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SPACE Astronauts opened the world's first inflatable space habitat yesterday and floated inside. NASA astronaut Jeffrey Williams swung open the door to the newly expanded chamber yesterday and was the first to enter. The room — called the Bigelow Activity Activity Module, or BEAM — arrived at the International Space Station in April, packed in the trunk of a capsule loaded with supplies. It was inflated just over a week ago.

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GLOBAL SLAVERY INDEX

Labor exploitation usual in town, migrant association claims

THE 2016 Global Slavery Index has listed Hong Kong as one of the worst places in the world at taking action against modern slavery, along with North Korea and Iran. But Hong Kong was the only one of the three described as “wealthy and stable.”

According to the index’s regional analysis, around 30.4 million of the world’s estimated 45.8 million slaves are in the Asia-Pacific. Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan had high reports of abuse and exploitation. In Hong Kong, foreign domestic workers usually abide by the “live-in rule” (which means that they must live at their boss’ homes), increasing the risk of exploitation.

The analysis shows that Hong Kong has “inadequate” response to combating issues like human trafficking, forced labor and debt bondage.

Although Macau was excluded from the study, Erik Lestari, representative of Peduli Indonesian Migrant Workers Concern Group told the Times last week that Macau has neither standard employment contracts nor a standard minimum wage, which often leads to the possibility of abusing migrant domestic workers.



Domestic helpers and their supporters raise placard with words “Stop The Violence” to support the 23-year-old Indonesian maid Erwiana Sulistyaningsih during a protest in Hong Kong, on Jan. 19, 2014

Lestari said domestic helpers are receiving a “low salary with long working hours.”

“Hong Kong labor law is much better than Macau’s,” she claimed. “Some workers are not given holidays and are forced to stay in these conditions even if they don’t want to, because there is no policy.”

The representative also revealed that the group had recently received a report from a compatriot who was beaten and scolded by the employer. Lestari admitted they have received several reports of physical vio-

lence that were not reported to authorities.

“There’s no bleeding, no bruises. How can you report such incidents to the police station?” she asked. “There is no witness as well.”

Lestari also said that a number of migrant workers work for up to 15 hours, especially when employees are live-in. She argued there might not be any evidence for domestic helpers to report such abuse, as these workers are not given a “time card.”

“How can we report it? We don’t have any time cards. When

you start and stop working [...] how can they [the authorities] know if you’re working overtime already?” she said.

Besides domestic work, slavery cases are often linked with human trafficking. According to the 2015 annual report of the U.S. State Department, Trafficking in Persons (TIP), the MSAR remains a “source territory for sex trafficking and forced labor.”

Macau remained on tier two, the second-lowest ranking in the department’s report. However, the study revealed that many trafficking victims fall prey to false advertisements for jobs, including in casinos in Macau, and would eventually be “forced or coerced” into prostitution upon arrival.

The report also commented that local authorities do not comply with the minimum standards for the abolition of trafficking.

It was suggested that the city should “increase efforts to investigate, prosecute, and convict sex and labor traffickers.” It suggested that Macau continually improve and implement proactive victim identification methods.

Moreover, the Global Slavery Index report said that extortionate recruitment fees, con-

FEWER CASES OF FORCED LABOR

CARITAS MACAU claimed in a previous MDT report that forced labor cases are less likely to occur in Macau, as domestic helpers are not obliged to live-in with their employers, unlike in Hong Kong. The Times recently interviewed a Filipino domestic helper who testified that her employer requires her to work for 12 hours every day in two separate locations, namely the apartments of her employer and her employer’s daughter. Although she said that she does not complain out of fear that the employer will fire her, she admitted her working condition is “tiring.”

finement to their workplaces, excessive unpaid overtime, withholding of wages and confiscation of identity documents were listed as indicators of forced labor for domestic helpers.

Hong Kong has rejected the recent index’s regional analysis, questioning the methodology of the investigation. The territory’s Security Bureau spokesman said the approach to the study had resulted in an “incomplete and inaccurate picture.” **Staff reporter**

MOTORSPORTS

HK wants Formula E to become ‘flagship event,’ like Macau’s GP

THE president of the Hong Kong Automobile Association, Lawrence Yu Kam-kee, wants the city to host the Formula E events as it will “put Hong Kong on the map of world sport,” and become a sporting flagship event, comparable to the Macau Grand Prix.

Hong Kong will accede to the world circuit of Formula E in October,

joining cities such as London and Paris in the championship.

The Formula E racing series exclusively features electric-powered cars. Compared with other traditional racing events, the use of such electric-powered vehicles is being commended for making less noise and particle pollutant. Consequently, they are attracting interest

from other international cities such as Tokyo, New York and Melbourne, all of which are believed to be interested in hosting their own events.

According to a report in the South China Morning Post, the president of the Hong Kong Automobile Association, said that Hong Kong has obtained a three-year license to operate as one of the two

greater China venues for electric-powered car racing.

The decision “is a good opportunity to put Hong Kong on the map of world sport, which we have been lacking over these past few years, other than the rugby sevens,” he told the SCMP. “We are looking forward to many more years to come, just like the Macau Grand



Formula E race cars inside the pit during the FIA Formula E 2014 Beijing ePrix

Prix, [for the ePrix circuit] to become a flagship event [in Hong Kong].”

Chinese driver Ma Qinghua separately informed the SCMP of his excite-

ment over the October race. “Hong Kong is the origin of motor racing in China and [racing here] always carries a special feeling,” he said.

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ENTREPRENEUR VISITS MACAU

Jack Ma: New globalization is in the hands of young people and SMEs

JACK Ma, founder of Internet giant Alibaba, visited Macau yesterday. "The new phase of globalization belongs to young people and to small and medium enterprises [SMEs]," the entrepreneur said, after meeting the Chief Executive (CE) yesterday at Santa Sancha Palace.

Ma met with high-ranking officials and participated in a lecture at the University of Macau (UM). He was visiting the territory in his capacity as chairman of the Zhejiang General Businessmen Association, which was hosting its inauguration ceremony.

The Chinese tycoon advised local youth to seize opportunities here in the MSAR: "No such place in the world is like Macau which enjoys the advantages under the 'One Country, Two Systems' policy. [...] Opportunities are everywhere especially with Macau's own geographic location linking between mainland China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and more importantly, everyone has the opportunity to



Jack Ma (left) met yesterday with Chui Sai On

succeed as we are all living in an internet era," he said.

Besides the dominant role played in the region by the gaming industry, Ma expressed confidence in Macau's service industry and acknowledged that there is an "urgent need for the city to focus on helping and diversifying the small and

medium sized firms."

"We must now create opportunities for Macau young people and to encourage them to do business via the internet," Alibaba's CEO remarked.

At his meeting with Chui Sai On, Ma also accepted the position of consultant in both the Economic Development and the Science and Technology Committees of the MSAR.

ASIA'S RICHEST MAN

JACK MA recently overtook Dalian Wanda Group Co.'s Wang Jianlin as Asia's richest man, after the e-commerce giant's financial affiliate raised a record amount in its latest round of fundraising. Bloomberg estimates that Ma's wealth reached around USD33.3 billion, according to the Billionaires Index, putting him ahead of Wang's \$32.7 billion and Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-shing's \$29.5 billion.

SMG to conduct survey of Coloane air quality



Fong Soi Kun

The Macau Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) will conduct a two-year survey of the air quality in Coloane. The SMG will arrange temporary observation points along selected main streets in Coloane. A review of current observation points will also be made. SMG director Fong Soi Kun revealed that the number of pollutants in the air above Coloane had slightly increased during the last two years. In terms of overall air quality, this part of the territory saw a deterioration of 13 to 20 percent compared to 10 years ago. Fong also said that the department has been monitoring four kinds of pollutants in the Pearl River Delta region. Fong made the statements in a TDM radio program, where he also forecasted that the region would suffer the impact of two major typhoons during the Summer.

Forum featuring Macau's cultural and creative industries has commenced

THE Forum on Cultural Industries and the 9th International Conference on Cultural and Creative Industries Seminar took place yesterday at the Macau Science Center.

The mainland's One Belt, One Road initiative was widely discussed during the event, as well as opportunities for Macau's cultural industries.

The forum is in its second edition, having launched last year. The event results from the cooperation between the Chinese Cultural Exchange Association and the Institute for Cultural Industries of Peking University.

Lei Pui Lam, president of the Chinese Cultural Exchange Association, believes that Macau's cultural and creative industries are still in the early stages of development. However, Lam is confident in the future of the industry.

"Macau is an important point of the Silk Road. It has a deep historical and cultural value, along with geographical advantages," said Lam, adding that the government's support and strong tourism sector, as well as investors and passionate young people, are assets to the industries.

Eusebi Nomen, strategic advisor of the Barcelona Centre de Disseny (BCD), considers water



to be the key advantage for Macau, as "this is a specifically sensitive area [for China]."

Nomen added that if the city can improve its innovation indexes, better water management will be a reality. In return, Macau will receive great opportunities both economically and socially.

Carolina Quintana, coordinator of the Creative Economy Programme of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), also believes that "Macau, as the platform of collaboration of the neighboring area, will be a real asset [to the One Belt, One Road strategy]." She believes that Macau can provide more job opportunities through its connection with Asia.

Eleven innovation and cultural experts, who hailed mainly from Macau, were invited to speak at the forum, which attracted over 200 participants. **Staff reporter**

Gov't collects opinions on Five-Year Plan

To date, the government has held 25 sessions to gather public and sectorial opinion regarding the region's first Five-Year Development Plan, according to a statement released by the Government Information Bureau.

The Five-Year Development Plan proposes a blueprint for the city's socio-economic development between 2016 and 2020.

Opinions expressed during the 25 consultation sessions covered community healthcare, specialist medical training, road and transport infrastructure, urban planning and the use of technology in services for elderly people.

Regarding the tourism sector, several points were raised about the need for further efforts to attract visitors to neighborhoods outside the city's tourist hotspots as well as the desirability of launching more tourism products related to maritime travel.

Attendees at the public consultation also called for more passenger flights in order to attract more international visitors.

In relation to social af-

fairs, comments during the consultation process covered increasing support for people with special needs, improving access to buildings and public spaces for physically handicapped individuals, additional support for the elderly, and the benefits of a two-tier social security system.

Regarding the local economy, topics submitted for discussion included the need to specify goals concerning non-gaming offerings at local resorts, the promotion of the financial services sector, and support for the growth of the city's MICE sector.



One of the consultation sessions on the proposal for the Five-Year Development Plan

Maximum number of children per nursery class remains at 30

The maximum number of nursery students per class will remain at 30, according to a notice published in the Official Gazette. This order will enter into force between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2019. The maximum number of children per class had been reduced to 28 before 2014. Moreover, each child will be guaranteed a floor area of no less than 1.8 square meters within activity rooms, narrower than the 2 square meters each child was given back in 2014. The change was first made two years ago.

Man sells fake coupons for MOP15.57m

The Judiciary Police arrested a 28-year-old man yesterday for fraud. According to a report by TDM, the suspect claimed to be a businessman and offered cheap coupons for supermarkets and malls, which he did not possess. Three victims reported the incident to the police, claiming to have been cheated out of a total of MOP15.57 million. One victim had spent MOP9 million on the promised coupons. In addition to the aforementioned scam, the suspect also claimed to sell mobile phones, which he also did not possess, for half the price of the real products.

CRIME

Man tries to abduct infant in supermarket



Police spokespersons pictured at yesterday's press conference

Renato Marques

THE Public Security Police Force (PSP) on Sunday evening arrested a 50-year-old Vietnamese man who had allegedly tried to abduct a 2-year-old girl in a supermarket at Rua Nova da Areia Preta.

