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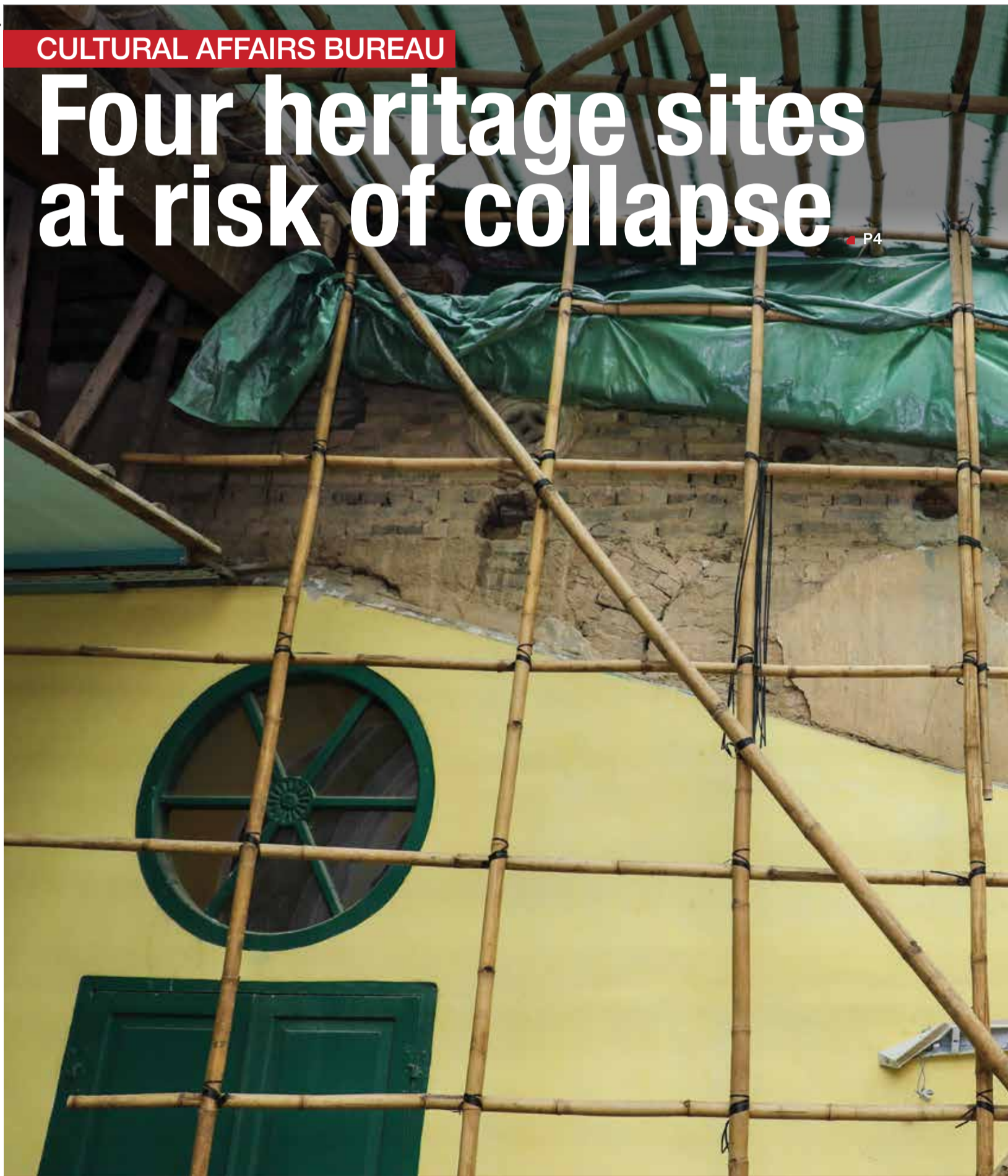
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CHINA-ASEAN Continuing Beijing's push to ease concerns about its assertions of sovereignty over the South China Sea, foreign minister Wang Yi told his Southeast Asian counterparts yesterday that both sides should take a "long-term perspective" as they try to solve their disputes. [More on p11](#)



MYANMAR An official says a military helicopter has crashed in the jungle in northern Myanmar, killing three officers on board. The aircraft went down yesterday in the jungle near Daik U town, some 150 kilometers northeast of Yangon.

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Local cartoonist awarded in international competition

LOCAL comic writer and cartoonist Angela Lao recently won an "Award of Recognition" in the Hollywood International Moving Pictures Film Festival (HIMPFF) in its May 2016 competition series.

Lao's winning animation series, "CaCa: Tell You Jokes!" features the city's social issues which include traffic congestion and the lack of parking space.

The cartoonist started her career in middle school. She released her first comic book titled "Natural Farm," when she was 15, while "CaCa: Tell You Jokes!" was first published as a comic book series, titled CaCa Comics, in 2012.

"I just created the first chapter but my friends encouraged me until I [decided to] make the whole season," Lao said.

Lao began to animate the comic in November last year,



Angela Lao

revealing to the Times that it took her three months to finish the first season of the comic animation, which features 24 chapters.



"CaCa: Tell You Jokes!"

The artist, who is also a drawing teacher, admitted she is still "quite surprised" at having won an award in HIMPFF, which is a monthly film

festival.

"I was not sure I could win this competition," she stressed, revealing that she will be attending the HIMPFF Yearly

Live Screening Festival for the award ceremony in Hollywood.

"I think it's because it's a real story," said Lao. "It [social issues] is just [portrayed] as a funny joke.

Although there is an insignificant number of members in the cartoonist community in the region, Lao hopes the local government could promote cartoons as a art form through sponsorships.

"I'm not quite clear about the potential [of the community's growth] because so few people are doing this. I think the government should make more advertisements about this," she stressed.

"CaCa: Tell You Jokes!" is currently on its second season and the cartoonist emphasizes that she is looking forward to creating short animation films from her previous comic books.

The cartoonist is currently more focused on creating stories about "social issues and human welfare" along with modern love stories.

Moreover, Lao said that her students won silver and bronze award in the 46th International Children's Art Contest and Exhibition in Japan, an award she won when she was six years old. **Staff reporter**

CE met with ATFPM to hear civil servants' demands



THE Chief Executive (CE), Chui Sai On, met with a group of representatives of Macau Civil Servants Association (ATFPM) this week to discuss issues related to civil servants.

In the meeting held at the government's headquarters, the CE and the Secretary for Administration and Justice, So-

nia Chan, heard from the president of the association, Pereira Coutinho, several demands. These included an increase of public servants' salaries by 4 percent, the continuation of the Wealth Partaking Scheme, an update on the retirement allowances and subsidies as well as the reserve of land for the construction

of public housing for civil servants.

According to a statement from the office of the Chief Executive, the CE has promised to reflect on the proposed suggestions but has maintained that all these measures need to be "in compliance with the law and judicial decisions," highlighting that the

need to update the salaries of the civil servants is under constant analysis from the Civil Service Pay Review Committee and that the government has always respected their suggestions.

The CE also recalled that the issue of land reserved for public housing was already addressed by several government members and will be targeted as a priority topic.

On the sidelines of this meeting, Coutinho said that the annual cash handout amount "should be of MOP12,000 for permanent residents and MOP6,000 for non-permanent residents for the next year," which would mean an increase of 25 percent for permanent residents and 10 percent for non-permanent residents. The lawmakers also took the opportunity to urge private entities to increase their employees' salaries. **RM**

AAMC and SEMAC organize crisis management course

THE Civil Aviation Authority of Macau (AACM) and SEMAC Security Company have organized a crisis management course on aviation security. The aims of the course are to instruct personnel in the security forces about crisis management procedures and relevant skills.

AACM said in a statement that the course focuses on, amongst other things, "regulations and requirements in crisis management, the concept of crisis management, key components in a crisis management plan and the handling of a crisis when it arises."

A total of 20 participants were enrolled in the course that will run until Friday at the training center of the security company, located at the city's international airport. Participants who have completed and passed the assessment will be presented with the course certificate.

AACM organizes a variety of courses on a regular basis to provide necessary training to industry partners and the organizations involved in aviation safety and security. The aviation authority said they want participants to increase their understanding of the regulations and international standards so as to increase their capacity and skills in handling emergencies.

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Bar revenues boosted by European Cup

Bars are busier due to the ongoing European Cup, with some bars seeing their balances increasing 20 to 30 percent when compared to those during normal periods, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The owner of a bar located near the Nam Van lake said that its customers, who are also football fans, showed a strong interest in the event that is held every four years. The larger number of football lovers is believed to have been a consequence of special activities organized by the bar. At another bar, located in NAPE, the owner has also witnessed an increase in its business revenues since the beginning of the European Cup. The owner noted that as NAPE is close to large hotels, some tourists choose his bar to watch the games. On average, each consumer spends around MOP300 to MOP400 per night. Both owners admitted that business still depends on the competition schedule, since some of the represented countries attract more tourists than others, such as Germany, Spain and Portugal. In order to turn consumers into frequent visitors, these owners have launched different promotion campaigns during the game periods.

Less jaywalking until May

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) released the prosecution statistics on jaywalking totaling to 98 occurrences in the first five months of this year. The number represents a 67 percent decrease compared to the statistics last year. PSP also released information on the increasing instances of parking violations, in particular at bus stops. Regarding this issue, the department revealed that from May 9 and June 10, transportation instructors from PSP issued more than 6,700 verbal warnings at 23 bus stops. The locations with the largest number of occurrences were in Avenida de Tamagnini Barbosa and R. Sul do Patane, according to a report by TDM.

Polar bear reportedly suffering in Guangzhou aquarium

Polar bears in the Guangzhou Grandview Aquarium are suffering from poor living conditions, according to a report by HK01. One of the bears is reportedly in weak physical condition, showing signs of abnormal breathing. This issue was widely posted on Hong Kong's internet after the animal protection organization AnimalsAsia uploaded a video of the bear. Aside from poor living conditions that the bears must endure, other animals are also suffering from an improper environment, including four walrus allegedly living together in a space with an area of approximately 19 m². More than 130,000 netizens from Hong Kong signed a petition urging the authorities to close the aquarium.

Four heritage sites at risk of collapse, IC admits



Damaged structures at Saint Augustine Church



Leong Wai Man

Renato Marques

THERE are four heritage sites which are endangered, the head of the Cultural Affairs Bureau Department of Cultural Heritage, Leong Wai Man, admitted during a meeting with journalists yesterday at the D. Pedro V Theater. Leong was replying to journalists during the presentation of the outcome of the investigation regarding the collapse of the partial roof of Saint Augustine Church, which occurred on May 29 after heavy rains.

