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CHINA Chinese authorities are questioning the crew of a Maltese-flagged ship that collided with a Chinese fishing boat over the weekend, killing at least two sailors and leaving 17 others missing.



NORTH KOREA expels a BBC journalist it had detained days earlier for allegedly "insulting the dignity" of the authoritarian country, which has invited scores of foreign media for its ongoing ruling party congress. Yesterday, the conclave elected Kim as chairman of the Workers Party. More on p12



JAPAN Auto parts maker Takata Corp. is expecting a loss instead of a profit for the fiscal year that ended in March because of balloon costs from a massive global air-bag recall. Tokyo-based Takata said yesterday it is projecting an annual net loss of 13 billion yen.



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Degas exhibition officially inaugurated

THE opening ceremony of "Edgar Degas: Figures in Motion" was held at MGM Art Space yesterday, with an attendance of over 100 guests from many sectors of Macau

The exhibition features a total of 74 sculptures from renowned impressionist artist Edgar Degas that have hitherto never been shown in Asia, including his famous meter-tall sculpture, "Little Dancer, Aged Fourteen."

Several guests of honor officiated the ribbon-cutting ceremony with ballerinas by their sides, in reference to Degas's fascination with ballet dancers. They were then taken on a tour led by Dalit L. Durst, the chief curator of the M.T. Abraham Foundation, which owns the

Among the guests of honor

were Pansy Ho, co-chairperson and executive director of MGM China, Ung Vai Meng, the president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Eric Berti, consul general of France in Hong Kong and Macau, and Amir Kabiri, chairman of the Board of the M.T. Abraham Foundation.

"The object of the exhibition is to show another important side of Degas [his sculptures], for which he is less known," said Eric Berti at the ceremony. "These pieces, never before shown in Asia, [represent] a cultural exchange opportunity for Macau."

"We can share in this exchange in Macau, those precious moments that Degas captured," the Consul General added.

Pansy Ho said that the exhibition would help to promote cultural exchanges between China and France, and would also be beneficial in contributing to "Macau's diversified cultural offerings [...] in our attempt to bring world-class art to Macau."

She also stressed that cultural programs such as the De-

gas exhibition would help to nurture creative talent among the local youth and could encourage them to take an interest in culture. Over the long-term, Ho believes that such programs could improve Macau's status as an international city where globally influential artworks are created, appreciated and treasu-

The exhibition is being exclusively sponsored by MGM and co-presented by Le French May and the M.T. Abraham Foundation, with the support of the French Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Ma-

It will be open to the public until the end of November. **DB**

HERITAGE

Lai Chi Vun shipyard to be rebuilt as tourist spot

UTHORITIES have re-Ataken ownership of three properties in the Lai Chi Vun area, close to Coloane village, a district that previously held traditional shipyards. The Cultural Affairs Bureau president Ung Vai Meng plans to use the buildings as a means of showcasing the role that the shipyards had in Macau.

The areas reclaimed by the Marine and Water Bureau include one dockyard and two small wooden houses.

Ung said that both the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) and the Land, blic Works and Transport Bureau held several meetings to discuss the usage of those properties. "They will serve to launch a display of traditions, it will not be too commercial," explained Ung. Moreover, Ung asserted that research work and cooperation with shipbuilders have already

However, IC is not managing the three properties yet, and can't indicate the exact schedules for the reconstruction due to security issues. Nonetheless, Ung revealed that IC would be dividing the project into two phases: "First, we will repair and reinforce the structures of the three buildings, and only afterwards are we going to consider whether to use them."

Ung claimed that the authorities expect to increasingly draw people's attention to traditional shipbuilding technology by setting a good example with this program.

Earlier this month, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, director of the MGTO, mentioned that one idea from the cultural affairs authorities is to invite masters of shipbuilding technology to help turn these houses into a new tourist spot.

Alexis Tam, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, also informed the media last month that

there had been a preliminary idea envisioning these houses as hut exhibitions. Tam believed that such a project could be finished within one to two years.

Last month, some wood pillars of the dockyard were partially broken again, after the ceiling collapsed some time before.

It's not the first time that proposals to revamp Lai Chi Vun, an area of about 50,000 square meters, have surfaced. In 2012, during a meeting attended by the former Secretary for Transport and Public Works Lau Si Io, it was proposed that the city's boatbuilding industry be resurrected in the form of a cultural tourism product. As part of that plan, the defunct shipyards in Coloane were to be revived with a ship-building museum showcasing boatbuilding tools and machinery as exhibits, as well as having on-site workshops, in order to preserve the area, culture and industry that once flourished in Macau.

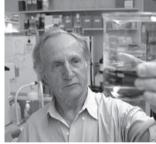
SCIENCE

Nobel laureate Mario Capecchi to give talk at UM

THE University of Macau (UM) on 23 May will confer the Doctor of Science honoris causa degree on Prof Mario Capecchi, a corecipient of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medi-

According to a statement issued by UM, the accolade will be granted in recognition of Capecchi's contributions to the field of genetic research. Following the honorary degree conferment ceremony, Prof Capecchi will present lecture, titled "Gene Targeting Into the 21st Century: Mouse Models of Human Diseases from Cancer to Neuropsychiatric Disorders." During the scholar is expected discuss the development of gene targeting and how the technique can be used to prevent and treat cancer and neuropsychiatric disor-

Capecchi received his PhD



Mario Capecchi

degree in biophysics from Harvard University in 1967. He has won numerous awards, including the Pezcoller Foundation- AACR International Award for Cancer Research.

Capecchi is best known for his pioneering work on the development of gene targeting in mouse embryo-derived stem (ES) cells. This technique allows scientists to evaluate in detail the function of any gene during the developmental or postdevelopmental phase of a

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VEGAS IS AN ACE IN THE HOLE FOR MACAU CASINO OPERATORS

It's great having a hand full of aces if that's the highest card in the deck. If the rules change and it reverts to being the lowest, you're in trouble

That's a lesson that Macau's casino operators have been learning during the long descent for gambling spending that followed the peak at Lunar New Year in 2014. Exposure to the territory's gaming tables used to be a cherished asset. These days it looks increasingly like a

For an illustration of how things have changed, take a look at Las Vegas. MGM's vast Bellagio hotel, with its art gallery, Cirque de Soleil shows, and almost 4,000 rooms, has been a bellwether for the city's pursuit of the mass market ever since it opened in 1998. For the past five years, Ebitda has trailed that from the 579-room MGM Macau, thanks in large part to high-roller rooms where HKD772 billion (USD99 billion) was wagered during 2014. The tables have now turned again:

The American resurgence is in line with a trend that's played out across the six major casino companies operating in Macau. With no way to shield themselves against the slump in gambling volumes, the Hong Kong-traded casinos have suffered the sharpest drop in earnings. SJM's Ebitda has fallen 69 percent since peaking in the six months through June 2014, while Galaxy Entertainment's is down 47

Casinos with U.S. listings or parent companies have other irons in the fire and have performed somewhat better.

Melco Crown and Las Vegas Sands, which have resorts in Manila, Singapore and the U.S., are down 38 percent, while Wynn Resorts has dropped 39 percent.

MGM Resorts, the least Macau-exposed of the four U.S.-traded companies, has slipped a mere 7.9 percent.

While there have been some signs that Macau's prospects are improving, don't expect its difficulties to disappear anytime soon. Hotel occupancy has been the wrong side of 80 percent for most of the past year, and the pressure will only increase: Sands, MGM, Wynn, and SJM plan to add more than 8,000 rooms to the existing stock of 32,000 by the end of 2017, which ought to depress room rates. Meanwhile, casinos' investment plans were based on projections of robust gambling growth that's showing no signs of re-emerging, though revenues appear now to be stabilizing after a Chinese government crackdown in 2014.

China would like the territory to reorient toward family-friendly mass tourism. Vegas carried out that switch years ago, and gambling accounts for only 35 percent of revenue these days.

Investors willing to bet that casino destinations can make the switch

from sin city to convention playground need not wait for Macau's plans to come to fruition. They may be better off focusing on the town that's already per-**Gambling contribution** formed that to Vegas revenue maneuver.

Bloomberg

Nose and eyes are most popular cosmetic surgery procedures



LASTIC surgeries are becoming increasingly popular, both in Macau and elsewhere. To give one of many possible examples, in March a competition took place in Chengdu to choose the model with the best pair of breasts.

Leong refuses to deal with customers who aim to look like a celebrity

The Times interviewed two local cosmetic clinics which perform plastic surgeries, to get more information on which parts of the body local customers are the most keen to

The answers from both clinics were similar: in the two cases, doctors ranked nose and eye surgeries as the most popular choices, followed by chin adjustments and breast augmentations.

Leong Sao Ieng, a sur-

geon who runs her own clinic, informed the Times that between 60 and 80 percent of her customers asked her to get rid of eye bags, make doublefold eyelids, or perform a rhinoplasty. "These customers are aged 20 to 50-years-old," Leong, who also noted that 90 percent of them are female, mostly from Macau, while a small number of people come from the mainland, the United States, Korea, and Thailand.

As to her male patients, Leong revealed that ten local men had requested an improvement to their noses and the removal of eye bags.

According to Leong, who obtained her PhD degree in orthopedics from Peking University, customers seldom approached her with pictures of celebrities. However, she admitted that she refuses to deal with customers who aim to look like a celebrity. "It is impossible to do that kind of surgery. Everybody has different silhouettes," said Leong.

Last year, Leong's clinic performed somewhere between 50 and 80 plastic surgeries. People who

work for the government, at executive levels in companies, or in casinos were her top customers. Those who work for casinos have become less frequent customers since 2014 "due to the economical slow down."

Similarly, Kok Chin, a dermatologist from Doctor Face, which performed approximately 50 surgeries in 2015, admitted that the decline in the number of plastic surgeries was expected because of the "high risk, and long-term recovery." Kok said that "more customers are now looking for micro-surgeries."

Among all of the cases handled by Kok's company, 90 percent of the customers were from the city, and 95 percent were female. The remaining five percent were men asking for a facelift.