PSP Chief Inspector U Chi Wa said at a press conference held yesterday that the incident took place around 8.30pm on Sunday, when a resident carried his daughter to a local supermarket.

After a few minutes, the man put his daughter down to reach for some goods. Not long after, he saw the suspect picking her up and carrying her in the direction of the supermarket's back door.

The father pursued the suspect and managed to stop him while still inside the venue, and called the police immediately after.

The suspect refused to give any explanation, speaking only in Vietnamese, and eventually escaped to the street.

With the help of a passer-by,

the father detained the man near Fu Luen School until the police arrived.

When questioned by the PSP, the suspect denied the accusations and claimed that he was only playing with the girl, whom he found to be "lovely."

But further investigation by the officers who reviewed the CCTV recordings revealed that the man had already been following the father and daughter into the supermarket and when inside, showed no interest in any products and

RESIDENT ALLEGEDLY ROBBED OF MOP7.8 MILLION

A 67 YEAR-OLD female resident claims to have been scammed out of about MOP7.8 million (USD907,100) by a man she met through an app. The man claimed that he was a top executive and said that he would visit her in Macau after a business trip to Indonesia. He later claimed to have been stopped by the Indonesian authorities before embarking on a Macau-bound flight, adding that he was being held in custody for possessing USD1.5 million, and asked for her help. From October 13, 2015 till May 25 this year, the woman reportedly made a total of 28 money transfers – between USD3,500 and USD85,000 – totaling USD907,100.

attempted to get the girl as soon as her father put her down.

The suspect was then accused of abducting an underage citizen, a crime that is punishable by a prison sentence of three years.

The PSP also found out that the man had been caught overstaying his Macau visitor's visa in December 2014, and has been on the run since.

During the period between capture and deportation, the man was instructed to present himself regularly to the immigration department, a requirement he failed to fulfill.

STATISTICS

Money supply continues to decline

MACAU'S money supply declined in April, according to statistics released yesterday by the Monetary Authority of Macau. Total deposits fell, causing the overall loan-to-deposit ratio to increase from the previous month.

The currency in circulation grew 0.1 percent while demand deposits dropped 14.1 percent in April, compared with March.

In terms of the money supply, the proportion denominated in MOP reached 30.7 percent, up marginally by 0.4 percentage points month-to-month or 3.8 percentage points year-on-year. The share of HKD was down 0.5 percentage points month-to-month to 51.2 percent, unchanged from a year earlier.

Meanwhile, RMB (6.1 percent) was up 0.2 percentage points month-to-month but down 5.5 percentage points year-on-year. The USD (9.5 percent) performed inversely, down 0.2 percentage points compared with March, but up 1.4 percentage points year-on-year.

Resident deposits decreased 1.4 percent from the preceding month to MOP451 billion, while non-resident deposits remained stable at MOP289.4 billion. As a result, total deposits within the banking sector fell by 0.4 percent from a month earlier to MOP891.2 billion.

On the other hand, domestic loans to the private sector increased 0.4 percent to MOP395.5 billion, the majority of which was denominated in MOP and HKD.

As at end-April, the loan-to-deposit ratio for the resident sector grew by 0.7 percentage points over end-March, reaching 65.7 percent.

Driver assaults police officer

ON June 4, a police officer from the Public Security Police Force (PSP) was assaulted while trying to stop a driver using an app to offer illegal taxi services in the Cotai area, the PSP said at a press conference.

While on patrol, the officer found a suspicious private car parked at the main door of a hotel, and followed it after seeing a passenger board after checking his mobile phone.


The officer stopped the vehicle a few meters ahead and approached the driver, noti-

cing that he was using an app for the transport service.

The driver pulled the officer's hand and arm several times. The officer later had to seek treatment at the hospital for his bleeding hand.

The driver had also used his mobile phone to film the officer during the operation, but later admitted the assault. He was presented to the Public Prosecutions Officer on charges of assaulting an officer and illegally filming the procedure.

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TRANSPORTATION

Shenzhen plans three new airports in already saturated southern China

SHENZHEN is planning to build three new airports to service its main city and the Pearl River Delta region, as it assumes a larger role in China's 'One Belt, One Road' initiative.

The three airports – which will specialize in serving commercial airlines, seaplanes and helicopters, respectively – will transform Shenzhen into southern China's transport hub.

"Shenzhen will build the 'One Belt, One Road' transportation hub in southern China and study the plausibility of building an airport on water in the east, as well as starting to plan a second airport in the east as soon as possible," the Shenzhen government's "Eastward Shift Strategic Action Plan for 2016 – 2020" states, as cited in the South China Morning Post.

The airports, part of the RMB1.4 trillion (MOP1.7 trillion) strategy to shift the city's development eastward, may lead to further market saturation in a region



Shenzhen airport

that already houses numerous transport facilities.

In addition to Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport – the city's current hub for air travel – many airlines also operate out of airports in nearby Macau, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, and Zhuhai.

According to Shenzhen Bao'an representatives, international traffic at the airport is expected to

nearly double by 2020. However, both Macau and Zhuhai airports remain underutilized, though the former is now undergoing an expansion.

However, the construction of additional airports could ease some of the delays experienced at major airports in the Pearl River Delta region which are according to SCMP, caused by complicated

airspace control.

CK Law, an associate director of the Chinese University of Hong Kong's Aviation Policy and Research Centre, warned that inter-airport cooperation in the region is an unlikely prospect for the future, as local governments are wont to prevent their own airports becoming secondary to others in the region.

"Pearl River Delta airport coordination is just a myth," CK Law told SCMP. "If it could be done, it would have been done long ago."

Shenzhen's local government previously proposed a rail connection between the Shenzhen and Hong Kong airports, which would enable the two institutions to work as one. Under the proposal, Hong Kong would handle international traffic, while Shenzhen would handle domestic flights. However, the idea was rejected by Hong Kong authorities.

The Times approached the Macau Aviation Authority for com-

A Macau Aviation Authority spokesperson indicated that she was unaware of plans to construct additional airports in the region

ment on the proposal, but an MAA representative indicated that she was unaware of plans to construct additional airports in the region. The organization did not provide a further response by press time. **DB**

14 cooperation agreements at construction forum

THE 7th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (IIICF) concluded on Friday. More than 1,400 participants from 60 countries and regions, attended the forum, at which 14 cooperation agreements and cooperation memoranda were arranged, according to a statement this week by the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM).

Jackson Chang, president of IPIM, said the IIICF is promoting regional coope-



IPIM president Jackson Chang

ration as well as the development of related industries in Macau. He stressed that the forum had over the years, hosted around 8,000 industry representatives and experts from over 100 countries and regions.

Fang Qiuchen, president of the China International Contractors Association,

said that this year's forum resulted in improvements to the event's international influence, its function as an international platform and its capability to drive developments in infrastructure and related industries.

Founded in 2010 by China International Contractors Association with the approval by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, IIICF serves as a platform of communication, exchange and cooperation for investment and construction of infrastructure.

The Guardian: African chicken is local favorite

THE Guardian has designated "Macanese" African chicken as the MSAR's favorite dish, in a new article exploring the culinary traditions and history of the territory.

African chicken may or may not be "Macau's best-loved dish," but, according to the London newspaper, it represents the city's culinary heritage.

The chicken serving is covered in a peanut, tomato and chilli sauce, sometimes sprinkled with paprika, and usually served with bread, potatoes or riz à la tomate.

The dish imbues chicken from the continent of Africa, spices sometimes from India and southeast Asia, with a general European style of preparation – all concocted, according to some, in Macau.

According to The Guardian, there is no single account of the origin of the dish. While some say that it has been passed down through Portuguese families for centuries, others contend that a local chef, by the name of Americo Angelo, devised the dish as late as in the 1940s, using spices that he sourced from a trip to the colonies. **DB**

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Q&A RUTH BOSTON
VP FOR DESTINATION MARKETING AND SALES AT SANDS CHINA

'Japan is among our top five markets'

Daniel Beitler, Tokyo*

RUTH Boston is the vice president for destination marketing and sales at Sands China Ltd. She attended the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) and tourism roadshow held in Tokyo last week, which aimed to attract visitors to Sands China resorts in the MSAR.

The Tokyo roadshow was the fourth of 11 planned events across Asia. The previous three were held in Beijing, Shanghai and Osaka. Further events have been planned for Taiwan, South Korea and India.

The Times sat down with Ruth Boston last week to explore how Sands is developing its role in Macau's MICE sector, and the business impact of the roadshows as the concessionaire moves to diversify its tourism offerings.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) - Why organize roadshows like these?

Ruth Boston (RB) - The idea behind these roadshows is to give local end-users and intermediaries, like travel agents, a more in-depth understanding of our products and offerings. The attendees of the event are all such end-users or intermediaries [...] who we are targeting because they can influence the decision [of an organization] to book a trip to Macau. In this series of events, we are targeting both tourism and MICE opportunities. [Our attention is] really split down the middle. Both are very important to us and we want to grow both areas. We are holding events in Tokyo and Osaka because Japan is among our top five markets, having always been very important to Macau resorts.

MDT - Tokyo is the fourth in a series of 11 such events. How successful are they shaping up to be?

RB - These roadshows are part of a whole campaign. Nothing replaces relationships with salespeople. Customers are always going to desire service, even in the age of technology. So roadshows are very important in continuing to get our presence out, and even in understanding changes in the market. But they are only one component of a larger campaign.

That being said, so far this year the leads [sales pros-



Ruth Boston

pects] are up from the Japan market. We have also had a lot of success more generally in the last few years, partly due to the size of our resorts and the range of services we can offer.

MDT - What does Sands China envision for its role in the MICE market?

RB - Sands China is a major player in the [Macau] MICE market. It has always been a strong part of our offerings and [this is] something we are focusing on now. It helps to have the support of the government and of IPIM [Trade and Investment Promotion Institute]. We feel that there is a lot of potential for growth in this market. We will finish this year strongly in terms of MICE business, and that is partly due to the strong international brands we have [in Macau] like Holiday Inn and Conrad, which pull in many types of customers from around the world. There is also a lot of choice, from budget Holiday Inn, to the Parisian and Venetian which offer themed entertainment. So all the properties have their own streng-

ths.

One advantage of Sands' offerings is that some of our resorts are actually connected [via footbridge], allowing businesses to host an event in more than one venue. For example, we won some business last year for an event that will be held between The Venetian and The Parisian. And now, with the completion of the Parisian, we will have a total land space in Macau of over 140,000 square meters.

MDT - What are some of the challenges you face when trying to attract MICE business to Macau?

RB - Organizers want to know, when choosing a venue, that there are a lot of opportunities around for things for delegates to do on their day off. For those who don't know Macau, the question is always: what else is there to do?

Those closest to us [geographically] know that there are plenty of things to do in Macau outside gaming. And people are spreading the message that there is more to do, for example in heritage. However people in the West know

less [about Macau's offerings]; they want to know what there is to do aside from gaming - some special thing that they can use to draw their customers [to the territory]. It is about a destination as a package. People aren't always aware of all the other attractions in Macau. When potential businesses come to Macau for on-site inspections [to determine the territory's suitability for MICE events] they return with a completely different opinion.

MDT - What about infrastructure in Macau? Does this present a challenge?

RB - More connectivity with the Macau airport would probably lead to more visitors, as will the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and the Light Rail Transit [LRT] project. [...] But Hong Kong acts a very strong hub, bringing visitors and business to Macau. Sometimes business [from outside the region] can be a little apprehensive about the operational challenge of ferrying a group from Hong Kong to Macau, but once they make this

journey they see how comfortable and easy it is!

