands of people at a May Day rally in central London, using the occasion to condemn the progress of far-right groups throughout Europe.

Standing atop a red London bus, Corbyn said the party is united against the far-right and against

racism.

"We stand in solidarity now against the growth of the far right in Europe," said Corbyn, whose faltering opposition party has been accused of anti-Semitism in recent days.

Corbyn, who represents Labour's left wing, was the first Labour leader to address a May Day crowd in decades.

BRAZIL

Embattled Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff used a May Day appearance in Sao Paulo to rally support against efforts to impeach her.

The president announced to tens of thousands of backers that she will beef up a flagship social program, reduce the impact of income tax on the middle class and build another 25,000 new low-price homes.

A key vote on her impeachment proceedings is scheduled within two weeks in the Senate.

Meanwhile, at an anti-Rousseff rally, union leader Paulinho da Forca called the president's announcements "desperate measures."

UNITED STATES

In the U.S., hundreds of marchers in Los Angeles chanted slogans and carried signs on May Day, with at least one person carrying a piñata replica of controversial Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

The marchers took to the streets calling for immigrant and worker rights and decrying what they see as hateful presidential campaign rhetoric.

It's one of several events in cities nationwide to call for better wages for workers, an end to deportations and support for an Obama administration plan to give work permits to immigrants in the country illegally whose children are American citizens.

"We want them to hear our voices, to know that we are here and that we want a better life, with jobs," said Norberto Guterrez, a 46-year-old immigrant from Mexico who joined families, union members and students who marched through downtown.

Demonstrators repeatedly called out Trump for his remarks about immigrants, workers and women. The leading Republican presidential contender has called for a wall on the border with Mexico and chided Democratic hopeful Hillary Clinton for playing the so-called "woman card." AP

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Offbeat

PROFESSOR PUTS CV OF HIS FAILURES ONLINE TO GIVE PERSPECTIVE

A Princeton University professor has published a CV of his career failures as a way to give perspective to students who are feeling discouraged.

Johannes Haushofer writes atop the CV that most of what he tries fails, but those failures are often invisible. The assistant professor of psychology says it gives the wrong impression that most things work out for him, so people "are more likely to attribute their own failures to themselves."

The CV is divided into sections with titles like "Degree programs I did not get into" and "Academic positions and fellowships I did not get."

He says he got the idea from an article in the journal Nature.

The list ends with a "Meta-Failure" that the CV has received "way more attention" than his entire body of academic work.

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(2D) 2.30, 6.30, 9.15 pmROOM 2
(3D) 4.15, 7.00 pmDirector: Anthony and Joe Russo
Starring: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 147min

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ROOM 2
2.15, 9.45 pmDirector: Peter Chik
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Duration: 97min

THE BOY_

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2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm
(30 Apr - 02 May) 2.30, 9.30 pmDirector: William Brent Bell
Starring: Lauren Cohan, Rupert Evans
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 97min

(30 Apr - 02 May) BOOK OF LOVE_

ROOM 3
4.30 pmDirector: Xue Xiaolu
Starring: Tang Wei, Wu Xiubo
Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 130min

(30 Apr - 02 May) THE HIMALAYAS_

ROOM 3
7.15 pmDirector: Lee Seok-hoon
Starring: Hwang Jung-min, Jung Woo
Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 124min

MACAU TOWER

27 APR - 18 MAY

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR_

1.15, 4.00, 6.45, 9.30 pm
Director: Anthony and Joe Russo
Starring: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 147min

this day in history



1951 KING GEORGE OPENS FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

King George VI has inaugurated the Festival of Britain and opened the Royal Festival Hall on London's South Bank.

The festival has been organised to mark the centenary of the Great Exhibition of 1851. It is intended to demonstrate Britain's contribution to civilisation, past, present, and future, in the arts, in science and technology, and in industrial design.

After a special service attended by the King, Queen Elizabeth, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret and other senior members of the royal family, King George declared the festival open in a broadcast from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral.