Nevertheless, both doctors remarked that clinics without governmental approval should forward their customers to qualified hospitals for surgeries.

There are reported cases in Macau and Hong Kong of clinics offering plastic surgery procedures that may be dangerous if performed without the assistance of medical staff.

SALON REPORTEDLY FORCED CUSTOMER TO SIGN UP FOR SERVICE

LATE LAST month, a Hong Kong woman, surnamed Yu, accused a beauty salon in the city of forcing her to upgrade her treatment to HKD8,000 while she was lying naked on a bed. The victim had initially paid HKD4,300 for a total of six-sessions of hair removal treatment on her calves and private parts. She was then asked

to pay for an upgrade during the third session. Yu eventually paid the bill, 40 minutes after she had turned down the offer in the first place. She forwarded her case to the Consumer Council, which was informed by the company that the transaction had been carried out in a "voluntary and happy" atmosphere.

HEALTH

HK women to face greater risk of cancer

OMEN in Hong Kong will be more at risk to developing cancer over the next decade than their male counterparts, according to a report from the South China Morning Post (SCMP), which obtained the forecast in an undisclosed prediction made by the public hospitals' Cancer Registry in the HKSAR.

Between men and women, the number of Hong Kong residents to be affected by the disease in 2025 is expected to rise 30



A pedestrian walks wearing a mask in the Central district of Hong Kong. Poor air quality is a factor associated not only with cancer but also with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

percent higher than in 2012. However, it is women who will be disproportionately affected, experiencing a 36 percent rise, compared with a 26 percent increase for men.

Across the two genders, the total number of cancer cases is expected to reach 34,980 in 2025 – comprised of 17,745 females and 17,235 males - up 30 percent from the 26,758 cases in 2012.

The number of genital cancer cases is projected to rise by 56 percent, followed by a 44 percent increase in breast cancer and 26 percent in ovarian cancer.

Cases of other types of cancer are also generally expected to increase in the next decade, but those caused by infections are contrarily predicted to decrease thanks to the development of better vaccinations.

Among women in the Greater China region, the most common forms of cancer are breast, lung and bronchus, stomach colorectal and esophagus, together accounting for nearly 60 percent of all cases. Breast cancer accounts for 15 percent of all new cancers among China's female population.

According to the SCMP, the higher rates among women are being attributed to their longer expected lifespan as well as other reproductive and hormonal risk factors, such as receiving hormone therapy, not having children, and shorter average breastfeeding periods.

"The prediction is very useful in policy making," Professor Anne Lee of the University of Hong Kong's clinical oncology department told the SCMP. "Cancer is a very costly disease to treat, and 90 percent of the patients are being treated at public hospitals."

"The government needs to make plans, in terms of facilities, manpower and financial budget, to cope with the demand," she added.

Macau: Cancer incidence stable

MACAU'S cancer incidence rate has not recorded an increasing tendency over recent years, according to data provided by the Health Bureau to the Times in 2015.

However, doctor Dulce Maia Trindade, specialist in public health mentioned that the region has a growing population and it is expected that more people will suffer from cancer.

As in Hong Kong, Macau suffers from urban she recalled.

Times in 2015. "The scenario could have been different in Macau, a city with a rather small population and privileged in terms of resources, having also available a proximity healthcare network and dynamic associations that enrich Macau's quality [in terms of healthcare],"

4.3 million new cases in china

A RECENT report cited by the American Cancer Society estimates that only in 2015 there were 4.3 million new cancer cases in China and more than 2.8 million cancer related deaths. According to the report, lung cancer is the most common cancer and the

leading cause of cancer death in all China. Both incidence and mortality rate for all cancers is about double in men (165.9 per 100,000) than in women (88.8 per 100,000) and with a higher incidence for the disease in rural areas when compared to urban areas.

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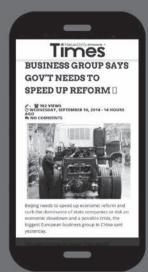


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MACAU

Mountain of construction waste rises in Cotai

A mountain of construction materials has reportedly been growing on a plot near the Macau East Asian Games Dome, with neighboring residents stating that it started to show up about six months ago, according to a report by the Macao Daily News.

On Friday, officers from the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSAP) requested the person in charge to take immediate action. However, there have yet to be any changes and DSAP has not received any complaints concerning the pollution around the place.

The mountain was initially suspected of being a treatment plant for construction waste, since all inert discarded materials are supposed to be piled up before any solution can be applied to them, as is required by DSAP, which denied that initial supposition. Moreover, DSAP commented that no obvious signs of dust have been spotted flying over said location, and that instructions regarding plot contamination control have again been forwarded to the responsible parties. The department will continue to inspect this issue closely.

According to the report, the plot of land belongs to the Macau Theme Park and Resort, a company controlled by Angela Leong, who is also SJM's managing director. The land spans 100,000 square meters and is intended to be used for the construction of a theme park and hotels.

Europe Day celebrated with event at Portuguese School

To celebrate European Union Academic Program in Macau (EUAP-M) and the Portuguese School of Macau (EPM) have jointly organized a creative writing competition under the theme "The European Union in 2016: Challenges and Opportunities."

The competition involved 55 EPM students from years nine to twelve.

Executive program manager of EUAP-M Rui Flores told the Times that students who presented their works showed concern about issues related to human rights, the integration of minorities, the European crisis and the democratic deficit of the European Union (EU).

"I was very impressed as they showed awareness of interesting topics about human rights," Flores said. "Concerns surrounding human rights were very much present in many of the works they presented," he added.



The winners of the writing competition

Flores suggested that the students were "open-minded," because contestants also wrote on the disparity between public opinion and the decision of the EU. He implied that the students were able to express their opinions and views about the theme.

Meanwhile Manuel Machado, director of EPM, identified the importance of hosting such contests, claiming that they are beneficial to the students.

"They can get to know the European Union better. Though they study [such topics] in history, geography and economics subjects, [in the competition] they are pushed to read more because they have to write about it," he said.

A piece on the topic of the "democratic deficit of the EU" won the creative writing competition. The essay portrayed the lack of democratic legitimacy in the European Union's governance.

Tiago Peyroteo and Kénia Nunes, the writers of the essay, stressed that the EU is also trying to "protect their interests and going against fundamental human rights." "Our work was based on the EU in general but more specifically about how it claims how it is important and how it preaches democracy," stressed Peyroteo, adding that they also included the possibility of Turkey joining the EU and the current migration crisis.

When asked why they specifically addressed this topic, the winners answered: "Mainly to show that everything is not always as it seems, [...] I think people should know about it."

The winners of the competition were announced yesterday during the awards ceremony at the local school. The first place recipient of the contest was awarded MOP1,500, while the second and third placed students received MOP1,000 and MOP500 respectively.

The Europe Day marks a May 9 1950 speech by Robert Schuman, that is considered the birth of the EU. **Staff reporter**

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JINAN UNIVERSITY DONATION

Gov't reacts to 'speculation and baseless accusations'

THE New Macau Association has announced that they will be holding a demonstration on Sunday to protest the RMB100 million that the Macau Foundation has donated to Jinan University.

The association is claiming that Chui Sai On had a conflict of interest in the donation, since he is the president of the Council of Trustees of the Macau Foundation and also a Vice Chairman of the Jinan University Council.

The government reacted yesterday through its Spokesperson Office, noting that there has been "speculation and baseless accusations" regarding the donation.

A statement posted on the Government Information Bureau website refused the idea that there is a case of transfer of interest, noting that Chui Sai On was invited to join the board of directors of Jinan University as vice chairperson "without receiving salary or having interests in any form."

The statement reiterates the



The Macau Foundation claims that the donation is legal

initial reaction from the government, justifying the RMB100 million donation as a way to support the building of two new dormitory facilities for students from Macau and Hong Kong with the fact that many local students have studied at Jinan University over the years and later joined the public administration.

It also mentioned that since the establishment of the MSAR, "the city has achieved rapid development with the strong support from the Central Government." Hence, "it is part of Macau's responsibility to contribute to the country's development and to enhance education services in the country."

The statement also mentions that the "Office of the Government Spokesperson urges the public to consider the issue in a rational manner."

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, also commented on the case yesterday, arguing that during the 1970s and 1980s, when Macau didn't have higher education institutions, Jinan University, located in Guangzhou, "played a role in the formation of qualified Macau staff," since it offered educations to overseas Chinese. **PB**

TRANSPORTATION

Pearl River Delta aviation authorities sign agreement

THE Civil Aviation Authority of Macau (AACM) signed an agreement yesterday concerning the enhancement of air traffic management cooperation in the Pearl River Delta Region with aeronautical authorities from mainland China and Hong Kong.

The ceremony, which was convened in Hong Kong, saw the three parties agree to hold regular meetings and consultations with each other to maintain closer ties in the area of air traffic management.

The aeronautical authorities of the three territories have been holding regular meetings to discuss the long-term development of air traffic management in the region since 2004.

The "Pearl River Delta Region Air Traffic Management Planning and Implementation" was formulated with the aim of gradually establishing a rational air space structure, with facilities that are guaranteed to be sufficient for the air traffic management system in the region.

In March, the three parties agreed in a supervisory working group meeting to sign the aforementioned cooperative agreement with the aim of enhancing their collaboration, in order for the airports in the region to be able to move forward in a systematic manner in accordance with their own positioning.

The signing ceremony was took place at the headquarters of the Transport and Housing Bureau of Hong Kong yesterday. The three signatories were the director general of Air Traffic Management Bureau of Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), Che Jinjun, the president of AACM, Simon Chan and the director general of the Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong, Norman Lo.

Additionally, the CAAC delegation led by the deputy administrator, Wang Zhi Qing, will visit Macau between Thursday and Saturday. During the visit the delegation will meet the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On.

Here they will exchange views on the development of the air transport market between mainland China and Macau.





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Dollar jump catches traders short in one more currency calamity

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UST when investors thought they'd finally made a good call in the currency market, the dollar's advance messed it up.