According to Leong, "after the accident, the IC created a special group to inspect and evaluate other sites," finding that another four were at risk. Those are Saint Anthony's Church, Saint Joseph's Seminary Church, Our Lady of Penha Chapel and the Ox Warehouse.

Due to the concern that another collapse may occur, the IC will perform maintenance works on site, adds Leong.

As for the repair of the damaged roof and adjacent structures of the affected church, Leong said the works would last for the next three months.

"After that, we will conduct a full inspection of the

whole church," said Leong. "This inspection would have the purpose of ensuring that all structures are secure and there is no risk of a similar event occurring again."

The main cause is reported by Leong to be "the impacts caused by heavy rain" together with the fact that the "building is old."

"The rain damaged the main beam and also made a hole in the wall where the beam was inserted, leading to the cause for the collapse."

Leong recalled that last month, there were several rainstorm warnings, which highlight the fact that the

situation was "unusual" and "unexpected." She added that the IC does regular inspections to all heritage-listed sites "two times per year."

Questioned by the journalists if UNESCO was already informed about the incident, the representative from IC said, "the report will be firstly sent to China's Ministry of Culture" and it will be the responsibility of Luo Shugang's Office "to follow the procedure of informing UNESCO."

Leong stressed that the partial collapse of the St. Augustine Church roof was "a lesson" for the Cultural Af-

fairs Bureau.

"We are already improving our systems and will also in the near future update our equipment and staff knowledge," she said.

HERITAGE SAFEGUARD PLAN TO ENTER SECOND PHASE

THE HERITAGE Safeguard Plan that UNESCO requested the Macau government to implement "will not be entering its second stage until the end of this year," said the vice president of Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), Leong Hio Ming. Leong was replying to journalists' questions regarding the current status of the plan. He explained that during the first stage a public consultation on the framework of the plan was done. The second will now focus on concrete actions such as protection works and regulations. The document regarding this stage is expected to be ready for public consultation by the end of 2016.

16th Edition of Fringe Festival to take place only in 2017

THE 16th edition of the Macau City Fringe Festival, which was expected for this November has been postponed to January 2017. The information was disclosed by the head of the Department of Cultural Events of Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), Kent Jeong. Jeong was speaking during a meeting with the press organized by the IC yesterday.

The reason for the change to the event that usually enlivens the city during the first two weeks of November (October 29 - November 13) is related to the integration of the festival organization under the IC.

In previous editions, the Civic and Muni-

cipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) organized the event.

Regarding the program, Jeong said the festival was going to focus more on "experimental performances" as well as promoting local artists, "creating a platform for these [local] artists to promote their work."

Another of the new features of the upcoming edition of the event is the establishment of an integrated platform between Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China as most of the performers are artists and groups coming from these territories and regions.

Motorcyclists to be fined for not wearing helmets

MOTORCYCLISTS and passengers will be fined MOP600 if they are caught riding their bikes while not wearing proper helmets, as announced by the government yesterday. The regulation will come into effect one year from the announcement.

According to the regulation, motorists and passengers are required to submit information about their intended personal helmet use to the Transport Bureau (DSAT) in order to get an approval. Once



the DSAT approves the application, the information will be forwarded to the Public Security Police Force (PSP).

The regulation also applies to both helmet importers and sellers, who are required to go through said approval procedure in order for their products to be legitimate.

The protection gear has to meet four requirements: to have a label identifying the technical standards adopted by the producers; showing no signs of damage nor deformation; in case the helmet has a face shield, it must comply with the provisions stated in local road traffic laws; it has to meet one of the technical standards accredited by the government. Regarding the last, the accredited standards are those from mainland China, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the European Union and two of the United States.

Notary Office in Senado Square to move to the Northern district

The Notary Office, which is currently located in the city center in the historical Holy House of Mercy building at Senado Square, will move its offices to the Northern district, the president of the 1st standing committee of the Legislative Assembly (AL), Kwan Tsui Hang, revealed after the committee meeting.

Kwan said that the move is due to "greater demand for the service in the northern part of the city."

António José de Freitas, president of the Board of Trustees of the Macau Holy House of Mercy, which is the institution that is renting the space to the government said: "If confirmed

this would be very bad news for the Holy House. It would be a blow to our source of income." He added that the institution has yet to receive any official notice from the government.



The Holy House of Mercy building (right)

IFFAM promoted in Shanghai International Film Festival

The Organizing Committee of the 1st International Film Festival & Awards – Macau (IFFAM) hosted a cocktail reception during the 19th Shanghai International Film Festival, aiming to promote the new event to film industry experts across the globe.

Inviting nearly 200 participants on behalf of film companies and media agencies in its cocktail reception, IFFAM organizers took the opportunity to "attract more international exhibitors and introduce world-class exchange opportunities" to the festival.

Founded in 1993, the Shanghai International Film Festival aims to foster the Chinese film industry's development and exchanges among members of Chinese and overseas film industries.

IFFAM's organizing committee



Festival director Marco Müller

started promoting the event earlier including participating at the 20th Hong Kong International Film & TV Market with members of the local film and television industry. IFFAM also marked its presence at the 69th Cannes Film Festival in May with a booth set up called "Marché du Film" and invited different international

film festival coordinators and film distributors for meetings.

The 1st International Film Festival & Awards – Macau will run from December 8 to December 13 at the Cultural Centre and Science Center.

The Times reported previously that the event is expected to bring in some 500 participants from the global movie industry including 100 international film buyers and 250 more highly ranked guests including directors, celebrities, producers and distributors.

Festival director Marco Müller said that, owing to Macau's economic, cultural, historical and geographic factors, IFFAM has the potential to turn the region into a major film-hub. **Staff reporter**

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Goans await future of Portuguese-Indian status

A controversial case relating to the Goan identity in the former enclave is currently being considered in India, which may have an impact on the Portuguese and mixed-Portuguese people living in the former colonies of Africa and Asia.

Benaulim MLA Caitu Silva may have narrowly won the election in Goa more than four years ago, but supporters of his opponent, Valanka Alemao, have been questioning the validity of his appointment on the grounds of his birth being registered in Portugal.

In 2013, the High Court of Delhi declared that Silva was not an Indian citizen, however it is yet to be assessed whether this will lead to his disqualification from office.

Silva, like many other Goans, opted to register his birth under the Central Registry, a special be-



House in Fontainhas, an old Portuguese quarter located in Panaji, capital city of the state of Goa

nefit that has been extended to residents of Goa born before 1961 (the year when India occupied Goa ending the Portuguese rule) and their children. The same benefit applies to Macau and East Timor, as Portugal considers the three areas as foreign territories and not colonies of sovereign Portugal before liberation.

Many inhabitants of Macau hold a Portuguese

citizenship on this basis, however it is no longer possible to acquire it based on having a connection with Macau, unless it is by birth or association with the territory before the handover.

According to this privilege, all those who meet these requirements and are born in the former territory of Goa are entitled to retain their Portuguese nationality.

In other areas, ex-Portuguese colonial citizens were given a period of time to decide whether they wanted to remain as Portuguese citizens or to adopt the nationality of their new independent host countries, however in Goa there was no time limit implemented, meaning that they are still entitled to declare their wish to continue being regarded as a Portuguese citizen.

While Portugal recognizes dual or multi-nationality, countries such as India and China do not. According to Herald Publications, India does not accept more than one nationality due to a lack of tax law agreements as to where dual citizens will pay their taxes.

Many Goans have registered their names in the Central Registry and will now have to await the conclusion to the case, which may affect the status of their dual-nationality in the future. According to some observers, they may be provided a one-time amnesty or they may be required to surrender their Indian or Portuguese citizenship.

Global Wellness Day marked in Macau

THE Global Wellness Day was marked in Macau with an event held on Saturday. The event was organized by Macau Global Wellness Day Ambassador, Corinne Mackay and Winnie Wong of JAW Services, and held at The St. Regis Macao, Cotai Central, which was the event's main sponsor. Global Wellness Day (www.globalwellnessday.org) was recognized internationally in 2012 as a day dedicated to raising awareness about well being.

"Global Wellness Day is something we should get behind to encourage family and associates that staying healthy can be a lot of fun. It was a 5 star day all around" said Janet McNab, managing director of The St. Regis Macao, Cotai Central and Sheraton Grand Macao, Cotai Central.

"Global Wellness Day is a not-for-profit social awareness event. All of the trainers and guest speakers are professionals in their field volunteering their services to give our Macau Community the opportunity to experience and try something new," read a press release issued by the organizers.



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Authorities not investigating Taiwan casino scam

MACAU authorities told the Times yesterday that they are not investigating an alleged investment scam in Taiwan that swindled victims out of some TWD4.6 billion (MOP1.13 million) under the guise of an investment scheme in Galaxy Macau.

The suspects allegedly said that they were investing in Macau's Galaxy casino, and told victims that they could earn bonus annual interest of between 20 and 60 percent that could be retrieved monthly. In addition, investors would be treated to two trips to Macau, where their investments could be converted into casino chips, according to The China Post.

However the funds may have reportedly never entered Macau. Both the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) and the Judiciary Police (PJ) say that they are not investigating the case.

A representative of DICJ said that it has not been contacted to assist in an investigation. "The DICJ has not received any request from any parties for assistance regarding the incident," said the representative.

Meanwhile the PJ said that it "did not receive



any complaints relating to the case."

"Further we add that the case took place in Taiwan and has already been solved. A retired police officer has been detained," a PJ representative asserted.

A senior public relations officer at Galaxy Entertainment Group told the Times that they have no knowledge of the matter, adding that the group "reserves all rights to take legal action against any individual that falsely uses the names of our company and properties."

The suspected pyramid

scheme allegedly made illegal profits by promoting shares in China's Macau Galaxy casino, conning at least 70 victims according to New Taipei City prosecutor Lu Chun-chieh.

According to The China Post, one of the defendants in the court was a division head at Taipei City Police Department's Songshan Precinct, previously awarded "Outstanding Police Officer" for his role in responding to the Taiwan Business Bank heist four years ago. Local Taipei media said that an alleged hand-

book on how to hook new unwitting investors had been discovered at his residence. **DB**

corporate bits

SANDS INVITES LOCAL NGOS IN SUPPORT OF HAPPY FAMILY MONTH 2016



Sands China Ltd recently invited four local NGOs to its properties to promote event information in support of the Social Welfare Bureau's Happy Family Month 2016.