Cheering and flag-waving crowds lined the route taken by the King and Queen to St Paul's from Buckingham Palace.

At Temple Bar the procession stopped for a traditional ceremony in which the King was offered the Pearl Sword of the City.

The Lord Mayor of London, who enjoys precedence "of every subject" within the boundaries of the City of London, surrendered his sword, thus indicating the precedence of the Sovereign. The King then returned the sword and the Lord Mayor led the procession on to St Paul's.

A 41-gun salute was fired at the Tower of London and Hyde Park.

Later in the afternoon, the King and Queen attended a service of dedication led by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Royal Festival Hall.

Designed by Sir Robert Matthew, Leslie Martin and Sir Hubert Bennett, it was built specially for the occasion on the south bank of the River Thames.

Battersea Park has been transformed into the Festival Gardens, laid out as a pleasure garden with a tree walk, fountains and a grotto.

Exhibitions of art and design are being held all over the country and 2,000 camp fires will be lit tonight across Britain.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

After the devastation and resulting austerity of the war years, the Festival of Britain aimed to raise the nation's spirits whilst promoting the very best in British art, design and industry.

Some criticised the event as a waste of public money but the South Bank exhibitions attracted 8.5 million visitors in five months. The Millennium Dome built some 50 years later pulled in 6.5 million in the 12 months of its controversial existence.

Of the various buildings constructed on the South Bank site such as Skylon and the Dome of Discovery, only the Royal Festival Hall remains. But other arts venues have sprung up around it, namely the National Film Theatre (1952) and the Royal National Theatre (1963), Hayward modern art gallery (1968).

A year after the festival opened, King George died and was succeeded by his eldest daughter Elizabeth

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
This is the best time to get started in a new direction. Things are looking up, and you should find that your energy is perfect for launching new businesses, relationships and legal agreements.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You may find that it's easier to just let things slide today — otherwise, people are likely to see you as unappealingly greedy. That's not the case, of course, but your actions will be easy to misunderstand.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
You have to take direct action today — otherwise, you may find that you are way behind the pack! See if you can get your people to follow your lead; with your great energy, that shouldn't be tough!

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You need to take great care around the house, or you may find that little things pile up into huge projects. If you can tackle all the home chores before it gets dark, then you're all set.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You are having too much fun to sweat the small stuff today — and that is just how it should be! Your energy is great for parties, flirting and socializing, so make sure you're among your own kind.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Try something really different today — make a splash! If it involves romance, you can really impress someone, or get your sweetie to realize why they picked you in the first place.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Your artistic side is dominant today, so create something beautiful or soak up some culture. Your energy is just right for showing others what they're missing, too — so make it a party!

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
This is not the time for bold action; instead, you need to sit tight and wait patiently for things to get better. Your energy may push you in a different direction, but resist the desire to control.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You need to deal with someone whose sense of fairness is wildly different from your own. It may be a kid or a slightly immature adult, or someone who just comes from a very different place.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You need to spark the fire today — things are looking good, but without your initiative, they may stay frozen in place. Once you get people moving, it all seems to flow organically.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Embrace a different culture today — you need to mix it up a little if you want to expand those horizons! Your energy is just right for discovering new traditions and new ideas to add to your own.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You need to be wary of your partner or partners today — not that they are set to betray you, just that their assumptions may be quite different from your own. Talk it all out and make it work!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Harbin	13	19	thundershower
Tianjin	18	21	thundershower/drizzle
Urumqi	11	20	clear
Xi'an	19	29	cloudy/clear
Lhasa	3	18	clear/cloudy
Chengdu	17	29	cloudy
Chongqing	20	30	cloudy
Kunming	14	26	cloudy
Nanjing	20	25	thundershower/moderate rain
Shanghai	19	25	shower/moderate rain
Wuhan	20	25	moderate rain
Hangzhou	21	26	thundershower/moderate rain
Taipei	22	30	clear/drizzle
Guangzhou	23	29	cloudy
Hong Kong	23	28	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	2	14	drizzle
Frankfurt	6	18	clear
Paris	2	16	clear/cloudy
London	8	12	drizzle
New York	12	14	moderate rain

