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The life of Irish writer James Joyce was celebrated during a Bloomsday reception held at the Macau Military Club



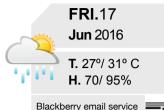
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SENADO NOTARY OFFICE TO CLOSE

Marreiros says Holy House of Mercy victim of 'evil act'

Paulo Barbosa

HE removal of the First Notary Office from the historical Holy House of Mercy building at Senado Square would represent "an evil act, revealing political myopia, an unspeakable act," Macanese architect Carlos Marreiros told the Times yesterday.

The former president of the Macau Holy House of Mercy (between 98 and 2000) was commenting on the government's decision to move the First Notary Office from its current location to the Northern district.

The plan was announced this week by Legislative Assembly committee spokesperson Kwan Tsui Hang, but has not yet been officially confirmed. However, there are clear signs that the decision has already been made.

Legal Affairs Bureau (DSAJ) director Liu Dexue said yesterday that the move would be a way to "manage the work in a more balanced way." The director added that moving the Notary Office to the Northern district would enable it to "provide a better service," and that the decision had not been made because of financial concerns. The government pays the Holy House of Mercy monthly rent of MOP 1.2 million for the Notary Office. The rental contract expires in December.

According to Carlos Marreiros, who is also a "brother" (the designation of members of Fraternity of the Macau Holy House of Mercy) and president of Albergue SCM (which is managed independently from the Holy House, despite renting its facilities), the move could be related to cronyism.

"Many Chinese friends of mine are speculating that the rental contract will be terminated because the Holy House of Mercy is not part of the group of [political] buddies. What matters is to rent low-quality buildings [to be used as government offices] at huge rents," he said.

"If the government 'dries up'

The citizens feel that the government doesn't care about their concerns, instead seeks to benefit its buddies. This must be denounced.

CARLOS MARREIROS



Entrance of the First Notary Office



The historical Holy House of Mercy building

an income source of the Holy House of Mercy, it disadvantages the population. Most of the beneficiaries of the Holy House's action are Chinese, [such as] the elderly home, nursery and scholarships. [...] It seems that the government doesn't listen to the population and then it shows surprise when people criticize its actions. The citizens feel that the government doesn't care about their concerns, instead seeks to benefit its buddies. This must be denounced," Marreiros asser-

There are also claims that the plan to remove the Notary Office from Senado Square may be linked to the fact that the Holy House of Mercy building displays Portuguese symbols.

The Macanese architect finds the explanation illogical:

"It's an absurdity and I find it hard to believe, also because the building is an wonderful example of hybrid architecture in Macau. The building is so valuable that it is listed as part of the world heritage sites by UNESCO."

Marreiros explained that the ancestral building does not even display colonial symbols, since the building's heraldry is linked to the Holy House of Mercy's history. The ancient institution's coat of arms features a skull, meaning that the try," he says.

brothers have the right to a proper burial, and the Portuguese coat of arms.

The architect stresses that those symbols are not registered with the United Nations as Portuguese symbols, since the current Portuguese flag is republican. He adds that if someone in the local administration decided to move the Notary Office on those grounds, "that person should be fired, because we would have a diplomatic incident."

Regarding the potential consequences of the end of the contract with the government, Carlos Marreiros says that it would "cause a major blow to the Holy House of Mercy's revenue, because the Holy House is a charity and doesn't receive direct subsidies from the government." A significant part of the institution's revenue comes from renting its facilities, as well as from donations.

But the architect believes that these financial concerns may soon be addressed: "I have no doubts that if the government terminates their lease, there won't be a lack of parties interested in renting it. The location is privileged."

Originally called the "Confraternity and Fraternity of the Macau Holy House of Mercy," the institution was created shortly after the founding of Macau as a Portuguese settlement by Bishop D. Belchior Carneiro. The Bishop was a key figure in the early history of Macau, and was linked to the founding of the first local political institution, the Senate, in 1583.

Most of the house is closed off from the public. In December 2001, a section of its main building was opened as a museum. According to the institution's website, the museum houses "an invaluable collection of Macau's Catholic relics, which bear testimony to the history of Western culture that was introduced to China through Macau."

To Carlos Marreiros, the Holy House of Mercy is "the major representative" of Macanese culture.

"There is no other institution with higher dignity and ances-

FREITAS: 'VERY BAD NEWS FOR THE HOLY HOUSE'

THE CURRENT president of the Holy House of Mercy, António José de Freitas, reacted to the government's intention to end the contract this week: "If confirmed, this would be very bad news for the Holy House. It would be a blow to our source of income."

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'The Portuguese community will become smaller'

THE Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) organized a Tourism Education Student Summit on the IFT campus this week. Sixteen presentations on different topics related to Macau's gaming and tourism industries were presented to the audience.