The U.S. currency on Friday capped its best week all year versus its major peers, shortly after hedge funds finally switched to betting on dollar declines, known as going short. That's not the only wrong move foreign-exchange managers have made this year - an index tracking their returns shows they've failed to turn a profit in 2016.

Many of the assumptions traders made at the start of the year turned out to be misguided. Anticipated Federal Reserve interest-rate increases have failed to materialize, creating less policy divergence between the U.S. and its counterparts. And though investors were right to speculate the pound would tumble in the run-up to next month's European Union referendum, it's recovered since.

"It's been a very challenging year in the currency market given the lack of solid fundamental themes and the difficulties for some market-consensus trades which haven't worked," said Chris Chapman, a Londonbased trader at Manulife Asset Management (Europe) Ltd., which oversees USD325 billion. "A lot of people were expecting a lower euro, lower yen and higher dollar, but the market moves have so far been against those expectations."



The lack of profit comes at a difficult time for the foreign-exchange market. Banks including Morgan Stanley, Barclays Plc and Societe Generale SA have cut traders from their currency desks as they grapple with a 20 percent drop in volumes in the past 18 months amid increasing automation. And it's not just currency trading that's suffering: global stocks are headed for a second straight year of losses, following a rout in January and February that wiped out as much as \$9 trillion.

The volatility that currency traders need to make money is averaging the most in five years, but it's largely been caused by tough-to-predict, and therefore hard-to-profit-from, events such as surprises from leading central banks. A measure of global price swings has averaged 11 percent since Dec.

31, more than in the same period of any year since 2011.

"Just think about when we entered the year," said Alessio de Longis, a New York-based money manager in the global multi-asset group at OppenheimerFunds Inc., which oversees \$216 billion. "The absolute conviction in the Street was - oh, the European Central Bank's gonna do more quantitative easing, so being short the euro is a no-brainer," he said.

"Japan's gonna do more QE, so being short the yen's a nobrainer. Brexit is a serious risk, so being short the pound is a no-brainer. Where are all those trades today? All those things have been wrong, or tested very severely."

De Longis's favorite strategy now involves buying higheryielding emerging-market currencies reliant on commodi■ USD on
Friday capped
its best week
all year versus
its major peers,
shortly after
hedge funds
finally switched
to betting on
dollar declines,
known as going
short

ty prices - both of which have rallied this year in a surprise to many.

Hedge-fund data suggest investors have been slow to back emerging-market currencies after a January rout, leaving them less able to profit from the best year-to-date performance since 2011.

Tracking the Mexican peso as a proxy for its less-traded peers shows speculators have been betting on declines all year, paring net shorts only gradually, based on data from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington. This helps explain why the Parker Global Currency Manager Index of fund returns is almost flat since the start of 2016, even as a Bloomberg gauge of 20 emerging-market currencies jumped more than 4 percent.

One challenge is that it's been

difficult to identify and latch onto trends, with an index of momentum trading up less than 1 percent this year. At the end of December, the Fed predicted it would raise rates four times in 2016, but it has since cut its forecast. As a result, the Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index fell almost 6 percent through April, paring three years of gains.

Currency managers are now in danger of missing out again as sentiment starts to turn. The Bloomberg dollar index climbed 1.5 percent last week as talk of a June rate increase re-emerged. Yet speculators extended net-short positions on the greenback versus eight major currencies to the most since April 2014 in the week ended May 3, CFTC data show.

After trimming bets that the U.S. currency would strengagainst the euro and yen, Goldman Sachs Asset Management is now wagering on declines in Asian currencies including South Korea's won, Taiwan's dollar and Malaysia's ringgit amid a slowdown in China.

"There's a lot of uncertainty about the strength of U.S. growth; there's still a lot of risk expectation built around what's happening in China, and those two forces working against each other means we don't have a strong trend," said Philip Moffitt, the Sydney-based head of fixed income for Asia Pacific at the Goldman Sachs unit, which oversees more than \$1 trillion. "The last six months or so have been much more difficult." **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

BLUE MAN GROUP TO PERFORM AT THE VENETIAN



The Blue Man Group is set to perform at the Venetian Theater from August 11 to 28.

The stage show, recognized for its trio of bald and blue performers, will offer an eve-

ning of entertainment to local audiences as part of its new worldwide tour. The performance features a combination of science, comedy, music and vibrant visual effects.

The Blue Man Group "is a comedy, theatre, rock concert and dance party all rolled into one and have been performing to sellout crowds all around the world including extended seasons in Las Vegas.," according to a statement issued by Sands China.

Over 35 million people in more than 15 countries have seen one of the various Blue Man Group productions. The show is promoted by Chessman Production Ltd. Macau, together with Sliding Doors Entertainment and BASE Entertainment Asia.

CEM AWARDS 'E-BILL GRAND LUCKY DRAW' WINNERS



Companhia de Electricidade de Macau - CEM, S.A. (CEM) ran the "E-bill Grand Lucky Draw" promotion from last September to March and received over 1,000 applications for the e-bill service

from residential customers. The activity aimed to en

The activity aimed to encourage citizens to receive electricity bills through an e-bill service as it not only allows citizens to retrieve electricity bills on smartpho-

nes and tablets but will also take part in helping to protect the environment.

Aside from the winners of the grand prize Apple Watch, an additional 25 winners will receive MOP200 in supermarket coupons.

CEM will continue to hold a number of activities this year related to environmental protection and energy saving, including the "Experience Life without Electricity Camp" and "Solar & Capacitance Model Car Races" at Coloane Power Station, an "Energy Fun Fair," a "Healthy Eating" Induction Cooking Contest and more. According to the company, these activities will enable citizens to increase their knowledge of electricity and awareness of protecting the environment.

CGD aims to be business facilitator between China and Lusophone countries

financial group Caixa Geral de Depósitos
(GCD) plans, from a
base in Macau where it has a
significant presence through
the BNU bank, plans to function as a business facilitator
between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries,
the group's "Chief China Officer," Alberto Soares, told Macauhub.

Taking into account the role already played and yet to be played by Macau with regard to the relationship between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries, CGD decided to assign a senior official, in collaboration with BNU, to provide support to Portuguese companies and the Portuguese-speaking countries wishing to do business with China, and Chinese companies wishing to establish business relations with those countries.

Soares, who is responsible for carrying out this plan at CGD, told Macauhub that the idea behind this decision is related to the effort that the Portuguese state group has been making for some years to "maximize the potential of the group's international network."

CGD has a unique position worldwide for this business as it is the only this bank in seven of the eight Portuguese-speaking countries – Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe and East Timor – the only exception being Guinea-Bissau.

In Angola the group is present through Banco Caixa Geral Angola, Brazil has Banco Caixa Geral Brasil, in Cape



Verde it controls two banks, Banco Comercial do Atlântico and Banco Interatlântico, in Mozambique it is in the market through Banco Comercial e de Investimentos in Sao Tome and Principe it owns the International Bank of Sao Tome and Principe and in East-Timor there is BNU Timor

Besides the presence in seven of the eight Portuguese – speaking countries, Caixa Geral de Depósitos is the market leader in five of them – Portugal, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, Mozambique and East-Timor – and in the case of Mozambique recently took leadership in terms of total assets, pushing out Banco Millennium Mocambique, of the Banco Comercial Portugues group.

In Portugal the group has 721 branches, 4 million customers, more than a third of the Portuguese population, total assets exceeding 100 billion euros and a market share of deposits of 28 percent and 22 percent of loans, and is considered to be the country's main bank.

In Macau, the CGD group is present through BNU for universal banking, which operates together with the Bank of China to issue currency in the territory. BNU has 18 branches, over 200,000 customers, or a third of Macau's population, and has total assets of over 7.5 billion euros.

And it is precisely in Macau that efforts are being made to establish a bridge between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries taking advantage of the importance of the BNU and, specifically, the cooperation protocol that the bank signed with the Bank of China Macau.

The "Chief China Officer" referred to Macau as being "a very important operation," where the CGD group's efforts are focused to deepen the relationship between China and the Portuguese-speaking

countries for two reasons – the local implementation of BNU – and, more importantly, the fact that the central government of China decided to make the territory a platform for the establishment of trade and economic relations with these countries.

"I cannot reveal the names of companies but I can guarantee that there have been good practical results in both directions," Soares said, stressing the good understanding and cooperation that has existed with the Macau Institute for Trade and Investment Promotion (IPIM).

In practical terms, based on a network of international departments, a customer of BNU or any other bank in the group can count on support in any of the countries in which CGD is present in terms of finance, information, access to markets and "matchmaking."

"There has been direct support for operations in all Portuguese-speaking countries, particularly for Chinese companies that have approached us due to the cooperation protocol BNU has with the Bank of China," added the "Chief China Officer" of the CGD Group and non-executive director of the BNU.

Soares also told Macauhub that, under the terms of protocol signed with the Bank of China, a mechanism is being prepared to make it possible to use China's currency – the renminbi – throughout the group's international network in commercial transactions and in other business between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries. MDT/Macauhub

THE President of Mozambique Filipe Nyusi is due to make an official visit to the Republic of China next week, with meetings scheduled with his counterpart Xi Jinping and other Chinese officials, Macauhub learned from a diplomatic

source in Maputo.

This will be the first official visit by Nyusi to Beijing since he became president of Mozambique, although he met President Xi Jinping in December 2015 in Johannesburg during the Forum for China-Africa Cooperation.

During the visit, the Mozambican delegation will travel to Beijing and the

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provinces of Shandong and Jiangsu.

The visit of the President of Mozambique will be essentially of economic nature and diplomatic sources contacted in Maputo have noted its importance at a time when China is likely to strengthen the financial support granted to Mozambique following a retraction from other donors and international institutions.

Last year China became Mozambique's largest bilateral creditor after increasing funding to the African country by 160 percent since 2012, and providing a new loan of USD400 million in mid-2015.

Last week China and Mozambique signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement, under which African country will receive \$16 million to fund drilling of 200 boreholes for drinking water, the purchase of 80 buses for public transport, construction of the China-Mo-

zambique Cultural Centre and other projects of social impact to be agreed between the two governments.