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Nonmetallic element; 7- Petroleum; 10- License plates; 14- River in a Strauss waltz; 15- Mexican Mrs.; 16- Put on the payroll; 17- Rubber; 18- Bell and Barker; 19- "What I Am" singer Brickell; 20- Water treatment; 23- Tiny particles; 26- Washington bill; 27- Port of Crete; 28- Actress Lollobrigida; 29- Lay down the lawn; 30- Bit of resistance; 31- To-do lists; 33- Daughter of Cadmus; 34- College sr.'s test; 37- Give ___ break!; 38- Strike; 39- Driver's aid; 40- Jogged; 41- Skill; 42- Classified items; 43- Makes sorrowful; 45- 401(k) alternative; 46- ___ Aviv; 47- Breakfast brand; 48- Misgiving; 51- Proverb ending?; 52- More wise; 53- Not assigned to a class; 56- Native Nigerians; 57- Mont Blanc, for one; 58- Originating in the mind; 62- ___ Lama Ding Dong; 63- New Zealand parrot; 64- Crescent-shaped; 65- Cafeteria carrier; 66- Common ID; 67- Buzz in space;

DOWN: 1- Alphabet trio; 2- Swiss river; 3- Genetic messenger; 4- Woodsman; 5- Follows orders; 6- Dork; 7- Donny or Marie; 8- Hopping mad; 9- Whip; 10- Aries; 11- Quinn of "Legends of the Fall"; 12- Beef; 13- Later, dudel; 21- Perches; 22- Reverberated; 23- Brightly colored lizard; 24- Large cat; 25- ___ a time (singly); 29- You ___ mouthful; 30- Actor Ryan; 32- Teaching of the Buddha; 33- In and of ___; 34- Shorthand pioneer; 35- Scope; 36- Belgian painter James; 44- Blind alley; 45- You got that right!; 46- Large brown snake; 48- Riding whip; 49- Open, as a gate; 50- Pueblo Indian village; 51- Capri and Man; 52- Capital of South Korea; 54- Fifth Avenue store; 55- To Live and Die ___; 59- Pitch; 60- "Lord, is ___?": Matthew; 61- 100 yrs.;

Friday's solution

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PREVIEW

Bayern promises 'fireworks' vs Atletico; Ronaldo's back at Madrid

Ciaran Fahey, Berlin

THOMAS Mueller has promised "fireworks" as Bayern Munich seeks to overturn a 1-0 defeat to Atletico Madrid and reach the Champions League final, where Real Madrid or Manchester City await.

Five-time champion Bayern could go out to Spanish opposition at the semifinal stage for the third straight season, after defeats to Real Madrid and Barcelona in 2014 and 2015.

Saul Niguez' brilliant strike in the first leg in Spain is the difference between the sides. Another Bayern fightback in front of 70,000 fans is expected today [Wed, 2:45am], with Pep Guardiola's side counting on the spirit that helped it recover from 2-0 down against Juventus to win 4-2 after extra time earlier in the campaign.

Guardiola still hopes to lead Bayern to the treble and match the feat of his predecessor Jupp Heynckes in his last season before he leaves for City.

City could yet meet its future coach in the final if it completes the job against Madrid tomorrow [Thu, 2:45am]. After a scoreless first leg in Manchester, Manuel Pellegrini's side knows a score-draw will be enough to reach the final for the first time.

Wednesday, 2:45am
Bayern v Atletico
H 1.6, D 4.05, A 6.5

Bayern missed the chance to clinch its fourth successive Bundesliga title on Saturday, when it was clear that thoughts were already on Atletico's visit.

With the league title all but certain to arrive sooner or later, Guardiola decided to rest Xabi Alonso, Javi Martinez, Philipp Lahm, David Alaba, Arturo Vidal, Thiago Alcantara, Douglas Costa and Robert Lewandowski



From left: Real Madrid's James Rodriguez, Cristiano Ronaldo and Carlos Henrique Casemiro

in the 1-1 draw against Borussia Moenchengladbach.