Remus Xu Lufan, one of five student presenters honored with a best paper award, illustrated the concept of destination image branding based on Chinese and Portuguese Communities in Macau. Xu collected 117 completed questionnaires, 67 of which were filled by Chinese respondents aged between 25 and 34, while the other 50 were from Portuguese people aged between 18 and 24.

His work indicates a great difference between the two communities' perceptions of Macau's brand image, as well as their opinions on government initiatives. On average, the Portuguese respondents awarded lower scores in all categories listed under the



Remus Xu Lufan

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physical environment section, such as cultural heritage and natural scenery. In terms of social environment, however, they said Macau is safer and more politically stable. On other matters, such as cleanliness and business opportunities, they were less satisfied than Chinese respondents. The IFT student, who majored in Tourism Business Management, spoke to the Macau Daily Times about his work.

MDT - What are the

main differences between the perceptions of the two communities?

Remus Xu (RX) - From my perspective, it is the cultural and lifestyle differences that influence the perceptions of these two groups of people. The results indicated that Portuguese respondents focused more on citizens' rights and daily life, while Chinese respondents were more concerned with the government's work efficiency and effectiveness.

The Portuguese stated that

Macau was a very nice place to live. Of course, Portuguese residents play an essential role in Macau, but we do not know if this will continue in the future.

Another thing mentioned by some Portuguese respondents is that the government should seek to improve residents' language skills. Most of the people in Macau speak Chinese and unfortunately, the population's English knowledge is not as proficient as it should be, given Macau's status as an international city.

MDT - What do you think has caused the difference?

RX - I think it is because Western countries have very advanced welfare policies, education systems and health care facilities that Macau needs to emulate. As most of my Portuguese respondents were not originally born in Macau, that might cause them to compare their precognition of their own country's system with what they now know of Macau's system.

The language skills are definitely a handicap in the communication between the different groups of people who are living in Macau. Chinese people are dominant in Macau's society but they are not the only ethnic group here.

MDT - What do you foresee in terms of Macau's development related to both communities?

RX - I think Macau has been putting a lot of effort into promoting itself as having a mixture of Chinese and Portuguese cultures, for the purposes of tourism marketing. However, it does not involve its Portuguese residents a lot in urban development. Although [they are] a really small group, they play a very influential role in all kinds of industries in Macau. So the government should put more effort into improving Portuguese people's daily lives and enhancing communication between them and other groups of residents.

I believe that the Portuguese community will become smaller and less important in Macau society in future, since over 90 percent of residents are Chinese or from a Chinese cultural background.

Popularizing English or Portuguese in Macau should be one of the most important tasks to advance the development of society. Gradually, Portuguese people in Macau may feel more welcome and have an increased emotional attachment to Macau. **Staff reporter**

MAM exhibition celebrates 70 years of Shanghai artist

AN exhibition celebrating the calligraphy, paintings, seal engravings and literatiplaythings of artist Han Tianheng will be inaugurated today at 6.30 p.m. at the Macao Museum of Art's (MAM) Gallery of Chinese Paintings and Calligraphy.

Jointly organized by MAM and the Han Tianheng Art Museum in Shanghai, the "Exhibition of the 70th Anniversary of Han Tianheng"



features 188 pieces from the artist's life, allowing audiences to appreciate his unique creation style and achievements.

The featured works include copies and seal engravings of the inscriptions on pagodas from early Chinese history, as well as selected works of large-character calligraphy and the zhuwen seal Dan Qing Wen Dao.

The artist's literati playthings – such as

inkstones, red stoneware utensils, water pots and armrests – will also be showcased to illustrate his aesthetic interest from different perspectives.

Han was born in Shanghai in 1940 into a family that came from Suzhou in Jiangsu Province. According to a statement from the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Han is a "prestigious master and scholar in contemporary painting and seal engraving, and has achieved remarkable success in the artistic field for his creativity and impact."

Known for his innovation and inspiring creations, Han's works have been collected by museums and galleries in China and abroad, including the British Museum.

Han has been associated with Macau's art, culture and press circles since the 1980s. He established a close

friendship with many senior figures of the local art and cultural sector such as Chui Tak Kei, Lam Kan, U Kuan Wai and Lei Pang Chu, and has contributed significantly to artistic exchange between Shanghai and Macau.

MAM will host the exhibition until August 7. The admission cost is MOP5, but it is free on Sundays and public holidays. The exhibition is closed on Mondays.

Daniel Beitler

Bloomsday reception was held at the Macau Military Club last night, where aside from presentations of the latest developments in the Irish community of Macau, the life and works of Irish writer James Joyce was celebrated.

The event drew a total of around 80 to 90 attendees according to organizers, including members of the Trinity College Dublin Chapel Choir, who had arrived in the city to perform at the conclusion to last night's activities.