Between May 26 and June 2, NGOs including Gaming Employees' Home, the Sheng Kung Hui Gambling Counseling and Family Wellness Centre, Smart Youth of the Christian New Life Fellowship, and Caritas Macau, set up information booths at the back-of-house areas of Sands Macao, The Venetian and Sands Cotai Central.

Sands China said in its statement that the booths provided a platform for Sands China team members to easily access information on local community resources and services to promote "neighborhood harmony and family happiness."

The info booth covered a range of themes such as family health services, responsible gaming, drug abuse prevention, expatriate services, life education, stress relief, and assistance to those affected by domestic violence.

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IPO shelved, Lotte talks up duty-free business as probes widen

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LOTTE Group, South Korea's fifth-largest family-run conglomerate, is under growing pressure to bolster its duty-free shopping business after shelving one of the year's biggest initial public offerings in the midst of a deepening crisis.

Hotel Lotte Co., one of the group's main units, singled out the importance of its duty-free expansion on Monday after scrapping an IPO worth as much as USD4.5 billion. The renewed focus on the business, which accounted for almost 90 percent of the hotel unit's profits last year, highlights Lotte's limited options as probes into the company widen.

The lost IPO is the latest blow to the conglomerate, which has 89 Korean units with more than 100 trillion won (\$85 billion) in assets. The group also abandoned plans to buy polyethylene maker Axiall Corp. on Friday, hours after prosecutors raided Lotte's headquarters in Seoul. Even the duty-free business faces hurdles, including the loss last year of a permit to sell tax-free products at the 123-story Lotte World Tower in Jamsil, a neighborhood of Seoul. The firm aims to regain the license as soon as this year.



Hotel Lotte

"For the next six months to a year, it will be very difficult for management to really focus on expanding their businesses because much of their attention will be on the investigations," said Lim Young Joo, an analyst at Heungkuk Securities Co. in Seoul. "There had been expectations in the market that Lotte may be able to reopen its duty free outlet in Jamsil, but the probes could make that outcome more uncertain." All of Lotte's eight listed units fell in Seoul

on Monday, losing a combined 1.1 trillion won in market value.

The setbacks began about a year ago, when group Chairman Shin Dong Bin faced a coup attempt by his older brother and their father. The plan backfired as the father, who founded the group and was then chairman, got sidelined to an honorary position and the eldest son was stripped of group positions. The older brother then attempted multiple challenges to Shin Dong Bin's authority, to little avail.

Since the family feud erupted into public view, the conglomerate has faced a series of scandals. Last month, the Korean government banned Lotte Shopping Co.'s home-shopping channel from broadcasting during prime-time hours for six months after the company was accused of omitting names of two executives convicted of bribery when applying for a license.

Then came a probe into possible bribery involving one of the members of the founding family, which led the hotel unit to delay the IPO, only for Lotte to be hit with a broader investigation days later. On Friday, an army of investigators – about 200 according to the Yonhap news agency – raided the group's headquarters and the offices of some units as part of an investigation invol-

ving suspected embezzlement and the use of slush funds.


The events at Lotte have raised fresh concern about the state of corporate governance at South Korea's powerful, family-led conglomerates, or chaebol.

With the probes continuing, the company has said it will try to move forward and minimize disruptions, while cooperating with authorities. Hotel Lotte, the world's third-largest operator of duty-free stores and the biggest in Korea, will have a chance to seek another license later this year as the Korea Customs Service takes bids for permits in Seoul, Busan and Kangwon.


The government has said it wants more operators of duty-free shops to meet surging demand from overseas visitors for Korean cosmetics and home appliances. The number of tourists increased 10 percent in the first four months of this year, led by those from China and Taiwan, according to the Korea Tourism Organization.

Duty free operators have also looked outside South Korea for growth. Samsung Group's Hotel Shilla Co., South Korea's second-biggest operator, currently has stores in Singapore and Macau. Hotel Lotte also has operations in Japan, Guam and Indonesia. **Bloomberg**


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AP INTERVIEW

Dissident lawyer Gao not giving up despite torture

Isolda Morillo, Beijing

ONE of China's best-known dissident lawyers said his newly launched memoir is his latest act of resistance to show he has not been silenced by years of solitary confinement and torture, accounts of which have drawn international criticism of Beijing.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, Gao Zhisheng, 52, who has been living under near-constant surveillance by Chinese authorities since his release from jail in 2014, said he wrote his book "to expose the truth and crimes of this regime." The Chinese-language book, titled "Stand Up China 2017 - China's Hope: What I Learned During Five Years as a Political Prisoner," was launched in Hong Kong yesterday at an event attended by Gao's daughter.

"This book is my way of posing resistance," Gao said in Monday night's interview, which was conducted over a messaging app instead of by phone to circumvent surveillance and interruption. "I wrote it secretly because I had to hide from the minders who watch me around the clock."

He said he kept the book a secret even from his family to avoid endangering them.

In the book, Gao recounts the torture he says he endured, as well as the three years he spent in solitary confinement. It was the strength of his Christian faith and his unwavering hope for China that sustained him in that period of isolation, he said.

China's Public Security Ministry had no immediate response to a request for comment on the book.

Gao's interview and book come as Chinese authorities wage what rights groups say is one of the most severe crackdowns on the country's rights-

AP PHOTO



Grace Geng, the daughter of one of China's most prominent human rights lawyers, Gao Zhisheng, holds a book, titled "Stand Up China 2017 - China's Hope: What I Learned During Five Years as a Political Prisoner," written by her father

defending legal community in recent memory. Several Chinese rights lawyers have been arrested on state subversion charges that carry potential life sentences. Activists say the use of such charges indicates that the ruling Commu-

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GAO ZHISHENG
DISSIDENT LAWYER

nist Party sees this group of lawyers as a threat to its grip on power.

Authorities are also putting lawyers on trial on other charges. On Friday, Xia Lin, a rights lawyer whose clients have included dissident artist Ai Weiwei, will stand trial in Beijing for fraud.

Gao had won international renown for his courage in defending members of the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual movement and fighting for farmers' land rights. After he was detained, he upset the authorities by publicly denouncing the torture he said he had suffered.

When Gao was released from prison straight into house arrest in August 2014, the formerly outspoken lawyer could barely walk or speak a full, intelligible sentence, raising concerns that one of the most inspirational figures in China's rights movement had been permanently broken — physically and mentally. Since then, he has kept a low profile, giving the AP his first interview in five years early last year.

International rights groups have condemned Gao's treatment both in and out of custody, and the U.S. government has urged China to allow him to come to the U.S. to be reu-

nited with his family if he chooses. His wife lives in San Francisco.

Presenting Gao's book in Hong Kong yesterday was his 23-year-old daughter, Grace Geng, who said it has been seven years since she last saw her father. Geng said her father was not well and that his teeth in particular needed urgent treatment that he has been denied. She said she, her mother and brother, who all fled to the United States in 2009, have limited communication with him.

"At the very beginning, I did not totally understand. I wondered why our father couldn't be with us," said Geng, sobbing with emotion. "But ... after some time, I came to think of his decision as truly great. He loves the Chinese people so much that he put his family in second place. I think that what he thinks is very, very great, so I am very proud of it."

In a sign of the chill Beijing's influence has cast over Hong Kong, Gao's book is being published in Taiwan and will not at first be sold in the semi-autonomous Chinese-controlled city, Hong Kong pro-democracy lawmaker Albert Ho told the AP.

Books on sensitive political topics have increasingly been pulled from mainstream Hong Kong bookstores or consigned to the back shelves. Several men associated with one of the leading independent publishers of such tomes briefly went missing last year amid strong suspicions they had been taken away by the Chinese security services.

During the interview with the AP, Gao said that he missed his family deeply, but chose to remain in China in the hope of someday playing a role in changing the country. Gao said he didn't fear being taken back to prison.

"Once one has chosen to engage in combat, then there is no such thing as giving up. It is defeating to think about those things," he said.

"My only worry is that I have affected the lives of my wife and children," he said. "I'm indebted to them eternally, because I love them more than my own life, but I cannot attend to their needs now." AP

A Chinese peacekeeper killed while serving with the U.N. mission in Mali was given a hero's funeral in his home province yesterday, underscoring the importance China attaches to its involvement in the global body's peacekeeping work.

State media reports said thousands of people lined the streets along the route from the funeral

Hero's funeral given to UN peacekeeper killed in Mali

home to the cemetery for national heroes where the ashes of 29-year-old 1st Sgt. Shen Liangliang were interred.

Shen was killed in a May 31 car bomb attack while on sentry duty at the pea-

cekeepers' base camp in the northern town of Gao. Five other peacekeepers were injured. His body was flown back to China on a chartered flight and greeted by an honor guard at Beijing airport.

China considers its participation in U.N. peacekeeping missions an important symbol of its global engagement and commitment to conflict resolution. It also views its participation as a use-

ful means of upgrading the skill sets of personnel in the People's Liberation Army and an excellent exposure to the logistical challenges of operating far from home. More than 2,400 Chinese pea-

cekeepers are currently assigned to U.N. missions in Mali, Liberia and five other African nations.

The U.N. peacekeeping mission in Mali is asking for more troops, equipment, armor and aerial surveillance in the wake of deadly attacks by Islamic extremists that have killed at least seven Guineans, five Chadians and five Togolese in addition to Shen. AP

Gerry Shih

China, US hold talks to bridge cybersecurity differences

BEIJING Chinese and American officials said yesterday they're committed to bridging their differences on cybersecurity and moving to implement recent agreements, as they held talks amid complaints over China-based hacking operations that the U.S. says may have already cost U.S. companies tens of billions of dollars.

Repeated meetings between the sides on cybersecurity indicate the seriousness with which the Obama administration regards the issue, the U.S. ambassador to China, Max Baucus, said at the start of the two-day talks in western Beijing.

U.S. officials have been particularly eager to build on an agreement forged during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to the White House in September that says neither government will support commercial cyber-theft. The deal was viewed by Washington as a diplomatic breakthrough, although U.S. officials have not conclusively determined that it has led to a decline in hacks against U.S. companies.