"Today's match is going to be different, we have to play better then," Guardiola said.

Since losing the 2014 semifinal to Madrid, Bayern has won all 11 Champions League games at home.

However, Bayern has been made to sweat in the Champions League this season, leaving it very late against Juventus and scraping past Benfica 3-2 on aggregate.

"The assurance has suffered a bit the last few weeks," Mueller said. "We stand together well as a team but it's no longer as easy as it was."

Most fans were surprised to see Mueller starting the first leg in Madrid on the bench. The 26-year-old scored his

20th league goal of the season Saturday, bringing his tally across all competitions to 32, and it was his injury-time goal that forced extra time against Juventus.

If Bayern had trouble breaking through Atletico's defense in Madrid, it will now have to deal with the addition of Diego Godin to the Spanish team's backline. Godin, a key player for Atletico, and winger Yannick Carrasco were both cleared to play on Sunday after recovering from injuries.

Coach Diego Simeone also rested most of his first-choice players over the weekend, starting only four players from his lineup that beat Bayern. Atletico won 1-0 against Rayo Vallecano to stay level on points with league leader Barcelona.

Thursday, 2:45am
Real Madrid v Man C
H 1.56, D 4.6, A 6.75

The big question for 10-time winner Madrid is the same as before: Will Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema be fit to face City?

The two forwards, who lead Madrid with a combined 74 goals this season, are both nursing right-leg injuries. Ronaldo has missed Madrid's last three matches, including the draw at City that Benzema left early after aggravating his hamstring.

Coach Zinedine Zidane is hopeful he will have them back.

"In my head I want them and we think that they'll be ready," Zidane said after Saturday's 1-0 win at Real Sociedad.

With both Ronaldo and Ben-

zema sidelined, attack partner Gareth Bale has risen to the occasion by scoring late winners both at Sociedad and in the last round at Rayo to keep Madrid in the Spanish league title hunt.

"It will be a very intense game and I hope that with the help of our fans we can move forward," Bale said.

City heads to Spain after a 4-2 loss on Sunday to Southampton, when Pellegrini rested key players, including Sergio Aguero, Kevin de Bruyne and Vincent Kompany.

And City has its own injury concerns, with David Silva out with a hamstring injury sustained in the first leg. Yaya Toure, however, could be available again after a hamstring injury.

"We are not afraid to go away to the Bernabeu," said Pellegrini. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

CHINA'S Li Haotong shot a bogey-free 8-under 64 on Sunday to win the China Open for his first European Tour title.

The 20-year-old Li, who began the day two shots behind leaders Felipe Aguilar of Chile and Denmark's Lucas Bjerregaard, finished three

GOLF

Local favorite Li Haotong fires 64 to win China Open

strokes clear of runner-up Aguilar at 22-under 266.

Aguilar, who shot a 69, held a two-shot lead at the turn but a double bogey on the par-3 16th dashed his title hopes.

Li missed the cut at last week's Shenzhen International, the first of back-to-back European Tour events in China.

"I just tried to relax myself and I'm really happy

to hold the trophy here," Li said. "The start of this year has given me a lot of hard times. Even though I worked hard I still played badly, especially last week. I worked hard

there and couldn't control my ball."

Bjerregaard shot a 70 to finish in a three-way tie for third with Marcel Siem of Germany and England's Richard Bland.

Peter Hanson, Scott Hend and Richie Ramsay followed at 17 under, a shot ahead of David Lipsky, Alex Noren, Borja Virto Astudillo and Fabrizio Zanotti. **AP**

opinion

Views of the World

Albert R. Hunt, Bloomberg

CANDIDATES' CLAIMS OF AMERICAN DECLINE ARE HYPE

As in any U.S. national election without an incumbent president, the candidates are painting a not very pretty picture: The country is "going to hell," bluntly asserts the Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

The Democratic challenger, Senator Bernie Sanders, isn't much kinder and even Hillary Clinton is starting to focus more on challenges than successes.