On signing the document, the Chinese ambassador to Mozambique, Sun Jian said that China wants to increase aid to Mozambique as a way to help the country overcome "this bad time" as Mozambique "has been an example and one of the fastest growing economies in the region."

MDT/Macauhub



President of Mozambique Filipe Nyusi





STILL a month away from its official opening, Walt Disney Co.'s latest theme park resort in Shanghai is already a popular destination attracting thousands of Chinese.

A Disney store - the biggest park-operated retail shop in Asia - and restaurants in a public, commercial strip of the Shanghai Disney Resort opened on Saturday to long lines. Locals flocked to the area to stroll around its artificial lake and snap pictures with a fountain sculpture of Mickey Mouse on a steamboat. Disney also began trial operations for the park - its sixth worldwide and first in mainland China - over the weekend.

"I remember watching Mickey Mouse cartoons when I was young, so it's quite exciting to see Disneyland for real," said Wang Yidan, a 30-year-old technician who bought a Mickey Mouse hat for 99 yuan (USD15) at the World of Disney store for his daughter. "It's done up quite intricately and it's something different to bring her to compared with the parks and zoos elsewhere in China."

Since the metro station for the Disney grounds opened two weeks ago in Shanghai's Pudong district, the area has become a popular destination ahead of the resort's June 16 debut. The world's largest entertainment company is banking on 330 million Chinese living within three hours of the site to pay for visits to the \$5.5 billion resort, famous for its iconic castle and themed rides. China's government, in turn, is relying on increased consumer spending to boost an economy

ENTERTAINMENT

Thousands flood Shanghai Disney and it won't open for weeks

growing at the slowest pace in 25 years.

The theme park is expected to attract 15 million visitors annually in the short-term and raise demand for travel in Shanghai, China International Capital Corp. analysts led by Xin Yang wrote in a note dated May 8. That should help boost earnings of transport operators such as Spring Airlines Co., Shanghai International Airport Co., and Jiangsu Expressway Co., the analysts said.

An estimated 30,000 visitors were at the Chinese resort on Sunday, while 10,000 employees, their relatives and other invited guests were allowed into the theme park for its trial run on Saturday, the state-owned Shanghai Daily reported yesterday, without citing any sources.

"The enthusiasm that we have seen before the park has even opened is surprising," said Elliott Weiss, a University of Virginia business professor who is teaching a course in Shanghai and wrote a case study on Disney's entry into China. "It is probably a combination of the strength of the Disney brand and the changing structure of the Chinese economy, where the middle class consumer is rising and

showing a preference for western brands."

Over the weekend, visitors posed for photos among welltended lawns and shrubs, crowded along the strip known as Disneytown, with rows of shops

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WANG YIDAN, 30

and restaurants including a Samsonite outlet and an eatery run by celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck.

Among the crowds, some held tickets to enter the 963-acre park and try out rides as part of Shanghai Disneyland's sixweek trial run, which kicked off on Saturday. Participants were limited to the resort's em-

ployees, partners and stakeholders.

Ride operator Kevin Chang, 26, took his wife and parents with him on Saturday. The couple wore costume hats - a blue, big-eared Stitch from Disney's Lilo & Stitch franchise and Minnie Mouse - for the big occasion.

"I operate the Tron ride, which is the scariest in the whole park, so it's going to be fun to take it with my wife and family," he said.

Disney Chief Executive Officer Robert Iger has called the Shanghai project the company's greatest opportunity since Walt Disney bought land in Florida in the 1960s used to build the theme park there. The Shanghai resort boasts two hotels and the largest Disney castle.

Iger met with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday in Beijing. Xi cited Disney as an example of expanded cooperation between U.S. and Chinese firms.

Disney's theme park is an important investment for China, said Weiss of the University of Virginia. "For China, it's another indication that it's moving from a developing economy to a developed one and is a major world power," he said. "A country of peasant farmers wouldn't

go to theme parks."

Consumption among upper-middle-class and affluent households in China is increasing at 17 percent per year and will account for \$1.5 trillion in incremental spending by 2020, according to Boston Consulting Group Inc. The country's growing middle class and young Chinese will be a driving force for consumption growth, according to the researcher.

Outside Disney's theme park, a large portion of the crowds over the weekend were elderly Chinese. Many chose to munch on their own snacks on public benches

Shanghai retiree Liang Zhen, 85, said while she came for the novelty factor, she preferred the city's museums and parks to the Disney grounds. "Most of us are here just to take a look because it's something fresh."

For 78-year-old retiree Wang Xingmiao, the visit gives him a glimpse of America.

"It opens the eyes of old people and young people to see something like this," said Wang, who traveled an hour on the subway to get to the park. "It shows the importance of China that something like this comes to us, and we don't have to go out to see it." Bloomberg







ESCUE teams have recovered the bodies of 34 victims while four people were still listed as missing yesterday following a landslide at the site of a hydropower project in southern China after days of heavy rain, authorities said.

Rescuers aided by experts sent by the central government were searching with tools and sniffer dogs for signs of life, while mechanical diggers hauled away stones and soil, part of a 100,000-cubic-meter mountain of rain-saturated debris that buried an office building and a living area for construction workers early Sun-

Continuing heavy rain in the area was hampering the rescue effort and more evacuations were being organized, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

"We were asleep when the mountains began to jolt very strongly and before we knew it, sand and mud were flowing into our room," survivor Deng Chunwu told Xinhua. He and three other workers survived by huddling underneath a supporting pole.

Their room was shifted a distance of 10 meters by the flowing mud, Deng said.

A number of other people were being treated for bone fractures and other injures,

FUJIAN

34 dead, four missing after landslide



Rescuers carry the body of a victim at the landslide site in Taining County, southeast Fujian province, yesterday

Xinhua and state broadcaster China Central Television

More than 600 rescuers, including firefighters and police, were searching for the missing and attempting to clear sections of roads leading to the site that had been made impassable by mudslides and flooding, hindering efforts to get heavy machinery through.

The project in mountainous Taining county in Fujian province is an extension of the Chitan hydropower station, an affiliate of state-owned Huadian Fuxin Energy Ltd., and was expected to begin operations in August 2017, Xinhua reported.

An official at the county department, who gave only his surname, Wei, said by phone that the cause of the landslide was still unclear, but that the area had seen rainfall in the past few days.

Severe weather, mountainous topography and high population density over much of southern and eastern China make landslides a constant threat. Overdevelopment and shoddy oversight can increase the danger, as was the case in December when 74 people were left dead or missing after a man-made mountain of construction waste collapsed onto buildings in the city of Shenzhen. Police detained 11 people following that accident on suspicion of failing to prevent the disaster.

Heavy rain has affected much of southern China since Wednesday, triggering floods and landslides, disrupting transport and destroying crops. AP

Xinhua: Investigation finds Baidu's objectivity compromised by profit model

THE Cyberspace Adminis-**⊥** tration of China (CAC) demanded an overhaul of China's leading search-engine Baidu following an investigation.

The CAC said Baidu relied excessively on profits from paid listings in search results, and did not clearly label such listings as the result of commercial promotion, compromising the objectivity and impartiality of search results, Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday.

Like other search engines, Baidu sells links that appear in search results. The more an advertiser pays, the higher it will appear in the search results. The public are likely to be misled by the search results they find on Baidu,

According to Xinhua, NASDAQlisted Baidu was already in the eye of a public-relations storm after the death of Wei Zexi, 21, a computer science major at Xidian University in northwest Shaanxi province.

Wei was diagnosed with synovial sarcoma, a rare form of cancer, in 2014 and had been undergoing a controversial cancer treatment advertised on Baidu, at the Second Hospital of Armed Police Beijing Corps, which the Wei family also found through a Baidu search. The treatment was unsuccessful and Wei died on April 12.

In February, on question-andanswer website Zhihu, a Chinese version of Quora, Wei directly accused Baidu of being at least partly to blame for his troubles. The anger of netizens who claim the search engine does not properly check the credentials of advertisers has been growing ever

A team of investigators from the CAC, the State Administration of Industry and Commerce, and the National Health and Family Planning Commission was dispatched to Baidu on May 2.

They found Baidu's search results did influence Wei's choices of medical treatment, and specified areas in which Baidu needs

The search-engine must eschew the current model of paid listings and stop ranking search results solely according to price-tags. It needs to propose and implement a new listing mechanism which places the heaviest weight on credit-worthiness of products and organizations, the investigators said, cited by the state-run news agency.

"They asked Baidu to clearly label advertisements, and feature a risk reminder; and to restrict the share of commercials in search results to less than 30 percent of each screen page," Xinhua's dispatch stated yesterday.

The agency said Baidu was also ordered to streamline its commercial services regarding the medical industry. Such information featured must be pulled off should it break regulations, and medical institutions unaccredited by industry regulators should not be commercially promoted.

The investigators also required Baidu to respond to Internet users' tip-offs regarding imprudent content, and to compensate them for any losses stemming from misleading information.

The CAC said it will tighten regulation of the country's Internet search services and crack down on false medical advertising online, Xinhua said.

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Over 200 Filipinos vote on disputed island

MORE than 200 Fi-Philippine-occupied island in the disputed South China Sea yesterday, with the mayor saying the elections proved Manila has sovereignty in the far-flung offshore area.

Mayor Eugenio Bitoonon says the elections on Thitu Island in the Spratlys chain may have been the most peaceful in the country because of its zero-crime record. Aside from Bito-onon, two other candidates are contesting the mayoralty post.

"This is an exercise of ownership of this regime of islands," Bito-onon told The Associated Press by cellphone from the island Filipinos call Pag-asa, Tagalog for hope. "This is the most peaceful election. All of us are friends and the place is very laid back."

At night, villagers looking offshore can see red, green and white lights blinking from three lighthouses on



Election workers distribute voting equipment in suburban Quezon city, north of Manila

an island China recently built on Subi Reef, a reminder of Beijing's growing influence in the region, Bitoonon said.

Meldy Pernia, who has lived on and off on the island since 2012 with her children and husband, said she was proud that even their mere presence helped protect the country's territory.