Bloomsday is a celebration and commemoration of the novel "Ulysses" by iconic Irish writer James Joyce. It chronicles the story of Leopold Bloom, who is both the protagonist and "anti-hero" in the story, according to the Consul General of Ireland to Hong Kong and Macau, Peter Ryan.

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> PETER RYAN CONSUL OF IRELAND TO HK AND MACAU

Irish community hosts Bloomsday celebration



Peter Ryan

place on a single day, June 16, 1904, in Dublin, where [in some sense] the whole of Bloom's life is packed into a single day," explained Ryan. "So on this day we celebrate with readings [from the novel], eating some of the food that Bloom ate and trying to recreate parts of his day."

Ryan explained that recreating the day, as part of the celebrations, is an important way to improve accessibility of the story, especially for young people. The novel is notorious for being difficult to read, and "people often dip in and out of it," explained Ryan.

Highlighting the significance of the book to Ireland's culture, Ryan said: "They say that, if Dublin was destroyed [suddenly], it could be rebuilt based on the detail and des-

criptions in the book."

Last night's event was the latest in a series of recent activities organized by the Irish Consulate General and the Chamber of Commerce. In March, a Saint Patrick's Day parade was held in the MSAR for the first time drawing the attendance of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Críona Ní Dhálaigh. On the preceding night the Ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral in Macau, along with many iconic buildings and structures around the world, were illuminated in green.

Asked whether the latest event is part of a larger campaign to increase the presence of Irish culture in Macau, Ryan said: "We just want to make more friends here. More friends of Ireland in Macau and more friends of Macau in Ireland."

visited Macau to perform at the Bloomsday reception, also attended a meeting with students at the Matteo Ricci College earlier yesterday.

"We want to show off the musical pieces related to Joyce," said choir member Eimear Sparks, "and also to show that there is more to Ireland than the stereotypes that are often associated with it."

"The students at Macau Ricci were more interested in music in general and how to fit it into their schedules, than learning about Irish culture," she admitted, but added that the reception at the school had been positive.

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added the Consul Gene-

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Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam was also present at the event and explained to the choir members Macau's historical purpose as a link between East and West.

"Macau is a place which links the West with Chinese culture," said Tam. "The people of Macau are happy to receive and meet people from around the world. We hope that you come back soon and perhaps next time we can visit you [in Ireland]."

Tam and representatives of the choir exchanged gifts before the performance. "In my official role as the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, I want to enhance this kind of exchange," added Tam. "I think we can do more of it in the future."

Separately, a children's art contest was held in the MSAR, inviting the participation of local school children that were tasked with incorporating the Irish national figure of Saint Patrick into a Macau setting.

According to Niall Murray, Chairman of the Irish Chamber of Commerce of Macau, over 2,000 entries were submitted, of which nine distinguished students were awarded during last night's festivities.

Inmate dies of unknown causes at Coloane Prison

A 57-year-old inmate from mainland China died in the early morning of June 15 in Macau's Public Hospital (CHCSJ) after being transported there by the Coloane Prison services, the Correctional Service Bureau (DSC) announced in a statement.

According to the statement, the detainee showed signs of breathing difficulties and spasmodic contractions when he was discovered by prison guards during their overnight rounds. He received assistance on site from the prison's medical staff, at which point he was immediately transported to the CHCSJ for further assistance.

After unsuccessful treatment in the hospital, the detainee was pronounced dead a little before 2.00 a.m. on June 15. The DSC stated that the cause of his death was still being investigated by the hospital. The recluse had been detained in Coloane Prison since April 2014 after being sentenced to six years and eight months' imprisonment for crimes related to drug trafficking and use. The statement also noted that the inmate had a medical history of allergic rhinitis, which he had suffered for over 10 years, and a record of methamphetamine (ice) abuse that required periodical treatment. The DSC also stated that he had recently been treated at the prison's medical center for asthma-related symptoms. The family of the deceased was promptly informed. The DSC has opened an internal investigation into the case and will reveal the cause of death upon confirmation from the CHCSJ. RM





Guard forgets gun at Grand Lisboa

A gun was spotted yesterday morning at a bank branch in Grand Lisboa, according to a TDM report. A guard from a security company has reclaimed the weapon, admitting that he forgot it. The police confirmed that there were three bullets in the gun at the time the gun was handed in, and that it has returned the gun to the company. The situation violates the law regulating the activities of local private security companies. As a result, the company responsible for the incident could be fined and the employee's firearm qualification might be revoked. The employee in question has since been suspended.

New facilities to be located at Taipa landfills

The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) is searching for contractors to build a road at the Taipa construction waste material landfill area. DSSOPT issued a call for bids yesterday and has so far received a total of 17 bids. The bureau stated that an inert construction sorting field and a field for preferentially processing abandoned vehicles will also be established in the area. DSSOPT claimed that the construction of the road will not disrupt neighboring traffic, as all activities will be located within the landfill perimeter.