To many voters the message is: The economy is terrible, the social fabric is disintegrating and America is losing respect around the world.

Certainly, problems abound. The recovery from the 2008-09 recession has been uneven and is characterized by widening income inequality; wages for the average working family have stagnated for decades; racial tensions in some places have worsened, suicide rates are up, terrorism is on the rise, Russia and China are threatening and the political system is dysfunctional.

But that is hardly the whole or even the dominant story. Politics aside, there is more good news than bad.

For all the inequities, no Western economy has recovered from the recession as well as the U.S. The unemployment rate has been cut in half, with 14 million jobs added over the past six years.

Most other indices are encouraging: Consumer confidence has risen and the housing market has basically recovered. Budget deficits have plummeted, there's less reliance on foreign oil than any time in almost three decades, and the health care overhaul has had more positive consequences than negative ones.

Still, wages are only starting to creep up. While the federal government is frozen, more than one-third of states have boosted their minimum wage. Wages should be a focus of the presidential campaign, and vows such as breaking up the banks or slapping big tariffs on Chinese imports are distractions.

There is progress on the cultural and social fronts, too. Bitter divides remain, but Americans have become more tolerant. Although some politicians still pander to racial prejudices, young people are more open.

The same is true of sexual orientation. Ten years ago, same-sex marriage, even some basic gay rights, was an explosive issue; today, there is wide and growing acceptance.

There are encouraging developments on issues emphasized by conservatives. There are only about half as many abortions as 30 years ago. Teenage pregnancies have plummeted. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last week that the birthrate among American teenagers has fallen to a historic low. This continues a quarter-century of improvement; especially important to experts is that the sharpest drops have been among Hispanic and black teenagers.

And there is good news on crime. Both the murder rate and overall violent crime rate have been cut almost in half since the 1980s. There's bipartisan consensus to try to do something about the outrageously high incarceration levels, particularly for blacks. There is a chance that even this do-nothing Congress might pass measures.

The world is a dangerous place, but it's not as threatening to the U.S. as it was 10 years ago when two wars raged. There is slow progress in the fight against the Islamic state, though future terrorist acts are inevitable and the danger will remain for years.

Critics claim that President Vladimir Putin of Russia has consistently outmaneuvered President Barack Obama. Yet Russia is more isolated today and subject to economic sanctions. And Putin's Syrian involvement could become a quagmire. China is more important and has been more aggressive in Asia, but its internal political and economic problems dwarf those of the U.S.

To be sure, many of the problems articulated in the campaign are real. The next president faces a host of economic, national security and social challenges.

But pessimists still should answer two questions: If the goal is to make America great again, what era should we aspire to return to? And is there any country whose hand you would rather have?

THE COMPANIES CRUCIAL TO ENERGY EXPLORATION ABANDON USD34B MERGER

Two companies crucial to the business of U.S. energy exploration have abandoned their planned USD34 billion merger, the Justice Department said yesterday.

The department filed suit April 6 to block the merger of Halliburton and Baker Hughes. It claims the transaction would unlawfully eliminate significant competition in almost two

dozen markets crucial to the exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the United States.

Justice officials said the merger of Halliburton and Baker Hughes would have raised prices, decreased output and lessened innovation in at least 23 oilfield products and services critical to the nation's energy supply.

CINEMA

Feud over artistic independence threatens Asian film festival



People attend the opening ceremony of the Busan Film Festival

Yookyung Lee, Seoul

THE future of Asia's largest, most-awaited film festival is in question as local filmmakers threaten to boycott the red carpet over what they view as government interference.

Officials of the Busan International Film Festival say the feud between organizers and the host city Busan, its largest financial sponsor, started two years ago when the festival's program displeased government officials.

Their biggest objection was over the film, "Truth Shall Not Sink With The Sewol," which excoriated South Korean authorities for botching rescue operations during a ferry disaster that left 304 people, mostly high-school students, dead or missing.