"We're representatives of the Philippines," Pernia said by telephone. "Our presence here prevents other countries from claiming what is ours." AP

NORTH KOREA

Congress gives Kim Jong Un new title of chairman

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

NORTH Korea's rulingparty congress yesterday announced a new title for Kim Jong Un, party chairman, in a move that highlights how the authoritarian country's first congress in 36 years is aimed at bolstering the young leader.

Less than a third of the more than 100 foreign journalists invited for the historic congress were permitted to attend, and even they were allowed to view the proceedings in the ornate April 25 House of Culture for only about 10 minutes. Earlier, a BBC correspondent was expelled for allegedly "insulting the dignity" of North Korea.

In unison the delegates shouted, 'Mansae! Mansae!' wishing Chairman Kim long life

As a military band in full uniform played the welcoming song used whenever North Korea's leader enters a public place, Kim strode onto the stage, generating a long, loud standing ovation from the several thousand delegates attending.

In unison the delegates shouted, "Mansae! Mansae!" wishing Kim long life.

He and other senior party members took their seats, filling several rows on a stage, below portraits of Kim's grandfather, North Korean founder Kim Il Sung, and father, Kim Jong Il. The walls were decked with banners of red with the ruling party's hammer sickle and pen logo embossed in gold.

Kim Yong Nam, the head of the North's Parliament, stood to read a roster of top party positions — calling Kim Jong Un chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea for the first time.

Kim had already been head of the party, but with the title of first secretary.

His predecessors keep their posthumous titles. Kim Jong Il remains "eternal general secretary" and Kim Il Sung is



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un listens during the party congress in Pyongyang

still "eternal president."

The congress, which began Friday, has touted Kim's successes on the nuclear front and promised economic improvements to boost the nation's standard of living. Mostly, however, the congress has put Kim himself front and center in the eyes of the people and the party as the country's sole leader.

The event includes what for the North is a relatively large contingent of foreign journalists, but yesterday marked the first time any of them were allowed inside the venue. Instead, officials have kept the foreign media busy with trips around Pyongyang to show

them places North Korea wants them to see.

Only about 30 of the more than 100 invited journalists were allowed into the congress yesterday. Before that, the only window any of them had on the proceedings was through the lens of state media.

On Sunday Kim Jong Un delivered a three-hour speech to delegates to review the country's situation and progress since the last congress was held in 1980, before Kim was born. He announced a five-year economic plan, the first one made public since the 1980s.

The speech, in which he said North Korea was a responsible nuclear state that will not use its nuclear weapons first unless its sovereignty was threatened, underscores Kim's dual focus on building up the military while trying to kick-start the North's economy, which has seen some growth in recent years but remains hamstrung by international sanctions over its nuclear program.

Kim identified a number of areas as critical to the economy, including the country's power supply, agriculture and light-manufacturing production. He stressed that the country needs to increase its international trade and engagement in the global economy, but didn't announce any significant reforms or plans to adopt capitalist-style marketization.

The congress was expected to go on for a couple more days, though no date has been announced, and surprises can never be ruled out.

Mass rallies will likely be held to mark its conclusion in a celebratory fashion. AP

North Korea expels three BBC journalists over complaints of coverage

North Korea yesterday expelled three BBC journalists it had detained days earlier for allegedly "insulting the dignity" of the authoritarian country, which has invited scores of foreign media for its ongoing ruling party congress.

Correspondent Rupert Wingfield-Hayes and his team had been scheduled to leave Friday after accompanying a group of Nobel laureates on a North Korea trip. Instead, the journalists were stopped at the airport, detained and questioned.

O Ryong Il, secretary-general of the North's National Peace Committee, said Wingfield-Hayes' news coverage distorted facts and "spoke ill of the system and the leadership of the country." He said Wingfield-Hayes wrote an apology, was being expelled yesterday and would never be admitted into the country again.

The BBC said Wingfield-Hayes' producer Maria Byrne and cameraman Matthew Goddard were also detained and expelled.



Journalist Rupert Wingfield-Hayes

The three arrived in Beijing on a flight yesterday evening. Wingfield-Hayes said only that he was glad to be out and would have a statement later. His colleagues did not speak.

"We are very disappointed that our reporter Rupert Wingfield-Hayes and his team have been deported from North Korea after the government took offence at material he had filed," the BBC said in a statement. "Four BBC staff, who were invited to cover the Workers Party Congress, remain in North Korea and we expect them to be allowed to continue their reporting."

More than 100 foreign journalists are in the capital for North Korea's first party congress in 36 years, though they have largely been prevented from actually covering the proceedings and the more than 3,400 delegates. Officials have kept the foreign media busy with trips around Pyongyang to show them the places it most wants them to see -amaternity hospital with seemingly state-of-the-art equipment, a wire-making factory where managers say salaries and production are both going up, and the humble birthplace of national founder Kim Il Sung, which has been converted into a sort of museum-park with a large "funfair" right next door.

About 30 of the journalists finally got a peek at the congress yesterday, for about 10 minutes. AP

Jim Gomez & Teresa Cejojano, Manila

AVAO city Mayor Rodrigo Duterte has a strong lead in an unofficial count of votes for the Philippine presidential elections while a son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos was leading in the vice presidential race.

After he voted yesterday, Duterte reached out to his opponents following a bruising campaign marked by tough, and sometimes foul, language from the mayor.

"I would like to reach, extend my hands to my opponents and [...] let us be friends," Duterte said in a news conference. "Let us begin the process of healing."

The unofficial tally of partial results showed Duterte with 11.5 million votes and his closest competitor, Sen. Grace Poe, with 6.5 million.

In the separate vice presidential race, Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. had 10.6 million votes and Rep. Leni Robredo had 9.7 million.

Weary of poverty, crime, corruption and insurgencies in the hinterlands, millions of voters are looking for a radical change at the top, and hope the man to lead it is Rodrigo Duterte, the 71-year-old mayor of the southern city of Davao who has held a lead over rivals in all opinion polls.

An ex-prosecutor, Duterte peppered his campaign speeches with boasts about his Viagrafueled sexual prowess and jokes about rape. But he also successfully tapped into discontent, and voters appear willing to overlook his unashamedly crude language.

"All of you who are into drugs, you sons of bitches, I will really kill you," Duterte told a huge cheering crowd Saturday in his final campaign rally in Manila. "I have no patience, I have no middle ground, either you kill me or I will kill you idiots." Statements such as these have won him the nickname "Duterte Harry," a reference to the Clint Eastwood movie character "Dirty Harry."

Voting at most of the 92,509 precincts nationwide started at 6 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. Voting was extended by an hour in

PHILIPPINES

Hard-talking mayor Duterte leads unofficial vote count



Front-running presidential candidate Mayor Rodrigo Duterte is prayed over by a supporter during a news conference shortly after voting in a polling precinct at Daniel R. Aguinaldo National High School, Matina district, his hometown in Davao city

precincts that had opened three or more hours late because of technical or other problems.

Election results were not expected for at least 24 hours, perhaps longer.

Duterte, who has been compared to U.S. Republican presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump, has threatened to close down Congress and form a revolutionary government if legislators stonewall his government.

This has alarmed the political establishment, which fears that Duterte will squander the hardwon economic progress under outgoing President Benigno Aquino III. Aquino has called Duterte a threat to democracy, and likened him to Adolf Hitler.

Besides Duterte, former Interior Secretary Mar Roxas, backed by Aquino, and three other candidates are vying to lead one of Asia's liveliest democracies.

At least 15 people were killed in elections-related violence and more than 4,000 arrested for violating a gun ban, according to police.

"Let us show the world that despite our deep passion and support for our candidates, we can hold elections that are peaceful and orderly and reflect the spirit of democracy," said Aquino, who cast his ballot after standing in line for more than an hour with other voters in a Manila constituency.

About 55 million Filipinos registered to vote in 36,000 voting centers across the archipelago of more than 7,100 islands, including in a small fishing village in a Philippine-occupied island in the disputed South China Sea.

In final campaigning Saturday, Aquino warned voters that Duterte could be a dictator in the making and urged them not to support him. He cited the rise of Hitler as an example of how a despotic leader can gain power and hold on to it without public resistance.

Filipinos have been hypersensitive to potential threats to demo-

cracy since they rose in a 1986 "people power" revolt that ousted dictator Ferdinand Marcos, who faced allegations of plundering the poor country and condoning widespread human rights violations by state forces. In 2001, a similar uprising forced Joseph Estrada from the presidency over alleged large-scale corruption.

On the campaign trail, Duterte offered radical promises, including his bold anti-crime pledge and a plan to sail to China's new artificial islands in the South China Sea and plant the Philippine flag there. The other candidates stuck to less audacious reforms.

Duterte's opponents — Roxas, Sen. Grace Poe, Vice President Jejomar Binay and Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago — have all criticized him for remarks that threaten the rule of law and the Philippines' hard-won democracy.

Financial market analysts are predicting that a Duterte win would weaken the Philippine peso given his uncertain economic platform.

The jitters have affected the Philippine stock market, which fell Friday — the last day of trading before the election holiday — for the 10th time in 11 days.

"The market is obviously emotional and the stronger emotion is usually fear rather than hope," said Jose Vistan, research head at AB Capital Securities Inc. "A big chunk of the reason why we're behaving the way we are is obviously because of the elections."

"Duterte is completely out of the system, he's out of the box," said political science Prof. Richard Heydarian of De La Salle University in Manila, adding that in the mayor's portrayal of social problems, "there is a gap between the rhetoric and reality but it's working, it's creating panic among a lot of people and rallying them behind Duterte."

Duterte built a political name with his iron-fist approach to fighting crime in Davao, where he has served as mayor for 22 years. Human rights groups accuse him of carrying out extrajudicial killings of suspects to fight crime. During the campaigning he joked about wanting to be the one to first rape an Australian missionary who was sexually abused and killed by inmates in a 1989 prison riot.

Despite his devil-may-care way with expletives, obscene remarks and allegations of corruption hurled against him, Duterte has led in election polls by more than 10 percentage points over Roxas and Poe.