"We're here today to ensure implementation of agreements made by the two presidents, commitments that illustrate that we can work through areas of differences to reach areas of

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US AMBASSADOR TO PRC



China's Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun (second right) shows the way to U.S. Homeland Security Department Undersecretary Suzanne Spaulding (second left) and U.S. Ambassador to China Max Baucus (center) after taking group photo ahead of the Second U.S.-China High-Level Joint Dialogue on Cybercrime and Related Issues at Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing

cooperation," Baucus said, referring to the agreement, which he called a "major advancement."

Cyber issues are "an important element in our bilateral relationship," the ambassador said. "Each step that we take enables us to have greater trust. We're prepared to work hard with you to narrow our differences."

Chinese Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun said China wants to "bring the discussions from policies on pa-

per to actual implementation."

"Both sides will continue to cooperate on cyber cases," Guo said. "I believe the leadership on both sides places emphasis on the issue and values participation. Xi Jinping has personally been involved."

U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson and Attorney General Loretta Lynch were scheduled to attend the meetings, but withdrew following the mass shooting in Orlando, Florida.

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Spaulding, an undersecretary at the Department of Homeland Security, Meng Jianzhu, secretary of the Communist Party's Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission, said China wants to make progress on talks in the final half year of the Obama administration.

"We hope that both sides can work to enrich our cooperation in the remaining six months and leave more of a political legacy for President Obama, and lay a strong foundation for our cooperation for the next admi-

nistration," said Meng, who as China's de facto security chief has been closely involved in cybersecurity discussions.

Although China denies sponsoring or permitting hacking attacks, a U.S. congressional advisory body said last year that China's increasing use of cyber espionage has already cost U.S. companies tens of billions of dollars in lost sales and expenses in repairing the damage from hacking. It said that in many cases, stolen trade secrets had been turned over to Chinese government-owned companies.

That body, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, is typically very critical of Beijing, and said the U.S. response to the threat has been "inadequate." It said China has also infiltrated a wide swath of U.S. government computer networks.

Among the most serious breaches in which China is suspected was one last year against the Office of Personnel Management. Hackers gained access to the personal information of more than 22 million U.S. federal employees, retirees, contractors and others.

China describes itself as a victim of hacking and says it is combating cybercrimes.

Along with cybersecurity, the two days of talks are also expected to deal with global supply chain security, combating transnational crime, illegal immigration, counterterrorism and maritime law enforcement. **AP**

Chinese, SE Asian foreign ministers meet amid sea tensions

CONTINUING Beijing's push to ease concerns about its assertions of sovereignty over the South China Sea, China's foreign minister told his Southeast Asian counterparts yesterday that both sides should take a "long-term perspective" as they try to solve their disputes.

Wang Yi's comments underscore China's desire to contain damage to its reputation over its assertive tactics in the highly strategic and resource-rich waterway. Four of the 10 members of the Asso-

ciation of Southeast Asian Nations have claims to South China Sea islands and reefs that overlap with China's own.

"We should review our relationship with strategic height and long-term perspective," Wang told the foreign ministers gathered in the southern city of Yuxi, in China's Yunnan province, which borders on ASEAN members Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.

"We should keep on expanding our consensus and cooperation and properly handle and control

our differences," Wang said. "We should jointly lead and push forward the China-ASEAN relationship toward a healthy and stable development."

Among ASEAN members, Vietnam has strongly protested China's placing of an exploratory oil and gas drilling rig in disputed waters, while the Philippines has brought a case before a U.N. arbitration panel challenging China's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea, including artificial islands it has constructed from coral reefs. ASEAN

members Brunei and Malaysia also claim territory there, while Indonesia's exclusive economic zone overlaps with Chinese maritime claims.

Fishing craft and law enforcement ships from all sides have clashed on occasion, although China has taken pains to avoid escalating such conflicts by intervening with its powerful navy.

China has refused to cooperate with the U.N. arbitration panel and says it will ignore any ruling it makes, although Chinese and foreign analysts say



China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi

Beijing's desire to be regarded as a trusted member of the rules-based international community will likely suffer as a result.

In remarks Monday night at a welcoming banquet ahead of yesterday's meeting, Wang said that a quarter-century after

establishing their dialogue partnership, China and ASEAN should "cherish the peace in this region that was not easily obtained and not allow any force to disturb the tranquility of our common home," the Foreign Ministry said on its website. **AP**

VIETNAM-US RELATIONS

War record of university's US chairman angers some

THE limits of forgiving and forgetting are being tested by the former U.S. senator picked to be board chairman of the new Fulbright University Vietnam: Bob Kerrey, who has described how his squad killed civilians including women and children during the Vietnam War.

It's an unusually sensitive point in a relationship between two nations that in many ways have put the war behind them. While a top Vietnamese Communist Party official has expressed support for Kerrey's appointment, and many people interviewed by The Associated Press were pragmatic or forgiving, others find his role upsetting.

Ton Nu Thi Ninh, a former Vietnamese ambassador to the European Union, wrote in an article published this month in the state-run online newspaper Zing that when she learned of the appointment she was "extremely stunned and could not understand."

Whether Kerrey truly felt remorse for his wartime actions was something only he could know, she wrote, but "taking a leadership role in the university with ambitions like Fulbright University should not be considered to atone for the wrongdoing in the past." Ninh declined to comment further when contacted by telephone in Ho Chi Minh City.

Fulbright University Vietnam, partially funded by the U.S. government, will be the first private nonprofit university in the country. Hoped-for corporate sponsorship and planned programs in management and public policy hint strongly at a capitalist academic agenda, but this is no



US President Barack Obama boards Air Force One before his departure at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi last month

cause for controversy, because the Communist Party has jettisoned most aspects of a command economy for the type of freewheeling entrepreneurship that is a hallmark of modern Asian culture.

During a visit to Vietnam last month, President Barack Obama announced the university would open this fall in Ho Chi Minh City. For some, the announcement of the university's board chairman sent old animosities rushing back.

Kerrey, a former Democratic governor and senator from Nebraska and former president of The New School in New York, was a Navy SEAL during the war. He lost part of a leg in a combat engagement for which he won the Medal of Honor.

Earlier in his war service, on Feb. 25, 1969, he led a seven-man squad in a nighttime raid on Thanh Phong, in Vietnam's Mekong Delta, to eliminate Vietcong officials. They ended up shooting dead at least a dozen women and children.

Those details came to light only in early 2001, shortly after Kerrey retired from the Senate. Kerrey and five members of his squad issued a statement saying the civilians were caught in crossfire as the men fought their way out of the village. One member of his squad and two surviving villagers painted a darker picture, saying the civilians were executed to ensure the squad could make a safe exit without the

local Vietcong being alerted.

In his 2002 book "When I Was a Young Man," Kerrey said, "I saw women and children in front of us being hit and cut to pieces. I heard their cries and other voices in the darkness as we made our re-

“We do not forget the past, but we should not allow the past to impede our future.”

NGUYEN MINH THUYET
SENIOR GOV'T OFFICIAL

treat to the canal.

"The young, innocent man who went to Vietnam died that night. After that night, I no longer had illusions or objectivity about the war. I had become someone I did not recognize."

Fulbright University Vietnam had been gestating since 2013 and finally cleared all hurdles to be inaugurated on May 25 this year in a ceremony attended by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, a former Senate colleague of Kerrey's and fellow Vietnam vet.

In remarks at the ceremony, Kerry called the war "an indelible but an increasingly distant memory."

Nguyen Minh Thuyet, former vice chairman of the culture and education committee of the National Assembly, told the AP that Vietnamese "should look at Bob Kerrey's case in the spirit of reconciliation and place the national interests and the friendship between the two countries above the hatred of the past."

"We do not forget the past, but we should not allow the past to impede our future," he said, calling the appointment and the public's reaction to it "a test for reconciliation between Vietnam and the United States."

Dinh La Thang, secretary of the ruling Communist Party organization in Ho Chi Minh City and one of the 19 members of its all-powerful Politburo, wrote that it was "brave of Bob Kerrey to accept this position, knowing full well the reaction it would generate."

In a statement carried on many state media outlets June 4, Thang urged the Vietnamese to "give Bob Kerrey one more chance to experience the greatness of the country on which he, out of ignorance, once inflicted great pain."

Thang's statement could be taken as the definitive word on the matter — but in an indication of how sensitive the issue has become, the online version of it was removed from state media websites after a few days. **MDT/AP**

INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

Robots to swim in Bay of Bengal in monsoon study

IN an effort to better understand and predict South Asia's seasonal monsoon, British scientists are getting ready to release robots into the Bay of Bengal in a study of how ocean conditions might affect rainfall patterns.

The seasonal monsoon, which hits the region between June and September, delivers more

than 70 percent of India's annual rainfall. Its arrival is eagerly awaited by hundreds of millions of subsistence farmers across the country, and delays can ruin crops or exacerbate drought.

Yet, the rains are hard to predict, and depend on a complex interplay between global atmospheric and oceanic movements that is not yet fully

understood. They can be affected by weather phenomena such as El Nino. And scientists say they may also become even more erratic with increasing climate change and even air pollution.

"We are aiming for a better understanding of the actual physical processes," said lead researcher Adrian Matthews of the University of East

Anglia's School of Environmental Sciences, in a statement released yesterday. "Ultimately, the goal is to improve the prediction of monsoon rainfall over India."

As part of the newly launched USD11 million study, scientists from the British university will spend a month at sea releasing seven underwater robots from

an Indian research ship across a 400-kilometer stretch of water.

At the same time, scientists from the University of Reading and the Indian government in a related study will take atmospheric measurements.

By comparing the two sets of data, scientists hope to better understand how ocean condi-

tions affect monsoon patterns.

This year's monsoon arrived at the southernmost tip of the subcontinent on June 8 — a week later than usual — and has been slow in moving north and providing relief amid a devastating drought that has hit wide swathes of central, eastern and northern India. **AP**

PHILIPPINES

Officials confirm Canadian hostage was beheaded

Jim Gomez, Rob Gillies, Manila

PHILIPPINE officials confirmed yesterday that Abu Sayyaf militants beheaded a Canadian man, the second Canadian hostage to be killed in two months after their demands for a large ransom were not met.

The hostage, Robert Hall, was abducted from a marina last September along with another Canadian, a Norwegian and a Filipino. The other Canadian, former mining executive John Ridsdel, was beheaded in April.

Presidential spokesman Herminio Coloma condemned "the brutal and senseless murder" of Hall. He had been held by the Abu Sayyaf in the jungles of southern Sulu province for nine months.