And there are also solutions to get around this 'challenge.' For example, the ferry operators at Hong Kong's airport can do individual charter ferries to bring passengers to Macau. We have worked out a way to make this cost-effective too.

MDT - Sands China is organizing roadshow events in Mumbai and New Delhi. How important is the India market for MICE?

RB - India remains a very important market for us as Indians travel more and more. Today, they are going all over the world, so in Macau we organize a lot of meetings for Indian businesses. For the India market, we are competing with places like Dubai, which is a similar distance [from some places in India] as Macau. That's why it's so important for us to educate customers about roadshows like these so they better understand that there is more to Macau than just gaming.

*The writer was in Tokyo at the invitation of Sands China Ltd.

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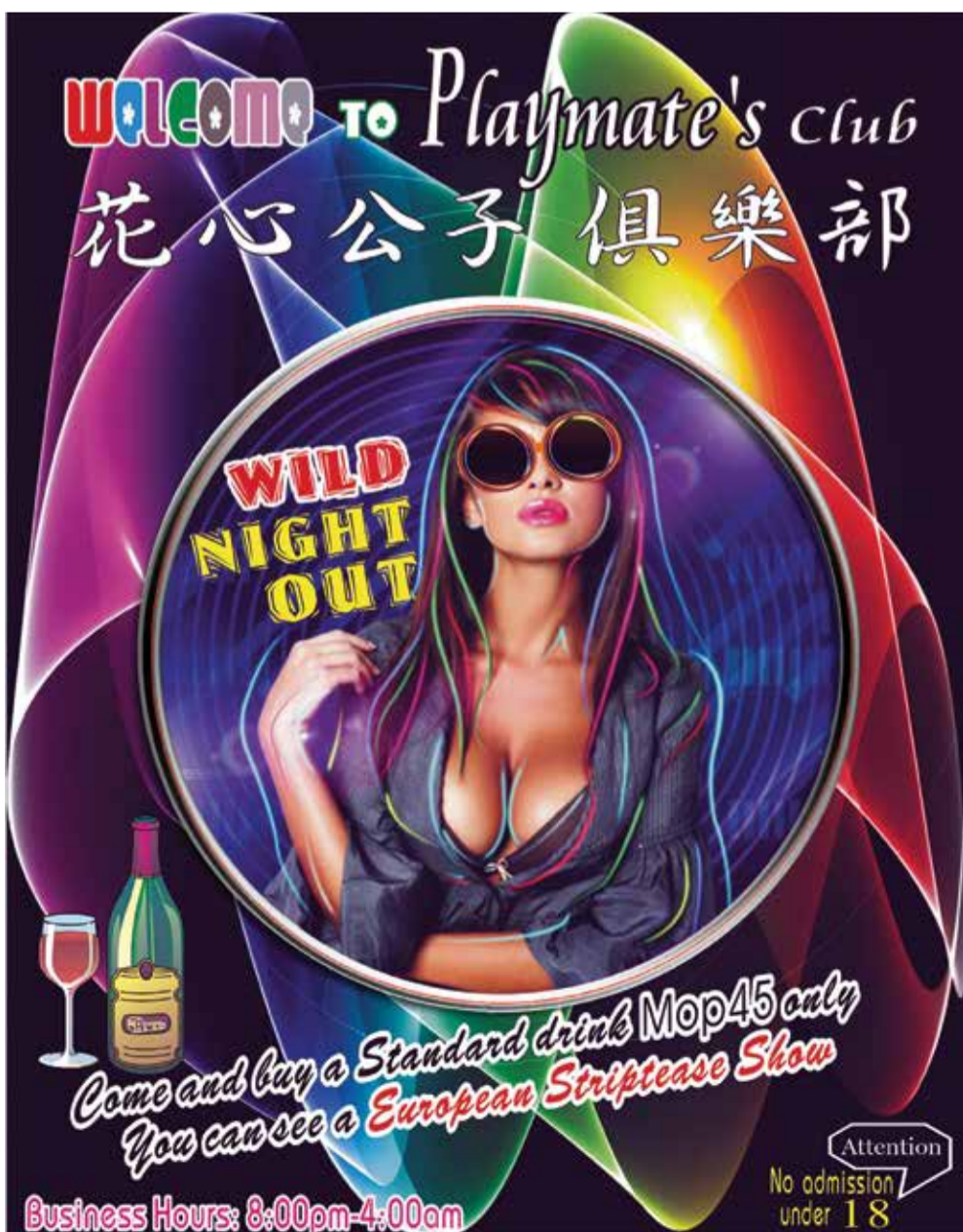
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World's most battered market is the worst place to find bargains

Kyoungwha Kim and Bonnie Cao

IT'S going to take more than the world's deepest stock-market selloff to turn China into a destination for international bargain hunters.

Even after a 40 percent tumble in the Shanghai Composite Index over the past 12 months, valuations for China's domestic A shares are three times as expensive as every other major market worldwide. The median price-to-earnings ratio on the nation's exchanges is 59, higher than that of U.S. technology shares at the height of the dot-com boom in 2000.

One year after China's equity bubble peaked, valuations have yet to fall back to earth as government intervention keeps stock prices elevated at a time of shrinking corporate profits. For money managers at Silvercrest Asset Management and Blackfriars Asset Management who predicted last year's selloff, China's weak economic growth and fragile investor sentiment mean it's too early to jump back into the USD6 trillion market.

"We do not own any A shares," said Tony Hann, the London-based head of equities at Blackfriars, which oversees about \$270 million. The firm's Oriental Focus Fund has outperformed 83 percent of peers this year. "The bull case seems to be that I can buy at this P/E because someone else will buy it from me at a higher P/E. The biggest risk is that investor psychology on the mainland changes."

There's plenty for investors to be worried about. After expanding at the weakest pace



Residential towers in China

since 1990 last year, China's economy shows few signs of recovery. Earnings at Shanghai Composite companies have declined by 13 percent since last June, while corporate defaults are spreading and the yuan is trading near a five-year low.

The gloomy outlook is a stark contrast to the mood this time last year, said Pan Lizhi, a 54-year-old retiree in China's Hunan province.

Like many of the country's 106 million individual investors, Pan traded shares almost every day during the bubble, hoping to ride a boom fueled by explosive growth in margin debt and the official endorsement of state-run media. Now, she spends most of her time watching TV. Of the 320,000 yuan (\$48,860) in her brokerage account, all but 6 percent is parked in cash. "I don't foresee a bull market in the coming year," Pan said.

Brokerage analysts are more upbeat. They still see gains

for Shanghai Composite companies, with share-price targets compiled by Bloomberg signaling a 13 percent rally over the next 12 months. Potential catalysts for gains include this month's MSCI Inc. decision on whether to include mainland shares in its international indexes and the anticipated start of an exchange link between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

Bulls say the downside for share prices is limited by government intervention. China Securities Finance Corp., the agency armed with more than \$480 billion to prop up the market last summer, still owns at least \$77 billion of mainland equities, according to exchange filings compiled by Bloomberg. The true scale of government support is almost certainly even bigger, with cash from CSF and other state funds flowing into the market through multiple channels that don't always show up in public disclosures.

■ Finding bargains in China is difficult because shares with depressed valuations often have problems, while firms with the best prospects are pricey

Not everyone is concerned about China's valuations. While the market's median price-to-earnings ratio is an appealing metric to some analysts because it downplays the impact of low-priced bank stocks with big index weightings, others prefer an aggregate measure that gives more influence to the largest companies. On that basis, the Shanghai Composite trades at 16 times reported earnings, cheaper than the S&P 500's multiple of 19.

"China's actually quite attractive," said Sam Polyak, a Boston-based money manager at Fidelity Management & Research Co., whose \$71 million Fidelity Total Emerging Markets fund invests in A shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong exchange link. He prefers Internet and consumer staples companies, along with select industrial firms.

Finding bargains in China is difficult because shares with de-

pressed valuations often have problems, while firms with the best prospects are pricey, according to Daniel Morris, a senior investment strategist in London at BNP Paribas Investment Partners, which oversees \$592 billion.

On the low end, Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd. trades at 5.6 times reported earnings. The nation's largest lender has dropped 16 percent over the past year amid concern that a surge in non-performing loans will erode profitability. Leshi Internet Information & Technology Corp., which boosted revenue by more than 90 percent in 2015 and was one of the darlings of last year's bubble, has a multiple of 175.

"Some parts of the market are cheap, but perhaps for a good reason," Morris said. "The parts that you like, with the growth potential, you're paying for that."

China's dual-listed stocks offer perhaps the clearest indicator of the persistent disconnect between valuations on domestic exchanges and those in international markets. Mainland shares fetch an average premium of 93 percent over identical equities traded across the border in Hong Kong, with the gap reaching as high as 634 percent for Luoyang Glass Co., a producer from Henan province.

"There's a lot of downside to China's market," said Patrick Chovanec, the chief strategist at Silvercrest Asset Management, which oversees about \$17 billion in New York. "The fundamentals are poor and perhaps getting worse." **Bloomberg**

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GEORGE LAM TO BRING ANNIVERSARY CONCERT TO THE VENETIAN



Hong Kong Cantopop legend George Lam will perform at The Venetian's Cotai Arena on July 16 for his latest performance, "George Lam 40th Anniversary Concert (Macau)".

Lam kicked off his anniversary

world tour with a sold out concert in Hong Kong earlier this year. With his signature vocals and numerous classic hits, the upcoming concert is set to be a memorable night for the pop star's fans, according to Sands China's press release.

The singer started producing Cantopop hits more than 40 years ago, and released his first solo English album "Lam" back in 1976. His Cantonese album "Lam" was also released that same year. A veteran singer based in Hong Kong, Lam has remained at the top of his genre.

Tickets go on sale today at all Cotai Ticketing box offices.

SONY NAMES SANFORD PANITCH PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA PICTURES

Sony Pictures Entertainment has named Sanford Panitch president of Columbia Pictures, replacing Doug Belgrad.

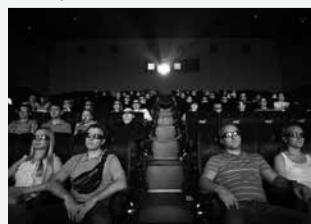
The announcement was made Friday by Sony Pictures Entertainment Motion Picture Group chairman Tom Rothman, who took over as studio chief from Amy Pascal last year following the computer hack of Sony. Panitch has overseen international production at the studio since last June.

Rothman praises Panitch's film background and says his international expertise fits exactly with the company's "expanded global emphasis and ambitions." Rothman

says Sony is "moving forward to shape the new Columbia Pictures."

The nearly 100-year-old Columbia Pictures is the most renowned division of Sony's film operations.

Belgrad is a longtime veteran of Columbia Pictures. He had been in the running for studio head following Pascal's exit. He will stay on through July.



BURBERRY CEO BAILEY GETS 75PCT PAY CUT

Burberry Group Plc's embattled chief Christopher Bailey took a 75 percent pay cut last year as the U.K.'s largest luxury-goods maker struggled for growth.

Bailey's remuneration fell to 1.9 million pounds (USD2.7 million) in the year through March from 7.5 million pounds a year earlier, according to Burberry's annual report published yesterday. He didn't get a bonus or other incentive payments because earnings missed the company's target.

Pressure has been mounting on Bailey amid concern that his leadership has been compromised by his dual role as chief creative officer. Profit is below the level it was when he added the role of CEO in May 2014. A



Christopher Bailey

35 percent slump in the share price in the past year has led analysts including Paul Thomas at Retail Remedy to call for the appointment of an experienced executive to work alongside Bailey.