Aquino had a mixed record during his six-year term that ends in June. He presided over an accelerating economy, which had recorded one of the highest growth rates in Asia at an average of 6.2 percent between 2010 and 2015. He also introduced new taxes, more accountability and reforms, including in the judiciary, and cracked down on tax evaders.

But more than a quarter of the Philippines' 100 million people remain mired in poverty, inequality is rampant and an immediate solution to decades-long Muslim and communist insurgencies in the south remains elusive.

Annual debt payments, some dating back to the Marcos years, and limited funds stymie infrastructure improvements and public services, including law enforcement, fueling frequent complaints. **AP**

CAMBODIA | BLACK MONDAY

Police detain 8 at peaceful protest against arrests

Police in Cambodia detained eight activists, including two Westerners, who wore black clothing in a peaceful protest yesterday in support of human rights workers who were jailed last week, a rights advocacy group said.

Om Sam Ath of the group Licadho said the eight who were detained were among as many as 200 people taking part in a "Black Monday" campaign to show their solidarity with one former and four current officers of another human rights group, ADHOC. He said the two Westerners were a German and a Swede who worked as advisers to Licadho.



Cambodian civil rights supporters are forcibly directed by riot police as they march in protest of charges brought against local rights activists near Prey Sar prison, outside Phnom Penh

The five people jailed last week are accused of conspiring to bribe a woman to deny that she had an affair with the deputy leader Kem Sokha of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party. The arrests were widely regarded as the latest in a series by Prime Minister Hun Sen's government putting legal pressure on its critics and political opponents.

The government had warned that the protest would be considered an illegal act of rebellion, describing the intended wearing of black as a "color revolution." At least 100 police blocked the route to Prey Sar prison, where the marchers intended to hold a Buddhist ceremony

to pray for the release of those arrested last week.

Om Sam Ath, a senior officer of Licadho, said there had been no violence during the protest.

"These people have done nothing wrong and I don't know why they would be arrested," he said. It was not immediately known if police would press charges against those detained. In past similar circumstances, detainees have been released after signing a pledge not to protest again.

Phnom Penh Vice Governor Khuon Sreng he told reporters that security forces had been deployed to defend the government from being toppled by a color revolution group. "We deployed the forces to protect the safety of the people from the group committing anarchy," he said AP



Once unthinkable in US, drug shoot-up rooms get serious look

David Klepper

CROSS the United States, heroin users have died in alleys behind convenience stores, on city sidewalks and in the bathrooms of fast-food joints because no one was around to save them when they overdosed.

An alarming 47,000 American overdose deaths in 2014 - 60 percent from heroin and related painkillers like fentanyl — has pushed elected leaders from coast to coast to consider what was once unthinkable: government-sanctioned sites where users can shoot up under the supervision of a doctor or nurse who can administer an antidote if necessary.

"Things are getting out of control. We have to find things we can do for people who are addicted now," said New York state Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal, who is working on legislation to allow supervised injection sites that would also include space for treatment services. "The idea shouldn't be dismissed out of hand. I don't see anyone else coming up with anything new and innovative."

Critics of the war on drugs have long talked about the need for a new approach to addiction, but the idea of allowing supervised injection sites is now coming from state lawmakers in New York, Maryland and California, along with city officials in Seattle, San Francisco and Ithaca, New York, who note that syringe exchanges were once controversial but now operate in 33 states.

While such sites have operated for years in places such as Canada, the Netherlands and Australia, they face significant legal and political challenges in the U.S., including criticism that they are tantamount to waving a white flag at an epidemic that should be fought with prevention and treatment.

"It's a dangerous idea," said John Walters, drug czar under President George W. Bush. "It's advocated by people who seem to think that the way we should help sick people is by keeping them sick, but comfortably sick.'

But proponents argue such sites are not so radical outside the U.S., pointing to examples where they offer not only a place to shoot up, but also health care. counseling and even treatment beds. In many cases, the users are there to shoot up heroin or dangerous opioids like fentanyl, though some take painkillers in pill form.

At Sydney's Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, more than 5,900 people have overdosed



Containers for used needles and drug use information are provided at each of the injecting cubicles at Sydney's Medically Supervised Injecting Centre in Sydney, Australia

since it opened in 2001. No one has died. It's the same at Insite in Vancouver, British Columbia. About 20 overdoses happen there every week, but the facility, which is jointly operated by a local nonprofit and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, has yet to record a death.

"A big fat zero," said Insite site coordinator Darwin Fisher.

Sydney's facility is tucked between a hostel and a Chinese restaurant in Kings Cross, the city's red-light district. Aside from the security guard posted just inside the front door, it looks like a typical health clinic.

At least two staffers, including a registered nurse, monitor the injection room. They are not allowed to administer drugs, though sterile needles are provided. If a patient overdoses, the nurse delivers the antidote Narcan, which quickly reverses the

After users get their fix, they head to a second room with a decidedly warmer feel. Colored Christmas lights hang from the ceiling; books and magazines line the shelves. Clients can relax with a cup of coffee or tea or talk to staff. Some stay for 15 minutes; others spend hours. They exit through a back door to protect their privacy.

The center opened on an 18-month trial basis following a sharp increase in heroin use in Sydney. The trial was repeatedly extended by government officials until 2010, when it was granted permanent status. It's run by the social services arm of the Uniting Church and is funded by policeseized proceeds of various cri-

A clinic in Amsterdam — one of three injection sites in the Dutch capital — goes even further, distributing free heroin to longterm addicts as part of a government program created for hardened addicts who might otherwise commit a crime to pay for their

About 80 users visit up to three times a day. Most are men, and the average age is 60. Many began using in the 1970s and 1980s.

"We would ideally like them to cut back their use," said Fleur Clarijs, a doctor at the facility.

But, she said, the main objective of the facility is to reduce risk to users — and their effects on the community.

In Vancouver's seedy Downtown Eastside neighborhood, Insite offers patients treatment services just up the stairs from where they shoot up. About a third of Insite's visitors request referral to a detox program, the clinic said.

A woman who gave her name as Rhea Jean spoke to The Associated Press after recently injecting herself there. She felt nauseous and ran outside to the curb to vomit. Her face covered with scabs, the longtime heroin user looks far older than her 33 years.

"It's a great place for active users in full-blown addiction. It links you up to other programs," said Jean, who herself hasn't sought treatment through Insite.

A 65-year-old man who gave his name only as James because he's in a 12-step program that requires anonymity said he has been using heroin since age 22. He was clean for 17 years before relapsing; he said he was sexually abused as a child and spent 23 years in prison.

He keeps returning to heroin, he said, because it provides release from his problems. Insite is the one place he can go and be treated if he reacts badly to the drug, he said.

"They saved my life three times," he said, adding that addiction shouldn't be demonized.

"There's a large section of society that still refuses to accept it as a disease," he said.

The three clinics visited by the AP initially faced opposition from politicians and members of the public but gradually won support, in part because of studies showing reductions in overdose deaths and open-air drug use in the surrounding community.

A 2010 survey of residents and businesses in Kings Cross, for instance, found strong support.

Insite was targeted for closure by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservative Party. The case went to the Supreme Court of Canada, which in 2011 told the government to issue an exemption to the drug laws allowing Insite to operate.

"Insite saves lives," Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin wrote in the decision. "Its benefits have been proven. There has been no discernible negative impact on the public safety and health objectives of Canada during its eight years of operation."

Advocates in the U.S. have long discussed the potential benefits of injection sites — but they point to the tripling of heroin and opioid overdose deaths since 2000 as one reason why the suggestion is starting to get serious consideration.

The deaths of actors Philip Seymour Hoffman and Heath Le-

An alarming 47,000 **American overdose** deaths in 2014

dger put celebrity faces on the risks of overdosing alone, and it was revealed recently that representatives for Prince sought help for his addiction to painkillers just a day before the musician was found dead.

In an effort to stay safe, some addicts are taking matters into their own hands. In Boston, after Massachusetts General Hospital equipped security guards with Narcan, the hospital began seeing an uptick in addicts shooting up in bathrooms and parking garages.

Elsewhere in the city, a nonprofit recently set aside a room where addicts can go after using drugs. The users can't inject there. but a nurse monitors those in the room and will intervene in case of overdose.

U.S. federal law effectively prohibits injection facilities, but supporters say that if a state or city were to authorize one, Washington officials could adopt a hands-off approach similar to the federal response to state medical marijuana programs.

Kevin Sabet, a former drug policy adviser to the Obama administration, put the chances of injection sites getting approval anytime soon at zero. He believes supporters want full legalization of all drugs and are exploiting the opioid crisis to advance their agenda.

California Assemblyman Tom Lackey, who served on the California Highway Patrol for 28 years, said he understands that supporters are looking for a new approach. But he has deep reservations about legislation in his state which would create clinics where users could use heroin, crack or other drugs.

"These facilities send a message that there is a safe use, and I don't think there is any safe use of heroin," he said.

In Maryland, state House of Delegates member Dan Morhaim is an emergency physician who himself has administered Narcan "many, many times." He sees his bill for supervised injection sites as just one of many creative approaches that will be needed to solve the heroin problem.

"It's not going to cure everyone," he said. "But moving people from more dangerous behavior to less dangerous behavior is progress."

Marianne Jauncey, medical director at Sydney's Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, said she would prefer better ways to help hardened addicts. Her facility will work to keep them alive until that happens.

"Given their histories," she said, "I think the least that we can do as a society is try." AP





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Offbeat

THESE BEASTS ARE BEAUTIES: INDIA **HOLDS BOVINE BEAUTY PAGEANT**



Even heasts can be beau-

Hundreds of cows and bulls walked the ramp in a north Indian town Saturday in a bovine beauty pageant aimed at promoting

domestic cattle breeds and raising awareness about animal health.

As farmers led their animals, the panel of experts iudged the beasts for their size and overall looks, the length of their horns and, for the cows, their milk-yielding capacities.

The judges selected 18 winners in various categories, choosing the healthiest and best-looking cows and bulls from more than 630 animals in the contest, held in the farming town of Rohtak in Haryana state.

On the ramp, the bovines displayed their individuality. Some sashayed with casual grace, while others dug in their heels and had to be pulled and prodded by their owners to walk for the judges.