"This latest heinous crime serves to strengthen our go-

vernment's resolve to put an end to this reign of terror and banditry," he said in a statement.

A militant video obtained by Philippine police officials and seen by The Associated Press showed Hall in an orange shirt and kneeling in front of a black Islamic State-style flag before he was killed in a jungle area.

An Abu Sayyaf deadline for the payment of a large ransom lapsed on Monday and police later found a severed head of a Caucasian man outside a Roman Catholic cathedral in Sulu province's main Jolo town.

In Ottawa, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said there was "compelling reason to believe" that Hall had been killed by his captors, and that the Canadian government was working with Philippine

authorities to confirm his death.

"We have every reason to believe that the reports are unfortunately true," Trudeau said.

He said he was "horrified" by the killings and reaffirmed Canada's refusal to pay ransoms.

"The government of Canada will not and cannot pay ransoms for hostages to terrorist groups, as doing so would endanger the lives of more Canadians," Trudeau said in a statement.

"We are more committed than ever to working with the government of the Philippines and international partners to pursue those responsible for these heinous acts and bring them to justice, however long it takes."

Trudeau recently urged leaders of other members of the Group of Seven rich

nations to reiterate their opposition to paying ransoms.

After being abducted from the marina on southern Simal Island last September, the hostages were taken by boat to Sulu, where the Abu Sayyaf has held hostages for years in mountainous jungle camps.

Ridsdel was beheaded on April 25 after a ransom demand of 300 million pesos (USD6.3 million) was not paid.

In an Abu Sayyaf video posted on YouTube after Ridsdel's death, Hall and the two other hostages, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Filipino woman Marites Flor, pleaded to Canadian and Philippine officials to negotiate their release.

"We live like this every day, go to bed like this," Hall said, raising his arms



Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory Chief C/Supt. Emmanuel Aranas talks to the media after reading the statement on the beheading of a Canadian hostage

to show that he was handcuffed. We have a hundred people heavily armed around us all the time that dictate to us and talk to us like children. We've been humiliated in every way possible. One of us has already been murdered."

Hall spoke later in the video for a second time, sounding resigned to a tragic fate.

"I would also like to thank my family for the effort they put in — my family and friends for the effort they put in — to get me out of

here. I know you did everything you can, and I truly appreciate it. I'm sorry I got you in this mess," he said.

Trudeau extended his "heartfelt condolences" to Hall's relatives and friends.

The United States and the Philippines have both listed the Abu Sayyaf as a terrorist organization for kidnappings, beheadings and bombings. The group emerged in the early 1990s as an extremist offshoot of a decades-long Muslim separatist rebellion in the country's south. **AP**

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French police commander slain by jihadi recruiter



French police officers work at the crime scene the day after a knife-wielding attacker stabbed a senior police officer to death outside his home in Magnanville, west of Paris

Lori Hinnant, Elaine Ganley, Paris

A Frenchman once convicted of recruiting jihadi fighters stabbed a police commander to death outside his suburban Paris home, recording the attack and posting it on Facebook Live, French officials said yesterday. The commander's partner and the attacker were found dead inside the home after a three-hour standoff with police.

The couple's three-year-old was in the house in Magnanville, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) west of Paris, but was unharmed. A police official said that at one point in the video the attacker puzzled over what to do with the child.

The Islamic State's Amaq news agency cited an unnamed source as saying an IS fighter carried out the attack late on Monday. While the extremist group has not officially claimed responsibility, French President Francois Hollande said it was "incontestably a terrorist act" and that France faces a threat "of a very large scale."

Two people close to the attacker, identified as 25-year-old Larossi Abbala, were detained, authorities said yesterday. They gave no details about them.

France has been on particularly high alert as it hosts Europe's top sporting event, the month-long European Championship soccer tournament, and is still under a state of emergency after the November IS attacks in Paris

that killed 130 people.

Hollande held an emergency security meeting yesterday.

"France is not the only country concerned [by the terrorist threat], as we have seen, again, in the United States, in Orlando," he said.

Abbala was from the nearby suburb of Mantes-la-Jolie and was sentenced in 2013 to three years in prison for recruiting fighters for jihad in Pakistan, according to two police officials. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to be publicly named discussing investigations.

More than 100 people seen as potential threats have been arrested in France this year, said French Interior Minister Cazeneuve

Two other security officials who also spoke on condition of anonymity said Abbala recorded a video during the knife attack. One official said the assailant posted the video on Facebook Live, the social media site's live feed.

A Facebook profile bearing

the name Larossi Abbala — which vanished from the internet early yesterday — showed a photo of a smiling, bearded man. Two recent posts featured videos critical of Israel and Saudi Arabia. The last publicly available post was a mock-up of the European Championship logo, highlighting what the poster said were masonic and occult symbols.

"Some will say we see evil everywhere!" Abbala said in a message posted about 18 hours before the attack.

Yesterday, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve visited the police station in the suburb of Les Mureaux where 42-year-old Jean-Baptiste Salvaing worked. Police did not identify his partner but said she was an administrator for police in Mantes-La-Jolie.

Cazeneuve said more than 100 people seen as potential threats have been arrested in France this year, including in recent weeks.

France, like other countries in Europe, has seen a series of stabbings aimed at police officers or soldiers and carried out by Muslim radicals. IS has encouraged its supporters to stage such attacks.

In Paris, the Eiffel Tower was lit up on Monday night in the colors of a rainbow to honor victims of Saturday's mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that killed at least 49 people. The gunman declared his allegiance to IS in phone calls to police, but his motives remain unclear. **AP**

BRITAIN

Pro-EU side nervous as odds slashed on 'leave'



British Prime Minister David Cameron (left) speaks with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker during a round table meeting at an EU summit in Brussels

NERVOUS "remain" supporters stepped up campaigning in Britain's European Union referendum yesterday after odds on a vote to leave the bloc dramatically narrowed following a string of polls showing a surge in "leave" sentiment.

The pound fell by a cent against the dollar, to USD1.4181 on Monday, as bookmakers cut the odds of an exit vote in the June 23 referendum to as short as 6-5. "Remain" was still the favorite, but only just, after several phone and online polls released late Monday suggested growing support among voters for leaving the 28-nation bloc.

Senior Labour Party figures warned that leaving the EU could cause a recession and trigger big public-sector job losses — but "leave" campaigners insist the government will have more money if it doesn't have to pay millions a week to the bloc.

The Rupert Murdoch-owned Sun tabloid urged its readers to vote for an EU exit, with a

front-page editorial yesterday under the headline "BeLeave in Britain." It is Britain's biggest selling newspaper, with a circulation of more than 2 million — and a history of backing the winning side in elections.

Meanwhile, a top EU official said "the world needs the European Union," in a remark seen directed at Britain ahead of next week's vote.

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini has so far declined to comment on the referendum.

During yesterday's opening of a two-day conference in the Norwegian capital on conflict mediation, Mogherini said the EU internationally is "strong voice for peace on our global stage," describing it as "a strong and honest broker in regional dynamics."

Mogherini said "the world needs also this kind of European Union," adding "it is sad to me to see that some European citizens have to be reminded of that from the outside." **AP**

BRAZIL

Petrobras' unit sale drawing interest

PETROLEO Brasileiro S.A.'s sale of its Japanese unit on the tropical island of Okinawa is drawing interest from several companies, including JX Holdings Inc. and TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K., according to people with knowledge of the matter.

At least seven companies, including Japanese refiner Cosmo Energy Holdings, have indicated an interest in participating in the first round of the auction for Nansei Sekiyu K.K., said the people, who asked not to be identified because the information is private. Petroleo Brasileiro is the Brazilian state-run oil company better known as Petrobras.

Petrobras, which is at the center of a corruption scandal, is joining Exxon Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch Shell Plc in exiting Japan, where demand for oil

products is forecast to fall 8.4 percent in the next five years.

The Brazilian oil giant bought an 87.5 percent stake in the Japanese company from TonenGeneral for 5.5 billion yen (USD52 million) in April 2008, followed by a purchase of the remaining 12.5 percent stake from Sumitomo Corp. in 2010. Petrobras has been considering the sale of a stake in its Japanese business since at least 2011.

The Brazilian company shut a 100,000 barrel-a-day refinery on Okinawa operated by Nansei Sekiyu last year as part of its plan to withdraw from Japan.

Spokesmen for TonenGeneral and JX declined to comment. A Cosmo spokesman wasn't immediately able to comment. Nansei Sekiyu didn't return a call and e-mail seeking comment. **Bloomberg**

what's ON



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

FAM: MACAU ANNUAL VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION 2016 – WESTERN MEDIA CATEGORY
 TIME: 10am-8pm (Closed on Mondays)
 UNTIL: August 7, 2016
 VENUE: Old Court Building
 ADMISSION: Free
 ORGANIZER: Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8399 6699

10TH MACAU DESIGN BIENNIAL
 TIME: 10am-7pm
 (Closed on Mondays, no admission after 6:30 pm)
 UNTIL: June 26, 2016
 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art
 ADMISSION: Adult MOP5, free for Children under 12 years old, elderly over 65 years old (Admission is free on Sundays and public holidays)
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2836 7588

ABSTRACT PAINTINGS FROM THE MAM COLLECTION
 TIME: 10am-7pm
 (no admittance after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)
 UNTIL: December 31, 2016
 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,
 Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE
 ADMISSION: MOP5
 (Free on Sundays and public holidays)
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

THE EXHIBITION "TRAVELOGUE – WORKS BY PARK, SEUNG HOON"
 TIME: 10am-6pm (Closed on Mondays)
 UNTIL: June 26, 2016
 VENUE: Gallery of Taipa Houses-Museum
 ADMISSION: Free
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

INK WASH OF THE FORBIDDEN CITY – PAINTINGS BY CHARLES CHAUDERLOT
 TIME: 10am-7pm
 (No admittance after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)
 UNTIL: June 19, 2016
 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,
 Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE
 ADMISSION: MOP5
 (Free on Sundays and public holidays)
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

Offbeat

MAINE TEACHER WHO WON USD1M AWARD RESOLVES SHOPLIFTING CHARGE

A shoplifting charge against a Maine teacher who won the USD1 million Global Teacher Prize will be dropped if she meets terms imposed by a court.