Bailey received a salary of 1.1 million pounds, allowances of 464,000 pounds and pension payments of 330,000 pounds last year. He won't get a salary increase this year and some share-based awards will now not vest, according to the report.



Mao Yushi writes calligraphy as his wife Zhao Yanling prepares the ink at their home in Beijing. Targeted by radical Red Guards during China's tumultuous Cultural Revolution, Mao Yushi saw his family home ransacked, underwent hard labor and was lashed bloody with copper wires along with his father

Critic of Mao persists in documenting turbulent past

Gerry Shih, Beijing

AS China's Cultural Revolution descended into mob violence, teenage Red Guards dragged Mao Yushi and his father, two proud and bookish engineers, out of their home to sweep a boulevard as a crowd watched and jeered. The pair were then lashed with a copper-flecked whip until their backs were flayed. When Mao later stumbled into work, he didn't know blood was still seeping through his shirt until colleagues pointed it out.

"I was whipped through my skin, but I didn't feel pain because in my heart I was so scared I would be beaten to death," Mao recalls. "Every day they pulled dead bodies through [...] the market on flat-bed tricycles. A piece of cloth covering every tricycle, just like that."

Fifty years later, the prominent economist's campaign to document China's turbulent past and hold the ruling Communist Party accountable continues to win him enemies among die-hard acolytes of Mao Zedong, who unleashed the Cultural Revolution in 1966 a bid to destroy his political foes and revive his radical egalitarian agenda.

The life and career of the 87-year-old economist, who

is not related to the late leader, traces the twists of modern China's tumultuous history. He survived near starvation in the late 1950s and persecution during the Cultural Revolution only to battle a concerted campaign by neo-Maoists to vilify him today.

"The one who brought calamity to an entire nation still hangs in Tiananmen Square and is still found on the banknotes we use every day," Mao wrote in a 2011 essay that placed him firmly in the crosshairs of the neo-Maois-

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Mao's ordeals have only emboldened his criticism of a restrictive political system that gave rise, he says, to a climate in which rampaging teenagers could publicly whip him into a bloody heap five decades ago, and which continues to impose one-party authoritarian rule over an increasingly prosperous and diverse society.

A former scholar with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and co-founder of free-market think-tank Unirule, Mao's arguments for market reforms and individual rights have brought him an international following, and won him accolades including the 2012 Milton Friedman Prize from the libertarian Cato Institute in Washington, D.C.

Yet, interviewed one recent afternoon in their west Beijing home, Mao and his wife, Zhao Yanling, said they are still paying the price for his widely circulated 2011 online column criticizing Mao Zedong as a power-obsessed sociopath whose legacy continues to warp Chinese society.

Neo-Maoists have left death threats on his voicemail, held protest rallies outside his public lectures and signed petitions seeking his arrest. One

man threw a shoe at him at a lecture in eastern China; another barged into a speech in Washington to denounce him as a traitor to the Chinese people. The government has warned him to be less outspoken but has not employed harsher methods it has used on others critical of the leadership.

With this year marking the Cultural Revolution's 50th anniversary, the couple feels particularly under siege. In recent weeks police have intercepted suspected Maoists seeking to confront them at home, said Zhao, who dreads the sound of her own doorbell. "She lives in a state of constant fear," Mao said. "So do I." Mao was born in 1929. His father and an uncle were engineers trained at Purdue University in the United States. Mao moved 13 times in a dozen years as he followed the work assignments of his father, a high-ranking railway planner.

Although a strong supporter of the Communist Party following its violent 1949 takeover, Mao began openly questioning the planned economy while pursuing his own career as a railway engineer. Amid a far-reaching crackdown on dissent, he was labeled a rightist in 1957 and lost several pay grades.

Worse was to come. In 1960, he was sent to rural Shandong province to be re-educated, where he discovered the horror of the massive famine that resulted from Mao Zedong's headline drive to collectivize agriculture and build up industry. Mao Yushi and others survived by eating insects and birds, while all but one in a family of 12 in his village succumbed to starvation. An estimated 30 million or more are believed to have died over three years in an event that remains little discussed in the country.

Eventually reinstated to a comfortable life in Beijing, Mao's existence was again upended on a steamy August evening in 1966 soon after the start of the Cultural Revolution. A neighbor directed a band of Red Guards to the Mao home, denouncing the family as capitalists and intellectuals who were ripe targets for class struggle.

"Don't speak," one of the boys, no older than 16, warned as he led the family outside, adding ominously: "If you speak, I'll dig another hole in the ground."

The thuggish youths carted away furniture, jewelry and clothes and burned the family's ration coupons, leaving just enough cash for a handful of meals. In the following weeks, they returned to whip both the father and son and shave the head of Zhao, Mao's wife, as a particularly bitter form of humiliation.

Mao Yushi was soon banished to a locomotive factory in distant Shanxi Province while Zhao stayed in Beijing, leaving a portion of their monthly salary in a milk box outside to fend off the roving gangs. Mao's father managed to keep his position in Beijing.

Mao returned to visit his wife and two children a few times a year until Mao Zedong's death in 1976 finally put an end to the decade-long paroxysm of violence and chaos, in which an estimated 1 million Chinese died from persecution, execution or by killing themselves.

Amid the 1980s economic reforms instituted under Deng Xiaoping, Mao turned to economics. He grew increasingly critical of the party following the bloody crackdown on the 1989 student-led pro-democracy protests focused on Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Armed with his laptop and several blogs, Mao continues to give his opinions on everything from state enterprise reforms to efforts to regulate the housing market.

"All of the mistakes this country has made have been because there is no freedom of thought or freedom of expression," he said. "That's why things look dangerous right now." AP

ANALYSIS

Debt load is (much) higher than previously thought, Goldman says

Tracy Alloway

COUNT total social financing (TSF) as another Chinese statistic of increasingly dubious value, according to analysts at Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

With many investors grappling to understand the degree to which China's economic growth has been fueled by debt, efforts to get a grip on measures of new credit creation have gained fresh urgency. To date many have relied on the TSF invented by the Chinese authorities in 2011 as a way of capturing a larger slice of the country's shadow banking activity, but Goldman analysts led by MK Tang cast fresh doubt on the measure's ability to gauge credit creation in a note published last week.

They identify a discrepancy between China's official TSF and Goldman's new proprietary es-



A pedestrian walks past the People's Bank of China in Beijing

timates of credit, describing the growing difference as "an uncomfortable trend that has gotten more disconcerting."

Of particular issue is the rise in opaque loans given noises surrounding China's circular financing schemes, which involve banks lending to non-bank fi-

ancial institutions (NBFIs) as opposed to directly to companies. While this "round-tripping," as Goldman dubs it, does help boost bank profits, it also means more investments on bank balance sheets and more money meandering through the financial system as opposed to moving into the

real economy through an increase in M2 money supply.

Faced with an increasingly tangled system of financing and a money supply measure that doesn't fully encapsulate new credit creation, the Goldman analysts opt to take a slightly different approach to gauge the strength of

China's recent credit boom. They look at the (adjusted) flow of money emanating from households and companies and going into various financial investments.

On that basis, China's credit creation came in at 24.6 trillion yuan (USD3.7 trillion) last year — far outstripping the 16 trillion yuan increase in money supply and the 19 trillion yuan of TSF.

"Such a scale of deterioration [in China's leverage] certainly increases our concerns about China's underlying credit problems and sustainability risk," the Goldman analysts conclude. "The possibility that there is such a large amount of shadow lending going on in the system that is not captured in official statistics also points to [a] regulatory gap, and underscores the lack of visibility on where potential financial stress points may lie and how a possible contagion may play out." **Bloomberg**

US presses China over industrial glut at strategic dialogue

Joe McDonald, Bradley Klapper

U.S. envoys pressed China yesterday to cut excess steel production that is flooding global markets and to reach a diplomatic settlement to territorial disputes in the South China Sea as the two sides opened a high-level dialogue.

The annual meeting of Cabinet-level foreign affairs, trade and other officials from both sides is meant to head off conflict. Officials acknowledged differences on an array of issues but repeatedly stressed their interest in amicable cooperation and pledged to work together to see the Paris agreement on curbing emissions of climate-changing gases ratified by the world's governments.

The U.S. agenda includes pressing Beijing to move faster with plans to shrink a bloated steel industry that its trading partners complain is flooding their markets with unfairly cheap exports, hurting fo-

reign producers and threatening jobs. Washington has responded by imposing anti-dumping tariffs on steel, and European officials say they have launched a trade investigation.

"Excess capacity has a distorting and damaging effect on global markets," U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said at the opening of the two-day event, "and implementing policies to substantially reduce production in a range of sectors suffering from overcapacity, including steel and aluminum, is critical to the function and stability of international markets."

The annual Strategic & Economic Dialogue rarely produces agreements on major issues, but provides what officials on both sides say is a valuable setting to air disputes, clear up misunderstandings and share experiences.

This year's event is led by Secretary of State John Kerry and Lew on the U.S. side, and Vice Premier Wang Yang and State Councilor Yang Jiechi on the

Chinese side.

Beijing announced plans this year to slash the size of its state-owned steel and coal industries at a cost of millions of jobs. But plans for other bloated sectors, including aluminum, glass and solar panels, have yet to be announced.

Speaking at the event's opening ceremony, Chinese President Xi Jinping promised action on reducing overcapacity but announced no new initiatives.

"China will redouble efforts to promote supply side structural reform," said Xi, who also is leader of the ruling Communist Party, using Beijing's term for cutting production.

Washington also wants China to move faster to reduce a rising burden of corporate debt that financial analysts worry could hamper economic growth.

U.S. officials also are pressing Beijing to ease market access for financial and other services, an area where foreign business groups complain that China is trying

to shield its companies in violation of free trade commitments.

On the environment, envoys from both sides pledged to ensure the Paris agreement is ratified and to persuade other governments to put it into action.

Kerry described climate cooperation as "one of the strongest pillars of our relationship." He expressed hope the same spirit of compromise could be infused into disagreements over maritime security and human rights.

North Korea's missile and nuclear provocations and how to respond to them are another irritant in the relationship. Kerry said the two countries must stand together against Pyongyang as they did in clinching last year's nuclear accord with Iran.

"It is absolutely vital to use this meeting [...] to work constructively on those differences," Kerry said. He called this week's dialogue an opportunity to "seek creative ways to narrow them, or eliminate them altogether."



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry (third left) speaks during a session on across from Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi (right) during a Strategic Track small session

Amid deepening U.S. concern that China is militarizing the South China Sea, Kerry said he would "make it clear that we are looking for a peaceful resolution to the disputes." Beijing and neighbors including Vietnam and the Philippines have conflicting claims to portions of the sea and possible oil and gas resources. China's military is building outposts on manmade islands to enforce its claims.

Beijing said over the weekend that it would ignore an upcoming international arbitration decision in a dispute with the Philippines. China also has conflicting claims with Taiwan, Indonesia, Vietnam and Brunei, who all want American help. Further complicating matters

are reports that the Chinese may soon establish an air defense zone over part of the sea, which the U.S. opposes.

"We have taken no position on any of the claims," Kerry said. "The only position we have taken is, let's not resolve this by unilateral action. Let's resolve this by rule of law, by negotiation, by diplomacy."

Xi warned against allowing diplomatic tensions to disrupt mutually beneficial trade and other relations. He acknowledged differences "are hardly unavoidable," but called on Washington to help manage them in a "pragmatic and constructive fashion."