Festival organizers defied Busan Mayor Suh Byung-soo's request they not

screen the documentary, and "That's where all the problems started," Kim Ji-seok, its executive programmer, said in an interview.

Kim and other festival organizers and filmmakers say authorities retaliated, with the central government slashing its budget for the event last year by half. The city ordered an audit, which found misuse or unexplained uses of some of the festival's budget, and filed a complaint against festival director Lee Yongkwan. Lee, whose term ended in February, is under investigation for allegedly providing 474 million won (USD416,800) as commission fees to brokers without proper documentation.

The Busan festival premieres films from novice Asian directors and has often spotlighted major new talent, including Venice Film Festival Golden

Lion winner Jia Zhangke. For the past 20 years, moviegoers and industry officials have watched Busan, hoping to discover Asia's next-generation Wong Kar Wai or Ang Lee.

The call to withdraw the movie was "a violation of freedom of expression," Kim said. "It's no different from censorship. It is unthinkable to censor a film festival."

Officials say the screening of the ferry disaster film in 2014 was not the reason for the festival's audit, which they say will help ensure its long-term viability. The city approved a 6 billion won (\$5.2 million) sponsorship for this year's festival, level with last year.

Ahead of the Oct. 6-15 annual event, when they should be focusing on scouting new talent and viewing film submissions from around the world, city and festival officials are deadlocked over how to reform the festival's management.

The two sides are feuding over who should succeed the Busan mayor as the festival's executive chairman. Usually, the mayor gets that post due to the city's role as the event's biggest sponsor. But filmmakers want someone from the industry to be in charge.

Each side has a big stake in the festival and wants greater control. AP

MACAU

Glitch leads to chaos at border



ON Saturday a computer failure in the checking system at the border gate sparked chaos that lasted for approximately two hours. Traffic stalled and a large group of people remained outside the departure hall.

The incident took place at around 5.18 p.m. and lasted until 7.15 p.m. Police officers quickly arranged a barricade around the departure hall outside, where several long, disorganized queues of people waiting to cross the border were already being for-

med. Meanwhile on the mainland side, the Gongbei police also had to control groups of people waiting to enter Macau.

Ng Kam Va, deputy director of the Public Security Police Force (PSP), informed the media that the problems first occurred with passports and travel documents, while the Macau identity card system continued to work normally for a brief period of time before it too faced similar difficulties. According to the PSP, the same computer system failure struck the automatic checkpoints of all local border gates at the same time in the afternoon.

Ngou Kuok Lim, head of the technical department of the PSP, claimed that the backup program also failed to work correctly after it had been launched following the initial failure. The PSP apologized to the public and confirmed that the failures were not due to interference by hackers. Staff reporter

Station	Air quality
Roadside	30-50 Good
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	30-50 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

IRAQ A car bombing has killed at least 13 Shiite pilgrims commemorating the death anniversary of a revered Imam in Baghdad. A police officer says the parked explosives-laden car detonated shortly after midday in Baghdad's southwestern Saydiyah neighborhood. He added that 28 other people were wounded.



GERMANY and some other EU countries are planning to ask the EU Commission for an extension of border controls within the Schengen passport-free travel zone for another six months because they fear a new wave of migrants. Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere's spokesman says a letter was sent yesterday asking for an extension of the controls on the German-Austrian border.



KOREAS Seoul has instructed its foreign embassies to take extra precautions against possible North Korean attempts to kidnap or attack South Koreans abroad, officials said yesterday. The instruction was issued in response to North Korea's threat to retaliate for last month's group defection by 13 North Koreans, who Pyongyang says were kidnapped by South Korean spies while working at a North Korea-owned restaurant in China.



HIMALAYAS The bodies of a renowned mountain climber and expedition cameraman who were buried in a Himalayan avalanche 16 years ago have been found. The widow of Alex Lowe said in a statement this week that two climbers attempting to ascend the 26,291-foot Shishapangma in Tibet discovered the remains of two people partially melting out of a glacier. Anker concluded that the two were Bridges and Lowe, the statement said.