The plea arrangement requires Nancie Atwell to stay out of trouble for two years, undergo a psychological evaluation and complete 100 hours of community service. The Portland Press Herald (bit.ly/1VV9kn8) reports that the deferred disposition was formalized yesterday [Macao time].

Atwell founded The Centre for Teaching and Learning in Edgcomb. She was selected from a pool of 1,300 applicants for the first Varkey Foundation award in 2015.

In April, she was charged with shoplifting a \$14.99 blouse. The charge will be dropped if she meets the court terms that include proving she's donating the prize money.

She has called the theft charge a misunderstanding.

TV canal macau

13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:40	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group F): Austria - Hungary (Repeated)
16:30	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group F): Portugal - Iceland (Repeated)
18:20	Helena's Shadow (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Entreview (Repeated)
19:30	Montra do Lilau
20:10	Sports
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
20:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group B): Russia - Slovakia (Live)
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Fillers
23:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group A): Romania - Switzerland (Live)
02:00	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:30	Sports (Repeated)
02:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group A): France - Albania (Live)

cinema

CINETEATRO

09 JUN - 15 JUN

NOW YOU SEE ME 2

ROOM 1
 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm
 Director: Jon M. Chu
 Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson
 Language: English (Cantonese)
 Duration: 129min

WARCRAFT: THE BEGINNING

ROOM 2
 (2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm
 (3D) 7.15 pm
 Director: Duncan Jones
 Starring: Travis Fimmel, Paula Patton, Ben Foster
 Language: English (Cantonese)
 Duration: 123min



SING STREET

ROOM 3
 2.15, 5.50, 9.30 pm
 Director: John Carney
 Starring: Ferdia Walsh-Peelo, Aidan Gillen, Maria Doyle Kennedy
 Language: English (Cantonese)
 Duration: 106min

ANGRY BIRDS

ROOM 3
 (2D) 2.30, 4.30, 7.30 pm
 (3D) 9.30 pm
 Director: 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 pm
 Director: Dave Green
 Starring: Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Tyler Perry
 Language: English (Cantonese)
 Duration: 112min

this day in history



1971 COUNCILS DEFY THATCHER MILK BAN

Opposition is growing to Education Secretary Margaret Thatcher's plans to end free school milk for children over the age of seven.

The bill received its second reading last night. It was passed by 281 votes to 248, a government majority of 33.

The Conservatives have issued a warning to local authorities not to go ahead with any plans to break the law deliberately.

Some Labour-controlled councils have threatened to put up the rates in order to continue supplying free milk.

But Mrs Thatcher said increasing the rates would, in turn, mean that central government would have to provide more money through the rate support grant.

She has argued that ending free milk for all but nursery and primary children would free more money to spend on other areas of education, like new buildings.

At present free milk for primary school children costs £14m a year - twice as much as is being spent on school books.

In a full year the saving on milk provision will be about £9m.

Mrs Thatcher told MPs the Chief Medical Officer had been consulted on the plans and he had advised that it was not possible to predict whether the withdrawal of free milk would harm children's diets and overall health.

However, the government has asked for the effects to be monitored and promised to carry out a review if necessary.

Labour's education spokesman Edward Short attacked the Tories' proposals as "the meanest and most unworthy thing" he had seen in his 20 years in the House of Commons.

Labour reckons the number of children getting free milk will be reduced from five million to just over two million.

Harold Wilson's Labour government stopped free milk for secondary school pupils in 1968.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Margaret Thatcher's decision to end free school milk for the over-sevens earned her the nickname "Thatcher, Thatcher Milk Snatcher".

The economic outlook was bleak when Edward Heath was returned to power in 1970 and the Tories had to take some drastic measures to meet election pledges on tax.

The most infamous cut of all was the decision to end free school milk.

Documents released under the 30-year rule revealed that Mrs Thatcher was considering several options including charges for borrowing library books, increased prices for school meals and admission fees for museums.

However, it also revealed that she advised against cutting free school milk for all children on the grounds it would "arouse widespread public antagonism".

In total a savings package of £200m was subsequently approved in September 1971 - including the cut in free milk and increased prices for school meals.

In 1985 Oxford University refused her an honorary degree in protest against her cuts in education funding.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Kids, adventure, romance - with all that action, you're happy to be in the office. If only you had a peaceful day ahead of you. You'll have to keep up your stamina for a while longer.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Don't be righteous. The fact that you're still standing doesn't mean you win. People are going down like flies, and not even as a result of power struggles. Consider being tolerant and kind your new peers.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Being yourself at work is a luxury. Face it, you have to be Self-Lite when you're in the office. That goes for debating, too. Don't let anything get too heavy.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Everything used to be extravagant, from the office furniture right down to the coffee you offered. These days, you have to make sure you can afford anything you put on the company credit card. Consider it good exercise.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 All of your big achievements for the month have to come in the next week. Buckle down and get to work now, even if it takes a supreme amount of willpower.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Flexibility comes in handy later in the month. For now, you can't be too rigid. That's the only way to get your work done. Well, that -- plus being organized.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 If being office manager was never one of your big hopes, then you might be wondering how you got pinned with the job. But for whatever reason, when the supply cabinet is bare, others look to you for answers.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Everyone's stressed. You're all going through the same crisis together, but for some in the office, it's as much about power and ego as anything else. No matter which side you fall on, there's no need to white knuckle it alone.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You might have lost a few things gambling, and who didn't in the past year? But you've still got a firm grip on goodwill, happiness and a sense of optimism for the future. Don't let the office nag bring you down.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Watch for the worst in business, even at this time of year. Some in the office feel more deserving than others. At least they won't be hiding their true colors.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 An old relationship is wearing you out. Why bother with the struggle? Things could change from one moment to the next if you take the initiative. Use the time of year as an excuse to compromise.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 It's hard to focus, but block out all distractions. All you need is one last big push to get the year wrapped up with a bow, so try to keep your mind from wandering.



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles: Easy and Easy+. Each puzzle is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled. Easy puzzle: 2 9, 5, 2 9 1, 2 7 5 1, 6 4 7, 6 8 5, 4 7 8, 4 3. Easy+ puzzle: 6 5 7 1, 4 2, 5, 8 9, 9, 2 8, 2 9 3 8, 1 4 9, 2 6, 3, 5 6, 7 6, 3 6 1 5.

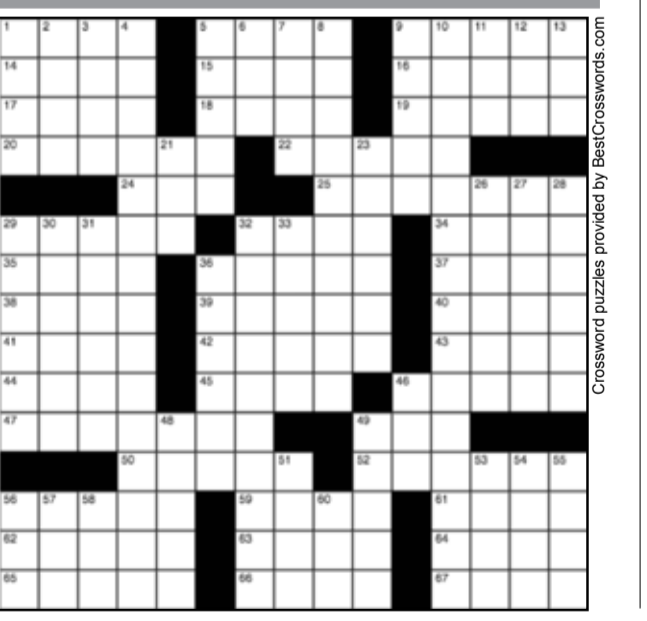
Sudoku puzzles: Medium and Hard. Medium puzzle: 7 2 1, 8, 6, 5 9 2 7, 3 1 8 2, 4, 2 4 7 3, 9 7 5 8, 8, 6, 1 3 5. Hard puzzle: 9 7 8, 5, 2, 4 6 2, 1 8, 9 1 5, 6, 3, 4.

WEATHER

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION. Section: CHINA. Cities: Beijing (16, 30, shower/cloudy), Harbin (14, 24, cloudy/shower), Tianjin (18, 30, thundershower/cloudy), Urumqi (21, 32, clear), Xi'an (20, 32, cloudy), Lhasa (11, 20, moderate rain/shower), Chengdu (21, 27, thundershower/overcast), Chongqing (22, 28, moderate rain/shower), Kunming (16, 23, moderate rain/heavy rain), Nanjing (21, 31, cloudy/thundershower), Shanghai (21, 33, cloudy/thundershower), Wuhan (20, 30, overcast/drizzle), Hangzhou (21, 31, cloudy/heavy rain), Taipei (26, 33, drizzle), Guangzhou (25, 32, thundershower/rainstorm), Hong Kong (26, 32, thundershower). Section: WORLD. Cities: Moscow (17, 24, overcast), Frankfurt (12, 19, drizzle), Paris (12, 18, drizzle), London (11, 17, drizzle), New York (15, 26, clear).

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Like ___ of bricks; 5- Crucifix letters; 9- Moore's TV boss; 14- Go it alone; 15- Element #10; 16- Pittsburgh product; 17- Belinda Carlisle's "Should ___ You In?"; 18- Soviet news agency; 19- ___ Perot; 20- Blossom; 22- Old Testament book; 24- Can ___ now?; 25- 20th letter of the Greek alphabet; 29- Brief fight; 32- Stand up to; 34- Basic unit of heredity; 35- Mormon state of western USA; 36- "Dallas" matriarch; 37- Pianist Myra; 38- Rock clinging plant; 39- Battery type; 40- Waste allowance; 41- Catcher's glove; 42- Low-budget prefix; 43- Destiny; 44- Zeno of ___; 45- Old card game; 46- ___ luck!; 47- Bigot; 49- Lever for rowing; 50- Honeybee; 52- Too; 56- Shinto temple gateway; 59- Some nest eggs; 61- China's continent; 62- Rodeo horse; 63- Central points; 64- Queue after Q; 65- Goatlike antelope; 66- Ballpark figs.; 67- Feat; DOWN: 1- "Clueless" catchphrase; 2- Tribute; 3- Butter alternative; 4- In spite of; 5- Emcee's job; 6- PBS benefactor; 7- ___ Hashanah; 8- Carefree; 9- Barbecue leftovers?; 10- Direct; 11- Prefix with classical; 12- Some MIT grads; 13- Literary monogram; 21- Self; 23- Tight swimsuit; 26- Ogle; 27- Beginnings; 28- Lipton competitor; 29- Warm season; 30- Prima ballerina; 31- Sampled; 32- Switchblade; 33- Big name in foil; 36- "Oedipe" composer Georges; 46- ___ Crucifix; 48- "Fear of Flying" author Jong; 49- Fertile area in a desert; 51- Archer of myth; 53- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 54- Low-cal; 55- Praise; 56- Atlanta-based cable channel; 57- ... man ___ mouse?; 58- Louis XIV, e.g.; 60- PretendPinafore; 64- Wide shoe size



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Fire department 28 572 222
Water Supply - Report 1990 992
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
Macau Daily Times 28 716 081
Customs 28 559 944
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opinion

Extra Time

John Leicester, AP

STATE-RUN DOPING, THUGS,
WHAT NEXT FROM RUSSIA?