"What is important is to refrain from taking differences as excuses for confrontation," Xi said. **AP**

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The storm whipped up waves as high as 12 meters



A swimming pool is dislodged and lays on a beach after storms undermined the pilings at Collaroy in Sydney

SEVERE WEATHER

Three die in floodwaters as strong storm lashes Australia's east

THREE people were killed in floodwaters from a strong storm that pounded Australia's east coast over the weekend, with drenching rains and huge ocean swells forcing some coastal residents to flee their homes and sending a swimming pool sliding into the sea.

The body of a 65-year-old man was found in a car yesterday in a creek near the town of Bowral, about 120 kilometers south of Sydney, while the body

of another man was found in a truck washed away by floodwaters in the southwest Sydney suburb of Leppington, New South Wales state police said.

In the nation's capital, Canberra, a 37-year-old man died after powerful floodwaters flipped his truck over and swept it away.

The storm whipped up waves as high as 12 meters, which caused severe beach erosion and forced hundreds of coastal residents to evacuate. The storm pummeled beach houses

along the coast, with a swimming pool at one seaside home in north Sydney collapsing and falling onto the eroded sands below.

The storm knocked out power to more than 85,000 homes and businesses over the weekend. Nearly 300 people needed to be rescued from flooded areas across New South Wales, the state emergency services agency said. Many of those people had attempted to drive or walk across flooded roads. **AP**

Vietnamese police break up protest over fish deaths

POLICE in Vietnam's capital have broken up a protest over what critics charge is the government's delayed response to massive fish deaths which they believe are linked to industrial pollution.

A protester, Le Hoang, said more than 30 people marched peacefully in downtown Hanoi for about 15 minutes on Sunday before most were taken to police stations in two buses. He said they were held for several hours and then released without charge.

Thousands of dead fish began washing ashore along more than 200 kilometers (120 miles) of shoreline in four central provinces in early April. Protesters and state media speculated that a steel complex owned by a subsidiary of Taiwan's Formosa Plastic Corp. may have been linked to what was an unprecedented environmental disaster for the Southeast Asian country.

The fishing and tourism industries in the provinces have been badly affected by the incident.

Hoang said the protesters held banners and placards reading "No Formosa" and "Sea dead, fish dead and people dead." The protest Sunday was the latest in a series that are unusual under the tightly controlled Communist regime.

The head of the Prime Minister's Office, Mai Tien Dung, told state media last week that scientists from Vietnam and abroad have reached a conclusion about the cause of the fish deaths, but will not announce it until after consulting with independent experts from inside and outside the country.

Phil Robertson, deputy director of Human Rights Watch's Asia division, said the government should provide people with basic answers to the fish deaths instead of cracking down on peaceful protesters.

"The Vietnamese government should be leading the investigation into what caused these fish kills, not suppressing people's efforts to demand answers and accountability," he said in a statement Sunday. **AP**

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This information session aims to raise awareness to the reconstruction efforts in Nepal, in the aftermath of last year's destructive earthquake, through the concept of the "White Butterfly Project", a creation of Nepalese artist Milan Rai. The White Butterfly project aims to symbolize transformation through harmony and freedom. The local nepalese association NRNA - NCC will conduct a traditional nepalese performance.

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US sailor arrested on suspicion of drunken driving in Japan

Yuri Kageyama, Tokyo

THE U.S. Navy banned drinking and restricted off-base activity yesterday for its personnel in Japan after a sailor was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving on the island of Okinawa in the latest incident where suspected criminal activity has sparked public anger.

Crimes by U.S. military personnel, especially on Okinawa where the public is fighting to get rid of U.S. bases, are often pointed to as reasons why the U.S. soldiers should go.

In the latest incident, Petty Officer 2nd Class Aimee Mejia, 21, assigned to Kadena base in Okinawa, was arrested Sunday after driving the wrong way on a freeway and smashing head-on into two vehicles, said police spokesman Takashi Shirado. Mejia was not hurt, but two people in the other cars were slightly injured, he said.

Under yesterday's order, U.S. Navy personnel will not be allowed to drink at all, off or on base, and cannot freely leave the base grounds, except for commuting from an off-base home to work, or for necessary errands such as picking up children or groceries.

The order will remain until training is carried out and the military feels



Protesters stage a rally outside Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, southwestern Japan, on May 19

Crimes committed by U.S. forces in Okinawa are highly resented by residents

comfortable everyone understands "responsible behavior," a Navy statement said.

"These measures are not taken lightly," said Rear Adm. Matthew Carter. "For decades, we have enjoyed a strong relationship with the people of Japan. It is imperative that each sailor understand how our

actions affect that relationship, and the U.S.-Japan alliance as a whole."

Okinawa Gov. Takeshi Onaga expressed anger about the recurring misbehavior of American soldiers, noting U.S. measures taken so far had not been enough.

"There needs to be a fundamental resolution," he told reporters.

Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida raised the issue with U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy, and asked the U.S. to do more to prevent a recurrence.

Crimes committed by U.S. forces in Okinawa are highly resented by residents, and U.S. personnel were already under a midnight curfew with off-base drinking banned after the

arrest in May of a former U.S. Marine who worked on an American military base in the disappearance of a Japanese woman later found dead.

In March, a sailor was arrested on charges of raping a Japanese woman. A 1995 rape of a schoolgirl in which three U.S. servicemen were convicted set off widespread outrage.

Japan and the U.S. have been working together to relocate a U.S. Marine Corps air station from a densely populated neighborhood in central Okinawa, which houses the majority of U.S. troops stationed in Japan under a bilateral security agreement, to another part of the island, but the project has repeatedly been delayed. **AP**

4 men who attacked British family in Thailand jailed 2 years

FOUR men who brutally attacked a British family vacationing in Thailand have been sentenced to two years in prison for the assault, which was captured on video and widely shared on social media, officials said yesterday.

The video showed Rosemary and Lewis Owen, both in their 60s, and their 43-year-old son getting punched in the faces, knocked down and kicked until they fell unconscious. The attack occurred April 13 at the seaside resort town of Hua Hin.

It was the latest blow to Thailand's image as a tourist haven and prompted officials to vow swift

punishment for the attackers.

"This should serve as an example," police Maj. Gen. Kasana Jamsawang said. "Let this be a reminder to people who might want to hurt others."

The Hua Hin provincial court sentenced the men May 23 but the penalties only became public over the weekend when the court transcript was released. The court sentenced the attackers to four years in prison but reduced the sentence to two years without parole because the suspects pleaded guilty, said Vichit Asakit, a duty officer at Prachuap Khiri Khan police station, which covers the Hua

Hin area.

The four men — Chaiya Jaiboon and Siva Noksri, both 20, and Supatta Baithong and Yingyai Saengkam-in, both 32 — were charged with conspiracy to commit group assault, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

Police have said the attack started after the Owens' son accidentally bumped into one of the Thai men on a crowded street.

Rosemary Owen, 65, suffered a serious head injury that resulted in surgery to remove a buildup of fluid in the brain. Her 68-year-old husband and 43-year-old son both required stitches in the head. **AP**

Fire triggers blasts at Sri Lanka army camp, killing 1

Bharatha Mallawarachi, Colombo

A fire broke out at an army camp near Sri Lanka's capital, setting off explosions and damaging hundreds of nearby homes, officials said yesterday. One soldier was killed.

It was not immediately clear what caused the fire Sunday night at the Salawa army camp, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) east of the capital, Colombo. Soldiers managed to douse the flames at the camp, but small blasts were still erupting at an ammunition depot and were expected to continue through yesterday, military spokesman Brig. Jayanath Jayaweera said, adding that the explosions posed no threat.

The explosions sent shrapnel and munitions flying into the surrounding area, damaging hundreds of homes and a government hospital, and forcing thousands of people to evacuate, officials said.

One soldier was killed and eight other people were injured, including seven civilians, according to Health Ministry spokesman Nipuna Ekanayake. He said 39 other civilians were treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation before being released.

Yesterday morning, shrapnel and mortar shells could be seen scattered in people's front yards. Local television channels and news websites showed videos and pictures of heavily damaged houses and vehicles.

"My house is almost completely destroyed," said hotel worker Menaka Madhushan, who fled the home when he heard the first explosions. "That decision saved our life."

He described a demolition scene where his home once stood — its roof now collapsed and the ground littered with debris and at least six artillery shells.

"It's clear those artilleries hit my house," the 30-year-old said. "I fear the house is beyond repair [...] this is a huge loss for me."

At Wasantha Rupasingh's private photography studio half a kilometer from the camp, the glass windows and doors were "broken and shattered into pieces," he said.

He fled the area along with his wife and two children, aged 10 and 14, when the explosions started. The family slept in their car, which they parked on a remote road far from the site.

"We never thought this kind of thing would happen," said Rupasingh, 39. "I don't know what to do now. I fear my house is also destroyed by this. At the moment, all I can do is wait and see until they allow us to go and see our house."

Thousands of nearby residents who were evacuated from a 5-kilometer radius around the site Sunday night were being allowed to return to their homes yesterday, but many like Rupasingh with homes within a kilometer from the camp were being blocked until soldiers could check the area and declare it safe.

Minister of Law and Order Sagala Ratnayake said the fire started at a small arms depot and then spread to other depots where heavy weapons, such as artillery shells, were stored. **AP**



A Sri Lankan man sitting in front of his damaged house where an unexploded artillery shell is seen fallen, following a fire at a military base in Salawa

IRAQ

IS shooting civilians fleeing Fallujah battle



The Islamic State group has been shooting at civilians as they try to flee the nearly two-week battle between Iraqi government forces and IS militants in the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, an international aid organization and Iraqi military say. On Sunday, the militants shot and killed seven civilians and seven IS defectors inside Fallujah as they attempted to flee, Iraqi Maj. Ali Hanoon said. Hanoon, who is with the elite Iraqi counterterrorism forces, yesterday put the number of civilians killed by IS since the operation started at "dozens" but declined to be more specific, saying the information coming out of Fallujah is sporadic and often incomplete. Iraqi officials say the total is likely higher.

SPAIN

Italian, Russian found dead on yacht moored in resort

Police say they are investigating the deaths of an Italian man and a Russian woman found inside a motorized yacht moored in the Spanish resort town of Roses. An official with Catalonia's regional police says there was no indication of foul play but that autopsies were being conducted yesterday to determine the cause of death. The official says the man was 46 and the woman was 28 but that authorities were releasing no more information about the two because their deaths were not considered suspicious.

TURKEY

14 people killed in school trip bus crash



A bus carrying school children, teachers and parents has plunged into an irrigation canal in southern Turkey, killing 14 people — six of them children, officials and reports said yesterday. Twenty-six other people were injured in the accident which occurred late Sunday as the bus was returning from a school trip to a national park and museum in the southern province of Osmaniye, Gov. Kerem Al said. Security camera video of the accident showed the bus driving into oncoming traffic at an intersection, being slammed by a car and rolling into the canal. By-passers and residents jumped into the canal to try and rescue people trapped inside the bus, Hurriyet newspaper reported. Most of the bodies were recovered by divers.

NPR journalist David Gilkey, translator killed on assignment

Michele Salcedo, Washington

DAVID Gilkey, a veteran news photographer and video editor for National Public Radio, and an Afghan translator, Zabihullah Tamanna, were killed while on assignment in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, the network says.

Gilkey and Tamanna were traveling with an Afghan army unit near Marjah in Helmand province when the convoy came under fire and their vehicle was struck, the network's spokeswoman, Isabel Lara, said in a statement. Two other NPR journalists, Tom Bowman and producer Monika Evstatieva, were traveling with them and were not hurt.