The winners, representing three different breeds, carried home prizes and a winner's sash.

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Duration: 130min

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1940 Churchill takes helm AS GERMANS ADVANCE

German forces have invaded Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg by air and land.

The invasion began at dawn with large numbers of aeroplanes attacking the main aerodromes and landing troops. The Dutch High Commission says more than 100 German planes were shot down by its forces.

In London, it has been announced that Winston Churchill will lead a coalition government after Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said he was stepping aside.

Two days ago his majority plummeted in a vote of confidence in the Commons during a debate on the war and there were calls from the Tory benches for him to go.

In his broadcast tonight Mr Chamberlain said: "Hitler has chosen a moment when, perhaps, it seemed to him that this country was entangled in the throes of a political crisis and he might find it divided against itself.

"If he has counted upon our internal divisions to help him he has miscalculated the mind of this people."

The first news of the German invasion reached London at dawn. Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax received the Belgian Ambassador and Dutch Prime Minister at 0630 when they formally asked for Allied help.

The invasion had been expected for some time. In a proclamation issued to the German armies in the West, Hitler said: "The hour has come for the decisive battle for the future of the German nation.'

Reports from Holland said German troops crossed the border during the night. The Dutch destroyed bridges over the Maas and Ijssel to prevent the German advance.

There were reports of fierce fighting at Rotterdam where German troops were landed by flying-boat. Other planes landed at Waalhaven aerodrome and troops quickly seized control.

This evening German forces are occupying the Maas and Bourse railway stations in Rotterdam. There are conflicting reports about whether they are still in possession of Waalhaven airport.

German reconnaissance planes have been seen flying overhead all day.

British and French troops have moved across the Belgian frontier in response to appeals for reinforcements.

Reports from Belgium say British troops have been enthusiastically received. Their guns have been festooned with flowers and the soldiers plied with refreshments.

In Washington President Franklin Roosevelt was asked at a news conference whether he thought Germany's invasion of the Low Countries would lead to US involvement in the war. He replied that it would not.

Courtesv BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Neville Chamberlain was forced to resign after the disastrous British campaign in Norway. Attempts to repel the Germans culminated in the loss of about 4,000 British troops and ultimately German occupation of the country.

Also, Labour leader Clement Attlee made clear his party would not work with a coalition government under Chamberlain. Lord Halifax was offered the position of prime minister but turned it down and Winston Churchill was chosen as leader.

Mr Chamberlain served briefly in Mr Churchill's war cabinet as Lord President of the Council until he retired through illness in October 1940. He died of cancer the following month.

The German invasion of the Low Countries had been expected. Against 144 Allied divisions, the Germans mustered 141. The German air force had 4,020 operational aircraft, the Allies a little over 3,000. The gap in tank strength favoured the Allies: 3,383 against

Yet in six weeks, and at a cost of only 30,000 dead, German forces had conquered the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg and on 21 June forced the capitulation of France.

France remained under German occupation until August 1944. Belgium was liberated in September 1944 and Luxembourg in February 1945. Some of the southern Netherlands was liberated in autumn 1944, but most of the country remained under German occupation until the end of the war.



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

It's odd that keeping your nose to the grindstone is such hard work, considering the amount of free time you've had lately. Remind yourself there's



Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Don't be stoic. The more you keep talking, the more likely you are to come up with good ideas. Consider it brainstorming. Letting the world around you ask the leading questions is one of your hidden strengths.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22 stubborn has advantages. You won't settle for anything less than success. Even

the economy is no match for your determination to succeed.



Let yourself dig your heels in.

Sep.23-Oct. 22

pressure. If the world isn't tightening the screws, then you need to challenge yourself. Do what it takes to build a head of steam, because there is plenty of money to be made that way.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Sometimes the mundane aspects of life are the most satisfying. You're raking your financial yard or tidving up the books today. It may not be glamorous, but it's definitely gratifying.



Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your biggest discovery to date is that you're not downright eccentric, but vou're definitely no longer mainstream. That's a marketable quality if you play it right.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

You have in your possession a luxury item that no amount of money can buy. When you take a quick inventory of all you own, don't forget to look for what's hidden under your spiritual pillows.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Remember that old offer of lunch or the email asking about friends and family? It's a good time to follow through with just that type of dropped connection. You never know when you'll charm exactly the right person.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Spending money on anything other than necessities is becoming a foreign concept to you. You're so used to the bare minimum that you're becoming a bit dull. Treat yourself to something interesting and unusual.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21



Libra

Being abrasive won't solve anything, but it sure feels good You produce the best when under at the moment. You'll let your temper get the best of you. Don't forget you'll be paying dearly



Capricorn

If you expected money to be faithful, you've since learned

better. It is as fickle as teenage love. Another person's wallet is just as comfortable as yours is. Don't take it personally.



Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It's too easy to say that you and a partner are from different planets. Sure, vou may communicate differently but you're saying the same thing. Both of you have to put your money where your mouths are now.



NOW THAT WILBERFORCE IS OLDER, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED







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Harbin	9	21	cloudy
Tianjin	16	28	overcast/clear
Urumqi	12	20	drizzle/moderate rain
Xi'an	17	29	clear
Lhasa	5	20	clear/cloudy
Chengdu	15	31	clear
Chongqing	16	31	cloudy/clear
Kunming	14	28	clear
Nanjing	14	21	shower/cloudy
Shanghai	16	19	moderate rain/drizzle
Wuhan	15	26	cloudy/clear
Hangzhou	17	21	heavy rain/shower
Taipei	24	32	overcast/drizzle
Guangzhou	24	29	heavy rain to rainstorm
Hong Kong	25	28	thundershower/heavy rain

MAX

WORLD

Moscow	10	22	cloudy
Frankfurt	13	24	cloudy
Paris	12	24	drizzle
London	13	20	drizzle
New York	10	20	cloudy

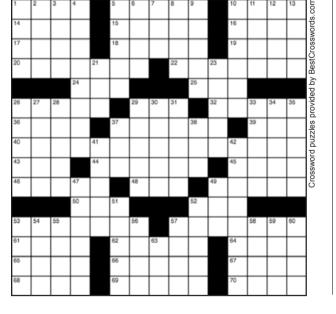
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9- Currency unit in Nigeria; 10- Writing instrument; 11- Bunches; 12- Nerve network; 13- Interpret; 21- Compete; 23- German industrial city; 26- Mideast peninsula; 27- Integrate; 28- The opposition; 29- Conductor Zubin; 30- Analyze a metalic compound: 31- Petrol unit: 33- Of service: actor Sal; 35- Heathen; 37- Hwy.; 38- Pops; 41- Cara or Castle; 42- Remove ions from; 47- Female parent; 49- Sign of summer; 51- Ready ___...; 52-Honda model; 53- "Not guilty," e.g.; 54-Banister; 55- Sicilian spewer; 56- Take ____ your leader; 57- Persian fairy; 58- Chieftain, usually in Africa; 59- Feminizing suffix; 60-Fabled fliers; 63- ___-X





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Tales Azzoni, Madrid

HE Spanish league title race will go down to the final round, with rivals Barcelona and Real Madrid still in contention.

Barcelona routed city rival Espanyol 5-0 yesterday [Macau time] to increase its lead going into next weekend, when another victory will secure the Catalan club its second consecutive title.

Luis Suarez scored twice, with Lionel Messi, Neymar and Rafinha adding one goal each at the Camp Nou to keep Barcelona one point in front of Real Madrid, which defeated Valencia 3-2 with two goals from Cristiano Ronaldo and one by Karim Benzema.

Atletico, which was trailing Barcelona for most of the season and was tied in points, dropped out of contention after a surprising 2-1 late loss to already relegated Levante

Atletico Madrid, which was trailing Barcelona for most of the season and was tied in points before this weekend, dropped out of contention after a surprising 2-1 late loss to already relegated Levante. Atletico had been bidding for its second league title in three

In the final round, Barcelona will play at Granada, which was fighting against relegation but on Sunday mathematically secured its place in the top flight with a 4-1 win at Sevilla.

Real Madrid will play at Deportivo La Coruna, which is in the middle of the table and also won't have anything to play for in the last round.

"We had good rhythm from the start, creating pressure following turnovers," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said. "We played a complete game, I'm happy with what we've achieved. Now we just have to put it away by beating Granada."

Barcelona enters the final weekend with 88 points from 37 matches. It has the advan-

FOOTBALL

Barcelona and Madrid to fight for Spain title in final round



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (right), fights for the ball against Espanyol's Hernan Perez during a Spanish La Liga soccer match at Cornella-El Prat stadium in Cornella Llobregat

tage on the head-to-head tiebreaker against Real Madrid, so the rival will need to win its game in La Coruna and hope Barcelona at least draws in Granada.

"I'm always positive," Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said. "We have one game left to play, anything can happen. We have to give everything and [...] we will see what happens right up until the end, until the very last minute."

Barcelona will be trying to win its sixth league title in eight seasons, while Madrid will be looking to lift the trophy for the first time since 2012, and second time in eight seasons.

Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid were coming off difficult games in the semifinals of the Champions League, when both advanced to the May 28 final in Milan. Barcelona will play in the Copa del Rey final against Sevilla on May 22.

The Catalan club recently relinquished a nine-point lead after going winless in four straight games, but Luis Enrique's team picked up the pace just in time, winning four consecutive games by outscoring opponents 21-0 to stay ahead going into the decisive round.

Barcelona dominated from the start at the Camp Nou and Messi opened the scoring from a free kick in the eighth minute, curling a left-foot shot over the wall

Messi then set up Suarez's first goal with a pass into the area in the 52nd, and the striker increased the lead with a header in the 61st. Substitute Rafinha got on the board after a blunder by goalkeeper Pau Lopez in the 74th and Neymar completed the scoring from close range in the 83rd.

Suarez reached 37 league goals, four more than Ronaldo, who put Real Madrid ahead in the 26th at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium and added his second in the 59th after Benzema had netted in the 42nd.