First athletics, now football. With Russia, the problems continue to mount.

The question facing administrators in both sports is do they have the stomach to act decisively? Or will they fudge and obfuscate, essentially becoming complicit in disgusting Russian behavior that should have no place in sports?

This week should provide answers, although, sadly, probably not satisfying ones.

For UEFA, the European governing body of football, the case against Russia should be clear-cut. The European Championship, its flagship tournament, was off to a promising start in France before organized Russian thugs descended on the port city of Marseille with just one thought in their tiny minds: to crack English skulls.

Admittedly, English fans did themselves no favors, with drunken, loutish behavior of their own. But the viciousness of groups of Russians hunting English rivals in organized packs took even the hardened French riot police by surprise.

Because terrorism is France's No. 1 concern after the terror attacks that killed 130 people in Paris in November, riot police say their forces and focus were concentrated on securing the perimeters of Marseille's most obvious, target-rich sites: its 67,000-seat stadium and designated zone for fans to watch matches on jumbo TVs.

But instead of extremists with guns and suicide belts, they found themselves facing fight-trained, seemingly well-organized Russian meathheads attacking English fans with fists and worse in the Old Port.

"They were there to smash the British," said Dominique Mesquida, a riot police union representative.

"Like grasshoppers that destroy everything and leave," said another riot police labor leader, Bruno Trani.

The medicine for this disease has to be administered by Russia itself, with lots of arm-twisting from UEFA and world governing body FIFA. Just as England did with its hooligans, driving them out of stadiums and largely underground, Russia's government, police and sports administrators must act decisively and quickly, before foreign fans who travel to Russia for the 2018 World Cup become the next victims of Russian hooligan gangs with a taste for uber-violence.

French authorities say their British counterparts provided plenty of help against would-be hooligans for Euro 2016, confiscating the passports of 3,000 people thought to be a risk so they could not travel to France. But from Russia, almost nothing: Just 30 names, the French say. That shows either that Russian authorities don't have a handle on the scale of their hooligan problem or, which would be worse, that they do but aren't cooperating. Either way, it's not good enough. Police estimated the number of Russians involved in the violence at 200-250. Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin gave a figure of 150 and said they "were prepared for hyper-quick and hyper-violent intervention."

UEFA could fine Russia or tickle it with a feather, because they are the same thing. It could ban Russian fans from a few future matches of the national team, the equivalent of a wrist-slap the hooligans won't feel. Or, better, it could make Russia's qualification for the next championship dependent on real, measureable progress. Say it will dock points off its team, bar its route to Euro 2020, if there is even a whiff of further trouble. That would be embarrassing for Russia because St. Petersburg is among the European cities that will host tournament games. Perhaps that might prompt Russian government action.

Then, on Friday, the spotlight will shine on another massive blackspot in Russian sports: systematic doping in an array of disciplines. Again, the case before track and field's governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations, should be clear-cut, because of mounds of compelling evidence that Russian authorities have, at best, long ignored a huge problem right under the noses or, at worst, that Russian officials were complicit in doping programs and cover-ups.

The decision facing the IAAF is, admittedly, a tough one. The collective punishment of a blanket-ban on Russian participation in the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in August would hurt athletes who have never cheated. But allowing Russian athletes to compete for Olympic medals would also ease pressure on Russian authorities before the clean-up of Russian doping is complete.

Russian doping and Russian hooliganism are Russian problems that Russia itself must sort out. Football fans shouldn't have to worry that they're going to get a Russian fist or flare in their face. Athletes shouldn't have to worry whether the competitor in front of them in a Russian jersey got there with needles and pills.

The only question football and athletics must ask themselves this week is which of those two sides they are on.

Trevor Huggins, Paris

ITALY opened its campaign with an impressive victory over Belgium, while defending champion Spain beat the Czech Republic on a good day for the big teams at the European Championship yesterday.

Ridiculed by their own media as one of the country's worst tournament teams, the Italian players responded with a remarkable 2-0 victory that sent the Azzurri to the top of Group E after Sweden and Ireland drew 1-1 in an earlier match.

Spain needed a late goal from Gerard Pique to beat a particularly stubborn Czech Republic 1-0.

Though the football finally took center stage, Euro 2016 remains dogged by an opening weekend that witnessed drink-fueled violence involving English and Russian fans on the streets of Marseille and the city's stadium.

Yesterday, a Marseille court convicted six English supporters and imposed prison sentences ranging from one-to-three months to five of them.

There are concerns of further trouble in northern France this week, with Russia playing Slovakia on Wednesday in Lille, about 30 kilometers from Lens, where England plays Wales on Thursday.

Prompted by a UEFA warning that England and Russia could be kicked

EURO 2016 | ROUNDUP

Spain, Italy turn on the style in France



Italy's players celebrate their 2-0 win at the end of the Euro 2016 Group E soccer match against Belgium at the Grand Stade in Decines-Charpieu

out of the tournament if the violence continues, England coach Roy Hodgson and captain Wayne Rooney both made video appeals for their supporters to behave.

Tight defending and two well-taken

goals were the keys to Italy's victory in Lyon against a Belgium lineup tipped by some to win the tournament.

While the likes of Eden Hazard and Kevin De Bruyne failed to deliver, despite Belgium enjoying plenty of possession, Emanuele Giaccherini and Graziano Pelle made a mockery of Italy's underdog status.

Giaccherini pounced on a stunning 40-meter ball over the Belgium defense by Leonardo Bonucci to score in the 32nd minute and Pelle rounded off a breakaway with an unstoppable volley from inside the area in stoppage time.

"The critics were all against us," said Italy coach Antonio Conte, who got a bloody nose in the celebrations that followed Giaccherini's opener. "But this is the beauty of football. You get the chance to prove people

LATEST RESULTS

France	2	1	Romania
Albania	0	1	Switzerland
Wales	2	1	Slovakia
England	1	1	Russia
Turkey	0	1	Croatia
Poland	1	0	Northern Ireland
Germany	2	0	Ukraine
Spain	1	0	Czech Republic
Republic of Ireland	1	1	Sweden
Belgium	0	2	Italy

DEVELOPMENTS

and events yesterday from soccer's European Championship (all times are Paris time, GMT+2):

11:55 p.m.

The head of English football says he has "serious concerns" about the security arrangements for England's match against Wales in the European Championship on Thursday.

The match will be played in the northern city of Lens, which is only 30 kilometers from Lille, where Russia will take on Slovakia the day before.

There were violent clashes between fans of England and Russia in Marseille last week, and UEFA has threatened the countries with potential expulsion from the tournament if there is more fighting among supporters.

In a letter to UEFA, Football Association Chairman Greg Dyke has urged

EURO 2016 | THE LATEST

English football chief voices

the body to bring together the policing authorities in Lens and Lille and put a "coordinated and effective plan in place."

Dyke says "we are working with all of the authorities and UEFA to do everything we can to avoid a repeat."

11:05 p.m.

The British government has told England and Wales fans to stay away from Lille and Lens if they don't have tickets for the European Championship soccer match between the teams.

England and Wales play Thursday in Lens, only 30 kilometers (around 20 miles) from Lille, where Russia will take on Slovakia on Wednesday.

The new warning from Britain's Foreign Office follows clashes between England and Russia fans in Marseille last week.

The British government's updated travel advice says fans headed to northern France "are advised to be cautious and those without tickets for the match should avoid Lille and Lens during this period."

8:55 p.m.

A Marseille court has convicted six English soccer fans and handed prison sentences ranging from one-to-three months to five of them for involvement in rioting at the European Championship.

The swift sentencing yesterday appeared aimed at sending a message to po-

tential hooligans for the rest of the monthlong tournament being played in cities throughout France.

Defense lawyer Henri Viguier says the sentences were a consequence of a climate of fear surrounding Euro 2016 and "in another context, the sentences would have been totally different."

At the same court, a French man was sentenced to a year in prison and an Austrian was given a five-month prison term, also for involvement in the three days of rioting that left the streets of Marseille littered with broken glass and furniture ripped from terraces.

One English man was given a suspended one-month sentence and all the fo-

EURO 2016 | PREVIEW

Russian fans in spotlight as team prepares for Slovakia

Eric Willemsen, Lille, France

RUSSIA will be looking to build on its stoppage-time equalizer against England when it meets Slovakia today in the European Championship.

However, Vasily Berezutsky's headed goal, which salvaged a 1-1 draw on Saturday, has been overshadowed by the behavior of its fans, notably when they stormed a section of England supporters inside the stadium.

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UEFA has opened disciplinary proceedings over the violence that surrounded the match and has threatened both Russia and England with ex-



Supporters clash at the end of the Euro 2016 Group B soccer match between England and Russia, at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille

pulsion from the tournament if there is further violence by their fans.

Russia's football's governing body has called on fans to "obey the law" and "respect the opponents and their fans."

An additional security concern surrounding today's Group B in the northern city of Lille is that England fans aren't going to be too far away. England plays its second Euro 2016 match against Wales the following day in Lens, which is just 30 kilometers away. Many British fans are expected to travel through much-larger

Lille, or even stay there, on route to Lens.

French authorities are stepping up their security efforts and sending an extra company of at least 80 riot police officers to the city, on top of the 480 police officers and eight companies of riot police already planned for matches

in Lille.

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As the Soviet Union, the team won the first European Championship in 1960 though that was a very different event involving just four teams in the final stage. Its best recent performance as Russia came in 2008 when it made the semifinals.

Competing at its first European Championship as an independent nation, Slovakia is in need of a win after its defeat to Wales if it's going to have a realistic chance of getting out of the group stage.