Secretary of State John Kerry called the attack that killed Gilkey and Tamanna "a grim reminder of the danger that continues to face the Afghan people, the dedication of Afghan national defense and security forces to securing their country, and of the courage of intrepid journalists — and their interpreters — who are trying to convey that important story to the rest of the world."

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani condemned the attack, calling it cowardly and "completely against all the principles and values of Islam and humanity, and against all international laws."

In a statement issued by the presidential palace yesterday, Ghani was quoted as saying the Taliban ignored the differences between military, civilians and journalists, killing Gilkey and Tamanna as they prepared their reports on the war.

Ghani yesterday visited Helmand province, where the fatal attack on Gilkey and Tamanna's their vehicle took place, offering his condolences to their families.

The deputy spokesman for the 215 Army Corp in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, Maj. Abdul Qader, told The Associated Press that the vehicle Gilkey and Tamanna were traveling in came under sustained Taliban attack not far from the main army base in Marjah. He said their Humvee was "only 300 to 400 meters from the army base when suddenly they came under attack."



This May 29, 2016, photo shows David Gilkey, a veteran news photographer and video editor for National Public Radio photographer, at Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan

The Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, he said. A total of five people were in the Humvee at the time — Gilkey, Tamanna, a heavy machine gun operator who was on the roof of the vehicle, as well as an Afghan army soldier and driver.

Along with Gilkey and Tamanna, the driver and the machine gunner were also killed, Qader said.

The attack lasted 30 to 40 minutes, he said, during which time army helicopters were called in to provide air support.

"The bodies were taken to the army base immediately after the attack, and then transported by helicopter to the corps command," he said. Later Gilkey and Tamanna's bodies were taken to Camp Bastion, the main army base in Helmand, formerly under the command of the U.S. Marines.

The U.S.-NATO Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan said the bodies had been flown to Kabul, and were awaiting repatriation being organized by the embassy.

Gilkey had covered conflict and war in Iraq and Afghanistan since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on Washington and New York and was committed to helping the public see the wars and the people caught up in them, NPR's senior vice president of news and editorial director, Michael Oreskes, said in a statement.

"As a man and as a photojournalist, David brought

out the humanity of all those around him. He let us see the world and each other through his eyes," Oreskes said.

Tamanna was a freelancer who often worked for NPR, Lara, the spokeswoman, said in an email. Known as Zabi, he also worked as a photographer and reporter, taking pictures for China's Xinhua news agency and writing for Turkey's Anadolu News Agency. The stories he covered ranged from the inauguration of the new president, to the daily attacks and drone strikes in the war-ravaged country.

Veteran correspondent Phillip Reeves, who recruited Tamanna to the network, called him "a great colleague."

"He was a lovely man, with a great eye for a story and deep wisdom about his country," Reeves said in a statement. "He clearly loved his family."

Gilkey covered both national and international news for the radio network and its website and had made numerous trips to Afghanistan and Iraq, according to NPR's website.

His work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the prestigious George Polk Award and a national Emmy. The White House News Photographers Association named Gilkey their Still Photographer of the Year in 2011. In 2015, he became the first multimedia journalist to receive the Edward R. Murrow Award for his coverage of interna-

tional breaking news, military conflicts and natural disasters.

Twenty-seven journalists have been killed in Afghanistan since 1992, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, not counting Gilkey and Tamanna. They include Anja Niedringhaus, a photographer for The Associated Press who was shot dead in 2014 while covering the national elections for president and provincial councils. AP special correspondent for the region, Kathy Gannon, was also in the car and wounded in the attack.

Worldwide, nearly 1,200 journalists have died since 1992, according to CPJ's website.

In addition to Iraq and Afghanistan, Gilkey covered the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, the devastating earthquake that shook Haiti in 2010, the fall of apartheid in South Africa, famine in Somalia, and war in Rwanda and the Balkans.

"The things to do were amazing and the places to see were epic," Gilkey once said of his work. "But the people, the people are what made it all worth the effort."

Gilkey's first journalism job was with the Boulder Daily Camera in Colorado, where he covered local assignments for the paper and overseas assignments for Knight Ridder, according to NPR. He later joined the Detroit Free Press until he began working for NPR in 2007. AP

Nataliya Vasilyeva, Moscow

Ukraine arrests Frenchman for plotting attacks on Euro 2016

UKRAINE'S intelligence agency SBU said yesterday it has thwarted a plot to attack soccer's European Championships in France by arresting a Frenchman who wanted to cross from Ukraine into the European Union armed to the teeth.

"The Ukrainian Security Service has managed to foil a series of 15 terrorist attacks which were planned to target France before and during the European football championships," Vasyl Hrytsak, the security agency's chief, told national television.

The SBU said it had followed the man since December and allowed him to purchase five machine guns, two rocket propelled grenades and other weapons before he was arrested on the border between Ukraine and Poland last month.

It didn't identify the man but said he wanted to protest against his government's migration policies and the spread of Islam. It said he planned attacks on bridges, railways and other pieces of infrastructure for Euro 2016 that will be held in France.

Extremist attacks are a major concern for French authorities as they prepare to host the month-long tournament at stadiums in the Paris area and eight other



A view of the renovated Velodrome stadium, in Marseille, southern France. Marseille is one of the 10 playing venues of the Euro 2016 in France

cities from Friday through July 10. Islamic State extremists have threatened France during the tournament, but authorities have not confirmed specific dangers.

France is deploying 90,000 security forces for the tournament, and French President Francois Hollande said Sunday night that the threat of attacks won't stop it from being successful.

The Paris police prefect, Michel Cadot, declined to comment on the information from Ukraine, saying only that "there is no specific threat against any site in the Euro."

Ukraine's intelligence agency

had initially planned to keep a lid on the investigation but decided to go public about the arrest after reports in international media, Hrytsak said.

French regional newspaper L'Est republicain identified the man as Gregoire Moutaux, and said investigators raided his home in Nant-le-Petit near the eastern city of Nancy in late May. French television network M6 reported that investigators found T-shirts of an extreme right group.

However, the Paris prosecutor's office, which handles terrorism cases at a national level, said no investigation had been

opened yet.

Ukrainian authorities released photos of a fair-haired man, with his face blurred, holding various weapons, as well as a video of the arrest which showed SWAT officers dragging the man out of a white minivan and putting him on the ground of what looked like a parking lot with his face down.

The SBU said the French man came up on their radar last year during his stay in eastern Ukraine, and where he was "trying to establish ties with Ukrainian troops under the guise of volunteering."

Ukrainian troops and Russia-backed separatists have fought in the east since April 2014, killing nearly 9,400 people. It was not immediately clear which side of the conflict the French man had stayed with.

"The Frenchman spoke negatively about his government's migration policies, the spread of Islam and globalization," the SBU said. "He also said that he wanted to perpetrate acts of terror in protest." AP

USA

Clinton on cusp of Democratic nomination

Hillary Clinton stands on the cusp of having enough delegates to claim the Democratic presidential nomination, having overwhelmed Bernie Sanders in a pair of weekend elections in the Caribbean. Yet the former secretary of state barely noted her commanding wins Saturday in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Sunday in Puerto Rico, instead remaining focused on today's contest in California and five other states — and a general election matchup to come against presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump.

JORDAN

Rare militant attack on security compound kills 5

Jordan's government spokesman said a "terrorist attack" on a local office of the national intelligence agency yesterday killed five employees, suggesting Islamic militants were involved. Such attacks are relatively rare in Jordan, even though the pro-Western kingdom is on the front line in the military campaign against Islamic State extremists who control large areas of neighboring Syria and Iraq.

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IN EXHIBIT OF CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE
TIME: 10am-7pm
(no admittance after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: June 19, 2016
VENUE: The Handover Gifts Museum of Macau,
Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE
ADMISSION: Free
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TIME: 10am-6pm Daily (No admission after 5:30
pm; Except on Mondays, open on public holidays)
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Almeida, No. 95 C-D, Macau
ADMISSION: Free
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ARTS IN THE MANDARIN'S HOUSE
TIME: 10am-6pm daily
(No admission after 5:30 pm, closed on
Wednesdays, opens on public holidays)
ADMISSION: free
VENUE: Travessa de António da Silva, No. 10
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BLUE ROOM IN THE SKY
- EXHIBITION BY BLUE CHAN
TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm
(Closed on Mondays and public holidays)
UNTIL: June 26, 2016
ADMISSION: Free
VENUE: 10, Calçada da Igreja de S.Lazaro, Macao
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 4582

Offbeat

MORE THAN 10,000 WORDS HAVE BEEN CUT FROM FOOTBALL LAWS

More than 10,000 words have been cut from the "Laws of the Game" ahead of the European Championship, but don't expect the changes to make the games in France any less controversial.

The biggest change introduced by IFAB, the body that writes the rules of football, helps defenders when they try to prevent an attacker from scoring. Until now, when a defender fouls an opponent in the penalty area, he could concede a penalty, be sent off and face a one-match suspension.

Now, IFAB has ruled that if a defender is making a genuine attempt to play the ball, the referee can choose to only show him a yellow card.

The referee's interpretation of what exactly is a "genuine attempt," however, is sure to cause endless debate.

Tournament referees will be briefing players and coaches about the changes this week as teams arrive in France to prepare for the Euro 2016.

"The main reason for the change," IFAB said, "is that a penalty kick is a very good opportunity to score a goal so it 'restores' the goal scoring opportunity that was lost by the DOGSO (Denial of a Goal-Scoring Opportunity) offense."

If a player handles the ball in the penalty area, or doesn't try to get the ball when you tackle, it'll still be a red card.

"Our aim was to make it easier for everyone involved with football to read and understand the Laws and to achieve this," IFAB said.

IFAB is made up of the four British football associations and four FIFA representatives.

The editing process has resulted in dozens of minor tweaks that could cause confusion at all levels of the game, not just the professional matches at the European Championship or the Copa America in the United States.

In advice to match officials accompanying the new laws, IFAB urged referees to use common sense and to apply the "spirit of the game" when making decisions.

"This is especially true for the lower levels of football, where it may not always be possible for the Law to be strictly applied," IFAB said. AP

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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	RTPi Live
18:40	Helena's Shadow (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:10	Sports
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:10	TDM Interview
21:50	Happy Endings S3
22:10	Helena's Shadow
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Drama
00:55	Sports (Repeated)

cinema

CINETEATRO

02 JUN - 07 JUN

X-MEN: APOCALYPSE

ROOM 1
(2D) 2.00, 4.40, 9.50 pm
(3D) 7.15 pmDirector: Bryan Singer
Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender,
Jennifer Lawrence
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 144min

THE JUNGLE BOOK

ROOM 2
(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.30 pmDirector: Jon Favreau
Starring: Neel Sethi, Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 106min

ANGRY BIRDS

ROOM 3
(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 7.30 pm
(3D) 9.30 pmDirector: Clay Kaytis, Fergal Reilly
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 97min

MACAU TOWER

02 JUN - 22 JUN

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES:

OUT OF THE SHADOWS
2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pmDirector: Dave Green
Starring: Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Tyler Perry
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 112min

this day in history



1942 JAPANESE BEATEN IN BATTLE OF MIDWAY

The United States has routed the Japanese Navy in a major three-day battle over a remote US naval and air base at Midway Island in the Pacific Ocean.

The victory has dealt a severe blow to Japan's ambitions to advance right across the Pacific towards the US coast.

The tiny island, 1,000 miles north-west of Hawaii, was targeted as a potential launching pad for the Japanese advance. The Japanese attacked in the early hours of 4 June with heavy air raids on the military base.