Valencia's goals came from striker Rodrigo in the 55th and midfielder Andre Gomes in the 81st. It played a man down from the 84th because of a red card for Rodrigo.

Madrid got the win, its 11th straight in the league, despite missing some key players because of injuries, including Gareth Bale, Luka Modric and starting goalkeeper Keylor Navas. It was the final career home game for Alvaro Arbeloa, the 33-year-old defender who announced earlier in the week that he was retiring.

Atletico Madrid had its sixgame winning streak in the league halted by a disappointing 2-1 loss at Levante, which had been relegated in the last round.

Fernando Torres put Diego Simeone's team ahead just two minutes into the game in Valencia, but Victor Casadesus equalized in the 30th and substitute Italian striker Giuseppe Rossi netted the surprise winner in the 90th to end Atletico's hopes of another title.

"Levante played a great match and was better than us," Simeone said. "I can just congratulate them. We had some chances to score, but they defended well."

Atletico is three points behind Barcelona but can't overcome the Catalan club because it loses on the headto-head tiebreaker.

In the fight against relegation, Getafe and Sporting Gijon drew 1-1 to both move one point ahead of second-to-last Rayo Vallecano, which lost 2-1 at Real Sociedad. Getafe and Sporting Gijon have 36 points each, but Getafe is outside the relegation zone on the tiebreaker against Sporting. The bottom three clubs are relegated. **AP**

Benfica beats Maritimo, moves closer to Portuguese title

BENFICA defeated Maritimo 2-0 yesterday [Macau time] to move a step closer to winning the Portuguese league title.

Konstantinos Mitroglou scored in the 48th minute and Anderson Talisca in the 83rd at the Madeira Islands to keep Benfica two points clear of Sporting Lisbon, which routed Setubal 5-0 at home to remain in contention.

It was the 11th win in a row for Benfica, which is trying to win its third straight title. Sporting is chasing its first trophy since the 2001-02 season. **AP**



Benfica's Pizzi celebrates after scoring his second goal during the Portuguese league football match against CS Maritimo at the Luz stadium in Lisbon (file shot)

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE

Domestic violence is a silent issue in Macau, as residents don't give it as much attention as it deserves.

While domestic abuse could happen to anyone – including all races, religions, income and/or educational levels – there are still insane disparities between the rates of men and women becoming the abusers or the victims.

However all victims, no matter what their sexual orientation is, should not be neglected and should feel protected and covered by international domestic violence laws.

MDT published a report the other day stating that Rainbow of Macau, the city's first pro-LGBT and sexual minority advocacy group, is claiming that the local government has apparently decided to exclude same-sex couples from the scope of its new domestic violence legislation.

In Hong Kong, the region's "Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance" allows victims of violence in same-sex cohabitation relationships to seek legal remedies and apply for court injunctions, despite doubts that it might be interpreted as a sign that they will recognize and promote same-sex unions.

Hong Kong even agreed to change the name of the previous law "Domestic Violence Ordinance" to the current "Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance" to safeguard against such doubts.

If the neighboring region understood that cohabitation is not equivalent to marriage and that such laws would protect individuals from experiencing domestic violence, or if they even understood that such abuse is a human rights violation, I suppose the local government could also consider this.

The region should note that when there is a lack of recognition of same-sex relationships, there is also inadequate attention paid to the occurrence of domestic violence between same-sex couples.

The residents of Macau should realize that just because same-sex domestic abuse isn't notorious in the region, doesn't mean it's not happening. Individuals should acknowledge this continuing social problem.

I would like to believe that one of the factors that may hinder the bill from being passed in the Legislative Assembly is the residents' lack of awareness of the social issue. The locals have been so busy protesting minimum wages, employment laws towards residents and expats, and even the increase of the annual cash handout, that they forget that the city has such social problems as well.

According to Rainbow of Macau, "lack of social consensus," "inconsistency of laws" and "later resolving same-sex issues in the revision of Civil Code" were used by MSAR back in 2012 to justify the exclusion. The group even implied that the local government is "knowingly enact[ing] a discriminatory law that is against the superiority of international law" because the United Nations Committee has already concluded that victims of domestic abuse should be protected without discrimination.

One does not have to be a social worker nor a political expert to understand that domestic abuse victims are in an awfully vulnerable position. I understand where the concerned group is coming from; discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation is unjustifiable. Hence it is understandable that the absence of such laws may result in repeated incidents where perpetrators could commit violent acts increasingly more frequently, and sadly, more severely.

Nonetheless the final reading of the bill is set to be on May 20, so only then will we know whether the accusations are real or not.

I would conclude that MSAR should be able to reach a feasible solution acceptable to its residents. I am not an LGBT activist, but I believe in protecting each individual, from all walks of life, against domestic abuse because protection against such exploitation is not a privilege but a right and should be accessible to all, without any discrimination.

Lucky seven: Indie bookstores rise for seventh straight year

Independent bookselling remains on a roll.

The American Booksellers Association has grown for the seventh consecutive year. Core membership increased to 1,775, up by 63 over the previous year and by more than 300 since 2009.

With membership once well exceeding 3,000, independent sellers had been shutting down for decades, largely because of competition from

Amazon.com and from the superstore chains Barnes & Noble and Borders. But Borders has gone out of business and Barnes & Noble is struggling. Independent booksellers also have benefited from the leveling of e-book sales and resilience of paper editions.

Unit sales from some 580 stores reporting numbers are up 5 percent in the first four months of 2016 compared with the same period in 2015.

ORGANIZED CRIME

Mexico drug lord 'El Chapo' Guzman moved to Juarez prison



Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is escorted by army soldiers to a waiting helicopter, at a federal hangar in Mexico City, after he was recaptured from breaking out of a maximum security prison

E. Eduardo Castillo & Peter Orsi, Mexico City

CONVICTED drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, who twice pulled off brazen jailbreaks and is fighting to avoid extradition to the United States, was abruptly transferred to a prison in northern Mexico near the Texas border over the weekend.

Lawyers for Guzman, who was recaptured in January, have filed multiple appeals against their client being sent to the U.S., and Mexican officials have said it could take as long as a year to reach a final ruling. There was no immediate indication that the transfer could be a sign that the process is nearing conclusion.

Mexican government officials said the Sinaloa cartel boss was moved from the maximum-security Altiplano lockup near Mexico City to the Cefereso No. 9 prison in Ciudad Juarez, which is across from El Paso, Texas. The Interior Department said the move was due to work being done to reinforce security at Altiplano.

Mexico's National Security Commission said in a statement that the transfer was in line with security protocols, and it has rotated more than 7,400 inmates nationwide as part of a strategy implemented last September.

Michael Vigil, the former head of international operations for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, said Guzman was moved because of security concerns. Vigil, who said he had been briefed by Mexican officials, did not specify those concerns or say whether Mexican officials had information about possible new escape plots. He also did not specify the officials with whom he spoke. Jose Refugio Rodriguez,

Jose Refugio Rodriguez, an attorney for Guzman, said defense lawyers had not been notified beforehand and one of them was traveling to Juarez to try to meet with their client.

"I don't know what the strategy is," Refugio told The Associated Press. "I can't say what the government is thinking."

He confirmed that Guzman's lawyers are still trying to block extradition.

Mexican security analyst

Mexican security analyst Alejandro Hope called it plausible that Guzman was moved due to upgrades being done at Altiplano, but said officials also may have feared the possibility of another jailbreak attempt.

"The more he remains at a single prison, in a single cell, the more the chances that he will rebuild the conditions that led to his escape," Hope said. "So this also might be a deliberate attempt to destabilize any such plans."

Hope doubted the decision had anything to do with preparations for extradition, noting that it would be just as easy to put Guzman on a plane in Mexico City as in Juarez. He added that the Cefereso No. 9 is one of Mexico's newest prisons, constructed within the last five years or so.

"The surrounding environment is risky because 'El Chapo' certainly has a lot of people in Ciudad Juarez, so it seems like a relatively odd choice," Hope said. "Probably the other alternatives were not any better, whatever their objective was."

Guzman faces charges from seven separate U.S. attorneys' offices, including in Chicago, New York, Miami and San Diego.

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman in El Paso, Texas, referred inquiries to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which did not immediately respond to telephone and email messages. Messages left with representatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Marshals Service in El Paso also were not returned immediately. The U.S. Justice Department declined to comment.

"El Chapo" first broke out of a Mexican prison in 2001. He was recaptured in 2014, only to escape the Altiplano lockup the following year through a mile-long tunnel dug to the floor of the shower stall in his cell.

Mexican marines re-arrested him in the western state of Sinaloa in January, after he fled a safe house through a storm drain.

He was returned to Alti-

plano, where officials beefed up his security regimen. Guzman was placed under constant observation from a ceiling camera with no blind spots, and the floors of top-security cells were reinforced with metal bars and a 40-centimeter layer of concrete. AP

Station	Air quality			
Roadside	15-35 Good	(1)		
High Density Residental Area	30-50 Good	•		
Ambient	30-50 Good	(2)		

WORLD BRIEFS



USA The heroin and painkiller crisis has pushed elected leaders from coast to coast to consider the onceunthinkable: government-sanctioned sites where heroin users can shoot up under medical supervision. While such sites have operated for years overseas, they face a long list of legal and political challenges in the U.S. More on p14



BREXIT Raising the stakes in Britain's European Union membership debate, Prime Minister David Cameron said that leaving the bloc would increase the risk of war in Europe. Cameron's speech on national security came as campaigning ahead of a June 23 vote on the country's EU membership moved into its final weeks.



UK London's newly elected Muslim mayor Sadiq Khan has joined an annual memorial to Jews slain in the Holocaust as his first public act in office.



GREECE's Parliament in a narrow vote has approved a bill reforming the debt-ridden country's pension and tax systems. Outside, anarchists have hurled firebombs, chairs and wooden planks at riot police in brief clashes outside parliament while lawmakers were debating a controversial austerity bill.



UEFA Michel Platini will resign as UEFA president after failing to overturn his ban at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which cut his sanction from six to four years. Platini called the verdict a "deep injustice" and said he will now step down from the UEFA position he has held since 2007.