Russia and Slovakia have a history of close matches. The two qualifying matches for the 2006 World Cup were drawn, while both teams won their respective away games 1-0 when their paths crossed again six years later in qualifying for Euro 2012.

Most recently, however, Russia won a friendly match 1-0 in St. Petersburg two years ago. AP

TODAY'S MATCHES Oddschecker.com

Wed	21:00	Russia	Slovakia	H 2.45, D 3.28, A 3.4
Thu	0:00	Romania	Switzerland	H 3.54, D 3.25, A 2.4
Thu	3:00	France	Albania	H 1.22, D 7, A 22

Group A	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
France	1	1	0	0	2 - 1	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	1 - 0	3
Romania	1	0	0	1	1 - 2	0
Albania	1	0	0	1	0 - 1	0

Group B	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Wales	1	1	0	0	2 - 1	3
England	1	0	1	0	1 - 1	1
Russia	1	0	1	0	1 - 1	1
Slovakia	1	0	0	1	1 - 2	0

Group C	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Germany	1	1	0	0	2 - 0	3
Poland	1	1	0	0	1 - 0	3
N. Ireland	1	0	0	1	0 - 1	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	0 - 2	0

Group D	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Croatia	1	1	0	0	1 - 0	3
Spain	0	0	0	0	1 - 0	0
Czech Rep.	0	0	0	1	0 - 0	0
Turkey	1	0	0	1	0 - 1	0

Group E	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Italy	1	1	0	0	2 - 0	3
Sweden	1	0	1	0	1 - 1	1
Rep. Ireland	1	0	1	0	1 - 1	1
Belgium	1	0	0	1	0 - 2	0

security concerns

reigners were banned from France for two years.

There were no Russians on trial, despite a Marseille prosecutor earlier in the day blaming "highly trained" Russian thugs for the worst of the violence in the cobbled streets of the city's Old Port and around the Stade Velodrome.

8:00 p.m.

There will be a minute's silence in all European Championship fan zones at 8:30 p.m. local time Monday to honor the 49 people killed at an Orlando nightclub.

The Paris town hall press office says in a statement that the moment of silence will be a mark of support for the victims, their relatives and the American peo-

ple as a whole.

The office says "the tribute will also be the occasion to reaffirm values of freedom, tolerance, living-together and sharing, which play a fundamental role in the world of football and sports."

6:50 p.m.

British police say additional officers have been deployed to France following the unrest between England and Russia fans around their game in Marseille on Saturday.

England is playing Wales on Thursday in Lens, only 30 kilometers from Lille, where Russia will take on Slovakia the previous day.

Mark Roberts, who leads soccer policing in Britain, says "additional

officers from the UK have been deployed to support the French policing operation in Lens and Lille in the lead up to the next game."

6:30 p.m.

The Welsh soccer association has advised fans to avoid traveling to Lille and Lens for the European Championship game against England if they don't have a ticket.

Rioting marred England's game against Russia in Marseille on Saturday.

6:25 p.m.

Shops and supermarkets in the French city of Lyon have been banned from selling alcohol to fans for the duration of the European Championship.

Michel Delpuech, the Lyon area's top official, took the decision after Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve called on local authorities to use all

measures to prevent fan violence after drink-fueled rioting by England and Russia fans in Marseille over the weekend.

5:10 p.m.

A male fan ran onto the field after Spain beat the Czech Republic 1-0 Monday at the Stadium de Toulouse and was able to hug and greet several players without stadium stewards reacting.

The fan ran toward the Spanish players and hugged goal scorer Gerard Pique, and shook the hands of several other players. He was able to freely walk back toward the stands after more than a minute on the field.

He strolled back toward the stands and a UEFA official finally told a female steward to deal with him. She guided him back into the stands.

The fan wasn't wearing team colors.

opinion

Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



MACAU'S INCREDIBLE TELECOM DATA ROAMING RIP-OFF

Telecom service providers in Macau are blatantly ripping off their customers with usurious data roaming charges and I cannot understand why the Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation has let this situation come about, and why it is permitted to continue. I also do not understand why other telecom regulators around the world permit similar situations to continue - why aren't operating licenses being strongly renegotiated?

As well as over 850 minutes of local voice calls, my local mobile telephone service plan gives me 2GB of local data each month. Even if voice calls are free, this is equivalent to a data charge of MOP0.06/MB, and if I go over my 2GB limit extra data usage is only charged at the rate of MOP0.10/MB.

I have just returned from a holiday trip to the USA and Canada and I have just received a bill of MOP1,859 for "international data roaming charges" where we are talking about less than 14MB of data usage in total. My local telecom service provider is happily telling me that their international data roaming charges are MOP0.14/kB, or over 1,300 times the local data rate charge and they do not seem to think that this is a rip-off!

By comparison, I seem to have paid less than MOP10/minute for my international roaming voice calls. If my mobile phone plan is entirely for voice calls, I am charged the equivalent of about MOP0.15/minute for local calls, so that these international roaming voice calls are charged at a rate of about 70 times the local voice call rate - only 5 percent of the difference between local and international roaming data charges.

Usury is normally defined as an unconscionable or exorbitant rate or amount of interest and I consider that charging 1,300 times the local rate for international data roaming certainly fits this definition. While it is less objectionable, I also believe that charging 70 times the local voice call rate for international roaming voice calls also fits this definition.

To put this in context, a McDonald's hamburger in Macau costs me about MOP30, and these international charges are the equivalent of McDonald's in Macau charging me MOP2,100 (at the voice call rate) or MOP39,000 (at the data rate) for a hamburger delivered to me by McDonald's in the USA because I am a tourist travelling there, while USA locals are paying USD3-5 for their hamburgers.

People, might argue that this is a case of "caveat emptor" - let the buyer beware - and that international telecoms charges are well known to be expensive, and people can buy temporary SIM cards when they are travelling. However, usury is not the same as expensive - usury is illegal and people go to jail for it. And these roaming charge rates are clearly usury!

It is also totally unacceptable for my Macau telecom service provider to happily tell me that the high cost is because that is what they must pay the USA telecom company that provides the roaming - I am their customer and why haven't they negotiated a much better international roaming deal for me? Why are they so happy for other companies to rip off their customers?

This whole situation raises the very serious question of how much tourists visiting Macau are being charged for international data roaming while they are here? If tourists to Macau are not being charged these rates, why are local residents being charged them when they travel outside of Macau? If tourists to Macau are being charged comparable rates then this is causing very serious damage to Macau's reputation as a tourist destination. Is it acceptable for local telecom companies to do such damage to Macau's reputation as a tourism destination - I say it is totally unacceptable.

THE BUZZ A-LEAGUE'S NEWCASTLE JETS SOLD TO SHENZHEN-BASED LEDMAN GROUP

Football Federation Australia has sold the A-League club Newcastle Jets to China's Ledman Group.

FFA chairman Steven Lowy said the Ledman Group's investment is a significant step in Australian football's engagement with Asia.

"Ledman's move is a signpost towards our

future in the fastest growing football region in the world," Lowy said. Details of the deal were not disclosed.

The Shenzhen-based Ledman Group, a manufacturer of high-tech LED signage, is an official partner of the Chinese Super League and owns a club in the third tier of China's domestic competition.

Shanghai evicts small polluters for Disney theme park



Scrap collectors load materials into a truck on the site of demolished factories in Zhoupu Township in Pudong district of Shanghai

Paul Traynor, Shanghai

Authorities have evicted hundreds of Shanghai residents and dozens of businesses to clean up the air and make way for the newest Disney theme park, which opened yesterday.

Residents were paid for lost homes but hundreds of employees of shuttered factories say they don't know where their next jobs will be.

"You can find low-paying work. But jobs that pay better you can't get," said a 50-year-old equipment inspector at China Xingyue Group, which makes small utility vehicles and motorbikes. He would give only his

surname, Chen.

The story has been repeated thousands of times across China over the past two decades as the communist government removed farmers and small businesses for construction of factories, office towers, hydroelectric dams and other projects.

Authorities who used to turn out residents with little compensation have gotten more sophisticated about smoothing the transition. But the outcome is the same: A community uprooted to make way for economic development.

In the district near the Disney site, at least 153 factories were ordered to close

this year to cut pollution, according to the local government. Most are workshops that employ 10 to 20 people producing goods ranging from clothing to chemicals.

Shanghai's air pollution isn't as bad as Beijing's eye-searing smog but regularly exceeds levels the World Health Organization says are safe.

Qin Lijun's home was demolished in 2013 to make way for Disney construction. She prefers her new, 70-square-meter (700-square-foot) apartment, one of three given to her extended family, where she lives with her dog, Harry.

"The surroundings of the village, it doesn't compare to now. You would be working in the factories there during the day, and then tending to your land when you got home," said Qin. "Here, you walk out and it's all greenery and flowers. The surroundings are so much better."

Xingyue Group plans to relocate its factory to neighboring Zhejiang province but some of its 200 employees have no plans to go along.

"Some people have been here full-time for more than ten years," said a welder who would give only his surname, Cao. "We're just going to have to find other work." AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	25-45 Good
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Moderate
Ambient	30-50 Good

WORLD BRIEFS



INDIA A small group of Donald Trump fans in India celebrated the presumptive Republican presidential nominee's 70th birthday yesterday in a New Delhi park. This is the second event the group has staged, after last month a dozen members lit a ritual fire and chanted mantras asking Hindu gods to help Trump win the U.S. presidential election.

MALDIVES A newly formed opposition alliance says it will seek to oust the Maldives' president and form an interim government to ensure elections scheduled in 2018 will be free and fair.

AUSTRALIA is considering canceling the visa of an Islamic cleric who has reportedly preached against homosexuality, the government said yesterday. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said that the country has "zero tolerance" for people who preach hatred in Australia.

BAHRAIN suspends the country's largest Shiite political group and freezes its assets amid a widening crackdown on activists.



EURO 2016 Groups of Russia fans are being deported from France after repeated scenes of violence, the BBC reported. French police blamed 150 "well-trained" Russian hooligans for clashes before England played Russia in Marseille. Meanwhile, six English fans were jailed yesterday [Macau time]. More on p18-19

EU-TURKEY The European Union's top envoy to Turkey has resigned, less than a year into the job, after falling out with officials in Ankara at a critical juncture in EU-Turkey relations.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua



A car is lifted from a river yesterday in Gutingshan area of Liuzhou, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Torrential rain hit Liuzhou yesterday morning.