The US responded with a decisive counter-attack, using the US Pacific Fleet, army bombers and the marines. The Japanese were clearly taken by surprise by the scale of the American defence.

The battle was fought almost exclusively from aircraft carriers - only the second time this kind of fighting has been attempted.

The first was just a month ago, in the Battle of the Coral Sea, when the United States thwarted Japanese plans to invade Australia.

In that battle, the victory was not so decisive, and the United States lost one of its aircraft carriers, the USS Lexington.

Reporting on the end of the battle for Midway Island, the Commander-in Chief of the US Pacific Fleet, Admiral Chester Nimitz, said at least two enemy aircraft carriers had been completely destroyed, with all their aircraft, and at least two more seriously damaged.

Ten Japanese warships were also sunk or damaged. By contrast, on the American side losses were relatively small. One American carrier was hit and some airplanes were lost.

Fighting is still continuing in the area, but although Admiral Nimitz stopped short of claiming the Japanese were defeated, he said, "a momentous victory is in the making."

He went on, "Pearl Harbor has now been partially avenged. Vengeance will not be complete until Japanese sea-power has been reduced to impotence. We have made substantial progress in that direction."

Meanwhile, fighting is continuing around the US naval base of Dutch Harbor, in Alaska. The Japanese are known to have landed on some of the westernmost Aleutian Islands, and bombed the harbor on 3 June. No news has been received from the area since then.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Japanese had invaded two Aleutian islands, Attu and Kiska, and attacked Dutch Harbor as a diversionary ploy to draw US forces away from the key battle at Midway. But the US had broken Japanese military codes, and knew about the secret strategy - thus denying Japan an easy victory at Midway.

The loss of four aircraft carriers was more than the Japanese Navy could endure, and the battle proved a turning point in the Pacific War.

Six months to the day since the Japanese bombed the US Naval base at Pearl Harbor, they were placed on the defensive for the first time.

Slowly, the Americans drove them back, and eventually US forces occupied the major Japanese-held islands of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

The Japanese were finally forced to surrender on 15 August 1945 after the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Japan remained under US occupation for seven years, and there is a large and controversial US military base on Okinawa to this day.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Keeping things short and sweet is not just for effect. The less you give away, the less money you'll bleed. Running out the mouth just doesn't make financial sense, so keep mum.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

You're meeting people wherever you go. You can't walk out the door without bumping into someone you know. Equally effortless is generating new ideas just by rubbing shoulders with them.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You need to spend time with your friends. No, not the ones you simply socialize with, the ones who are really near and dear to you. Money should have nothing to do with which list each person is on.

Libra

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Don't share your innermost self. The nuggets found there are for you and you alone. You can talk about lots of things without giving away your most valuable asset: The real you.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

If only you could think deeply about an issue, you're sure you'd be able to make the right choices. As it is, you can't get very far with any particular train of thought. Don't put any money down until your head clears.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Sparks are flying, and they're all of the intellectual variety. You're coming up with one good idea after another. All it takes is a bit of creativity to turn them into a nice nest egg.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

You're just not yourself today and you might as well make the most of it. Walking around in someone else's shoes has never made more sense, or been so easy. Look at things extra closely from your new point of view.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

The point of all your efforts really isn't making money. Once you get your priorities straight, the financial aspects will take care of themselves. Until then, spend some time interpreting your inner chatter.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You always do your best, but sometimes that's not enough. Today it is, no matter what you end up making at the end of the day. It really is the effort that counts more than the money for a change.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your business life is awash in details that need to be dealt with, and each one is as important as the one that came before it and the one that comes after it. You're tempted to ignore a few, but that would be too big of a risk.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You attract people who are like you. If the folks around you seem fly-by-night, then take a long, hard look at your own investment strategies. You come away with more clarity about just how you handle money.

Pisces

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Being overwhelmed should be your motivator of last resort, not your only choice. Remember that slow and steady wins the race. In other words, take care of basic money issues as they come up.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA			
Beijing	19	24	rain/thundershower
Harbin	12	24	shower/cloudy
Tianjin	20	26	shower
Urumqi	20	31	clear
Xi'an	22	28	overcast/shower
Lhasa	10	23	shower/cloudy
Chengdu	19	32	moderaterain/cloudy
Chongqing	24	32	thundershower/overcast
Kunming	17	26	shower
Nanjing	19	27	moderaterain/shower
Shanghai	20	26	thundershower
Wuhan	20	29	cloudy
Hangzhou	21	30	cloudy/thundershower
Taipei	25	30	drizzle
Guangzhou	24	32	cloudy
Hong Kong	26	30	shower/thundershower
WORLD			
Moscow	6	13	moderate rain/drizzle
Frankfurt	14	24	drizzle/cloudy
Paris	14	23	drizzle
London	12	22	cloudy/drizzle
New York	21	29	clear/overcast

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Repair shop fig.; 4- Animal life; 9- First son of Adam and Eve; 13- ___-wop; 14- Brown-furred aquatic carnivorous mammal; 15- Computer shortcut; 16- Amuse; 18- Playground retort; 19- "Circle of Friends" author Binchy; 20- Lip cosmetic; 22- Like a Humvee in Baghdad?; 25- Ms. Fitzgerald; 26- Continental cash; 28- Federal soldier in the Civil War; 32- Norse goddess; 35- Short letters; 37- Brewer's need; 38- Jack of "Rio Lobo"; 40- Now you ___; 42- Horse's gait; 43- Lover of Juliet; 45- Stalks; 47- Buckeyes' sch.; 48- Yellowish brown pigment; 50- Racetracks; 52- "Clueless" catchphrase; 54- Charms; 58- Wrist band; 62- Perfidious; 63- Send payment; 64- Resisting; 67- Signs; 68- Paris subway; 69- 100 yrs.; 70- Album unit; 71- That is to say...; 72- Prior to, to Prior;

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Speech by Mr. Sam Ip, Ball Chair and President-Elect 2015/16 of Rotary Club of Macau



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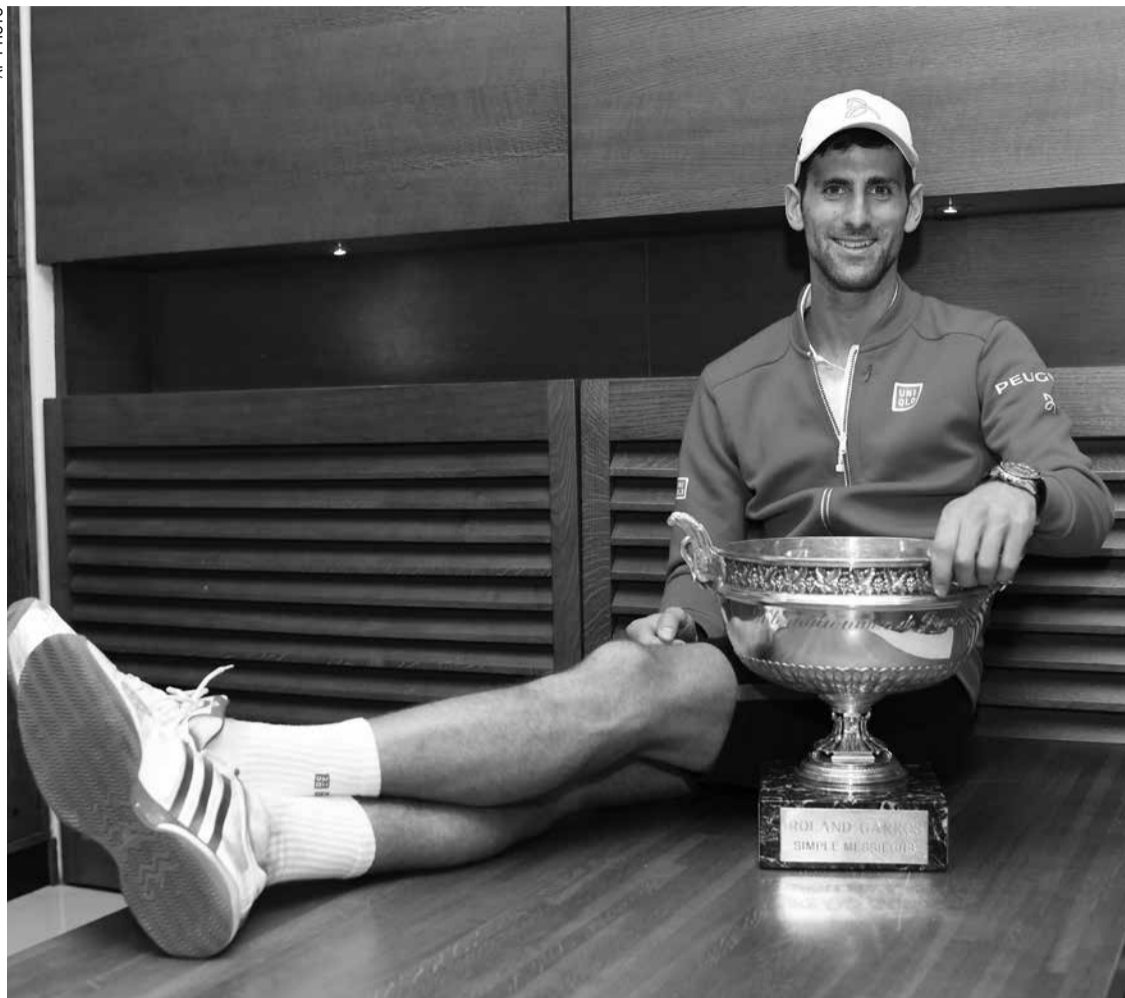


Cheque Donation of MOP100,000 from Sai Hang Telecommunications to Rotary Club of Macau's Service Projects



Speech by Ms. Elizabete Fong, President 2015/16 of Rotary Club of Macau

THE ROTARY Club of Macau hosted its 69th Anniversary Ball at The Venetian Macao last month with the theme of "Flower Power". According to organizers, this theme represents the promotion of peace. Through the Anniversary Charity Balls, the Rotary Club of Macau has over the years raised funds for its projects in local and international communities. This year's event drew over 400 attendees from different walks of life, and raised funds for projects related to youth, people with special needs, the elderly, and families with autistic children. "Our club will soon celebrate its 70th anniversary and throughout the years, we have been serving Macau and the world, making efforts to create a better environment," said ball chair and president-elect Sam Ip on the night. "To bring peace to the world, we can begin with a simple smile, laughter, hugs or friendship. Together, we can make a difference in the world." According to organizers, the highlight of the event was the presentation of a cheque worth MOP100,000 from the club's major sponsor Sands China Ltd. and a further MOP100,000 from Sai Hang Telecommunications, which will help fund the Rotary Club's future projects. The Rotary Club's projects in the year 2015/16 included an Outbound Youth Exchange program, a Christmas Party for Mentally Challenged Children in Macau, the establishment of a "Happy Garden" for rehabilitation patients, and a Grannies Outing Tour for elderly residents who live alone. The club also supported the Rotary Club of Makati North in the Philippines by supplying drinking fountains to an elementary school in Makati, giving fresh water to thousands of pupils as well as teachers, staff and nearby households. The club funded two programs for the Macau Down Syndrome Association: a percussion class and a floral arrangement class. The Rotary Club said that the first class helped children with Down Syndrome to exercise their muscles and physical coordination via drum beats and popular songs. In December 2015, the percussion group performed at the S. Lazaro Neighborhood Street Carnival and Guia Hill Walkathon. Other funds went to the Guangxi Project for Education and Poverty Alleviation, whereby grants and awards were given to over 250 primary and middle school students in rural areas. The Rotary Club of Macau comprises professionals from diverse industries and nationalities. The institution has served Macau since 1947, in keeping with its motto, "Service Above Self."



TENNIS

French Open: Djokovic rose to challenge

IT would be hard to blame Novak Djokovic for not exactly being thrilled, as he began his ascension to tennis' upper reaches, about having to deal with a couple of all-time greats such as Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

"At the beginning," Djokovic said, "I was not glad to be part of their era." That eventually changed. He rose to the challenge. "Later on, I realized that in life, everything happens for a reason. You're put in this position with a purpose, a

purpose to learn and to grow and to evolve," Djokovic continued. "Fortunately for me, I realized that I need to get stronger, and that I need to accept the fact that I'm competing with these two tremendous champions."

Djokovic said this Sunday evening, after beating Andy Murray 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 in the French Open final to finally capture the trophy that had eluded him. With it, he completed a career Grand Slam, joining a group of seven other men, including Federer and Nadal. But Djokovic also now has done something neither Federer nor Nadal, for all of their accomplishments, ever managed: win four Grand Slam titles in a row, a feat last pulled off by Rod Laver in 1969.

Djokovic's major trophy count is now up to 12, trailing only three men — Federer (who has 17), Nadal (14) and Pete Sampras (14).

Just as tennis rivalries of the past served to boost all parties — Sampras vs. Andre Agassi, say, or Bjorn Borg vs. John McEnroe — Djokovic credits his two key contemporaries (and Murray, too) with forcing him to figure out ways to get better.

That includes certain strokes, sure, but also changes to his diet and physical preparation.

Djokovic is the unquestioned No. 1 in the game right now, and at an age, 29, where more titles should be attainable.

"He's the best player now," said Marian Vajda, who coaches Djokovic with Boris Becker, "and [getting] the French will give him a boost." AP



China's Suning buys majority stake in Inter Milan

CHINESE retail giant Suning has bought a majority stake in Inter Milan, marking the latest entry into the European football market by cash-rich Chinese firms.

The announcement was made by company Chairman Zhang Jindong at a glitzy news conference yesterday in the eastern city of Nanjing, where Suning is based.

Suning already owns the Jiangsu Suning club in the Chinese Super League and hopes to leverage Italy's football expertise to boost the level of the domestic game.

The deal leaves International Sports Capital as the sole minority shareholder at Inter Milan with Erick Thohir retaining his position as president.

"Suning Holdings Group will continue to support the global business strategy of Erick Thohir and his senior management team in order to make Inter Milan even stronger and more competitive, both on and off the pitch, by investing in the core business and expanding the brand's geographic

reach, notably in China and Asia," the club said in a news release.

Internazionale Holding will give up its share and former President Massimo Moratti will leave the club.

Details of the sale were not provided, although Chinese news reports said Suning was buying about 70 percent of the club's equity.

Former Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti was among those attending the news conference.

Apart from Suning, Chinese shopping mall and real estate conglomerate Wanda last year bought Swiss sports marketing company Infront Sports & Media, which produces World Cup broadcasts for FIFA, and took a 20 percent stake in Spanish football team Atletico Madrid.

Reports have also circulated about Chinese interest in Inter's cross-town rival, AC Milan. Chinese firms have also poured money into the domestic league, making it the world's priciest transfer market this year. AP

Mourinho could face grilling over conduct toward medic



Former Chelsea team doctor Eva Carneiro arrives at the Croydon Employment Tribunal in London

JOSE Mourinho could face questions at an employment tribunal about his treatment of a club doctor while he worked at Chelsea. Eva Carneiro is claiming constructive dismissal by Chelsea, separate from her legal action against Mourinho.

The Portuguese coach was fired by the club in December, four months after his public outburst against the medical staff. Mourinho, now the

manager at Manchester United, will have to appear at the Croydon Employment Tribunal in south London within the next two weeks, unless a settlement is reached.

Carneiro's attorney, Mary O'Rourke, says cross-examining Mourinho will take at least a day. Carneiro was criticized by Mourinho on the first day of last season for rushing on to the field to treat Eden Hazard. AP

opinion

Our Desk
 Lynzy Valles



WHEN RECYCLING IS JUST AN OPTION

I was at the coastal cleanup activity at the beach next to Tam Kong Temple on Sunday when, to my surprise, I witnessed around 60 volunteers at the site. The area was just filled with plastic bottles, styrofoam boxes and other "little things" that all came in different sizes, not to mention the unpleasant smell.

Somehow, I felt I shouldn't be surprised, but seeing those people at the site made me think that the high number of volunteers was, perhaps, surprising even to the organizers.

The activity only shows that there are several "hidden" places in the city that need an environmental cleanup.

As the city continues to promote a "greener" Macau, the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) has organized its annual lucky draw, called "Green Points," for the fourth consecutive time.

The scheme encourages the public to bring their own eco-friendly bags. In return, they are entitled to join the lucky draw. Winners get sets of grocery coupons worth up to MOP2,000, as the Times reported.

Honestly, I hadn't heard of the scheme, and they were actually doing it for the fourth time! On another note, how are they even promoting this?

As much as they want to raise awareness among the locals about practicing environmentally-friendly acts such as reusing and recycling, I think it will not be effective until the city fully implements waste segregation in households.

There are quite a number of recycling bins in the city, especially in downtown areas. However, how will citizens take this call to action seriously if they are not obliged to practice this in their homes?

The region has launched several campaigns to raise awareness of this issue, but have residents changed their lifestyles? Probably not.

Yes, raising awareness is important, but we have to be reminded that it will not do much in helping Macau become a green city.

Our consumption habits have increased and we produce a growing amount of waste. Making people aware of this issue by holding a lucky draw is flawed, in my opinion.

Only when we are educated about separating waste in our homes, workplaces or schools, will it be more effective for the public to practice environmentally-friendly acts.

According to an MDT report several months ago, Secretary for Public Works and Transport, Raimundo do Rosário, claimed "separation of waste is much more a matter of educating society, and not about forcing them to comply with a law."

According to this statement then, if the residents were well informed on this issue, they would be more conscious about how they use and dispose items. The "Green Points" scheme would then just be a bonus to the population, not an award for doing something we really ought to do.

On the contrary, I think Macau lacks the system to segregate public waste. I believe they are keen on setting up recycling programmes, yet they have failed to come up with a feasible or effective solution.

In Hong Kong, the "Program on Source Separation of Domestic Waste" was launched over a decade ago. The region understood that landfills are running out of space, so the city had to reduce its waste.

Hong Kong has been successful in launching the program wherein the neighboring city's authorities assist property management companies by providing waste separation facilities on each building floor.

The management companies then sell the recyclable items on to recyclers, hence allowing them to make extra earnings.

This shows that Macau still has so much to do in terms of recycling waste. The city has a long way to go before it achieves its aim of "developing recycling habits for productive green living."

The population might already be waiting for the government to develop systems that would make recycling convenient and perhaps even attractive.

THE BUZZ SALOM HIT BRAKES LATER THAN USUAL IN FATAL CRASH

Telemetry data shows Spanish rider Luis Salom hit the brakes nine meters later than usual in the crash that took his life at the Catalunya Grand Prix in Barcelona. SAG Team said yesterday that Salom tried to compensate for a slower exit from the previous turn and was still braking when his bike went over a bump on the track, causing him to lose con-

trol and fall. The 24-year-old Salom died on Friday after crashing into a safety barrier in practice. The incident prompted race officials to change the track layout for the rest of the weekend, adding a slow chicane before the fast right-handed Turn 12 where Salom lost his life. Riders in all three categories on Sunday dedicated their victories to Salom.



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RETAIL

Wal-Mart seeks overseas success by going native in China

ZHONG Guoyan sifted through piles of fish at a Wal-Mart in Shenzhen, one of China's largest cities. She studied the fins, to make sure they were bright red and firm. She peered at the eyeballs — were they bulging?

"When I come here, I have a look," she said. "If it's good, then I will buy it. If it's only cheap, I won't buy it."

In American Wal-Marts, customers don't get to fondle their fish. But America is not China, as the world's biggest retailer has learned. If the Arkansas-based company wants to win over foreign consumers, it has to shed some of its American ways, and cater to very different customs and conventions that are fast changing.

Zhong eventually tossed a couple of fish into a plastic bag — a small victory in Wal-Mart's struggle to build an international empire.

The stakes are high: The company can't count on much growth in the U.S. — it's facing challenges at home with intense competition from Amazon.com and dollar stores — so the retailer is depending more on its opera-



Shoppers buy fish on sale at a Wal-Mart in Shenzhen

tions overseas.

China is the ultimate prize. The Chinese grocery market, already the world's largest at USD1.1 trillion a year, is expected to grow to \$1.5 trillion in sales in just the next four years, says IGD, a global consumer products research firm.

"China remains a strategic market for our future," Doug McMillon, CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. recently told investors.

Getting the food business right is critical for Wal-Mart. Shoppers buy groceries more often than anything else. If Wal-Mart can get them in the door to buy food regularly, perhaps they will visit more frequently for items like pajamas and coffee makers — and eventually become loyal online customers, too.

The company has taken

some lumps trying to cross borders in food retailing. Overall international sales growth dropped 9.4 percent last year largely because of the strong dollar. And while Wal-Mart's overseas business had a strong start to this year, it faces long-term challenges. Wal-Mart gave up in Germany and South Korea in 2006. It's closing stores in Brazil.

Overseas, Wal-Mart lacks the scale to squeeze local suppliers on price as it does in the U.S. It also faces nimble competitors. And it has struggled to duplicate its bedrock strategy of constant bargains.

But Wal-Mart has learned over the years from its missteps, discovering that it needs to adapt to local ways and that patience pays off.

In Mexico, Canada and Japan, it's won shoppers over time. In Chile, it launched an acorporate culture campaign and worked closely with suppliers to coax them into its way of doing business.

"Wal-Mart," says Bryan Roberts of the London retail consultancy TCC Global, "is a very determined organization." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Gong Bing



The site of a train crash is seen in the town of Saint-Georges-sur-Meuse in the province of Liege, Belgium. Three people were killed and 40 others injured yesterday (Macau time) when a passenger train collided with a freight train in Belgium.

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

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

MEXICO's ruling party seemed headed for stinging defeats in some of 12 governorships up for grabs in state elections, according to preliminary vote counts yesterday. Hobbled by corruption scandals, violence and a weak economy, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party lost four states it has never lost before, including the northern border state of Tamaulipas, across the border from Texas.



USA Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg briefly found his Twitter account hijacked, as were at least two of his other social media accounts. Zuckerberg's Facebook account and password were not compromised, the company said in a statement; his account on Facebook-owned Instagram was also unaffected.

ITALY An anti-establishment candidate in Rome has comfortably clinched a runoff mayoral election slot, as Romans disgusted by corruption scandals and deteriorating city services largely turned away from traditional left and right parties which governed the Italian capital for decades.

ROMANIA's Social Democrats came out on top in Sunday's local elections, held months before the European Union's second-poorest member votes for a new parliament. Ex-Prime Minister Victor Ponta's Social Democrats won the Bucharest mayor's office and all of the capital's six districts, the first such victory for a single party since the fall of communism, preliminary results show.

SOUTH SUDAN The first of 379 British troops have arrived in South Sudan's capital, Juba, to serve in a United Nations peacekeeping mission. A five-person advance team landed Friday while the rest will begin arriving in the coming weeks, joining 11,990 peacekeepers from other nations, said Ariane Quentier, spokeswoman for the U.N. mission in South Sudan.