DSPA announces Green Hotel Awards winners

THE 2015 Macau Green Hotel Awards, organized by the Environmental Health Bureau (DSPA), rewarded 23 hotels for their part in raising awareness of the importance of environmental management in the city's hotel industry.

During a ceremony held yesterday, several hotels were awarded the Gold Status Award, namely Crown Towers, Sands Macao Hotel, Hotel Okura Macau, Grand Hyatt Hotel and Hard Rock Hotel.

Grand Lisboa Hotel, Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Royal Hotel, Galaxy Hotel, Riviera Hotel, Hotel Guide and Grand Emperor Hotel were awarded the Silver Award. L'Arc Hotel Macau received the Bronze Award.

The 2015 Macau Green Hotel Awards also presented the "Prémio Pensão Verde," a new award for budget hostels. Four guesthouses, including East Asia Hotel, Ole London Hotel, Hotel Sun Sun and Ole Tai Sam Un Hotel, received



the award.

This year, an award titled "Green Loyalty Award" was given to seven hotels. The new award aims to acknowledge the support received by the Green Hotel Awards from several hotels.

DSPA Director Tam Vai Man said that the 2015 awardees have surpassed last year's achievements.

"The [hotels] had achieved the best results in various ways, either in reducing their consumption of electricity and water or in reducing general and food waste."

He also revealed that the bureau would create an "environmental protection certificate" for budget hotels that have taken basic eco-friendly measures, in order to encourage them to improve their environmental performance.

According to data provided by DSPA, the awarded hotels saved an average of 19,000 kWh of electricity and some 240m3 of water per room.

The hotels also reduced their waste by over 15 percent this year, more than 5,000 tons of

recyclable waste in 2015.

Sands China Ltd director of Sustainability & MEP – Plant Operation, Syed Mubarak, stressed that all Sands' properties are Macau Green Award-certified and proudly participate in several green initiatives such as "Green Meetings" and the "Green Stay Program."

"We do have a program that our guests can participate in and receive reward points," he revealed. "Of course, we promote how they can focus on reducing energy consumption when staying with us."

General manager of Grand Hyatt Macau Paul Kwok also said the hotel has invested in green measures by replacing lighting with low-wattage LED lights in all guestrooms, restaurants, function rooms, public areas and the plant rooms.

"The cost of LED lights are much lower and they could last for two years," Kwok said, revealing that it has already reformed 75 percent of the hotel's lighting.

According to Kwok, all of their measures in practicing environmental-friendly actions are a "win-win situation," as the hotel experiences a cut on its overall cost while participating in the green initiative.

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HK CANTOPOP ANDY HUI TO PERFORM AT THE VENETIAN



Hong Kong Cantopop singer Andy Hui is set to hit the stage of The Venetian's Cotai Arena with his latest concert "Andy Hui Come On: Part Two Live 2016 Macau" on July 23, in celebration of his 30-year career in the music industry.

The concert series kicked off in May with four consecutive sell-out concerts in Hong Kong. In addition to performing some of his greatest hits, Andy Hui will also show off his dynamic moves for his fans in the city, as stated in Sands China's press release.

Since beginning his career in 1986, the pop star has released an extensive list of classic hits over the years and has been awarded several trophies for his musical achievements.

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

New Macau head deemed suspect in public disorder case

Daniel Beitler

THE president of New Macau Association (ANM), Scott Chiang, was brought in by the Public Security Police Force for questioning yesterday, as predicted a day earlier by the group's leadership. Chiang has now been named a suspect in a case of disorderly conduct.

Chiang is being investigated for his part in organizing a May 15 protest against a RMB100 million (MOP123 million) donation to Jinan University, which demanded the Chief Executive's resignation.

"I met with the police [yester-day] for around an hour and they asked me some questions. I have been declared a suspect [in a case] of disobedience," Chiang told the Times.

Chiang said that he was unable to disclose the details of his questioning as "the case is still ongoing," but asserted that Macau authorities seem more interested in building a case against him than looking into some of



Scott Chiang (center) pictured during the May 15 demonstration against the Macau Foundation donation to Jinan University

the complaints raised by the protest.

Jason Chao, ANM's vice president, on Wednesday said that police actions in the investigation show signs of "political persecution" due to the victimization of individuals who raised issues during the protest.

"They are trying to fabricate a case against those who actually go on the street and those who are against the funding," he said. "It is disheartening to see that the administration did not respond to our

demand for reform."

The RMB100 million donation to Jinan University via the Macau Foundation drew criticism last month after some speculated that Chief Executive Chui Sai On had abused his position of power. Chui is being accused of using his ties to the mainland education institution to facilitate the monetary transfer.

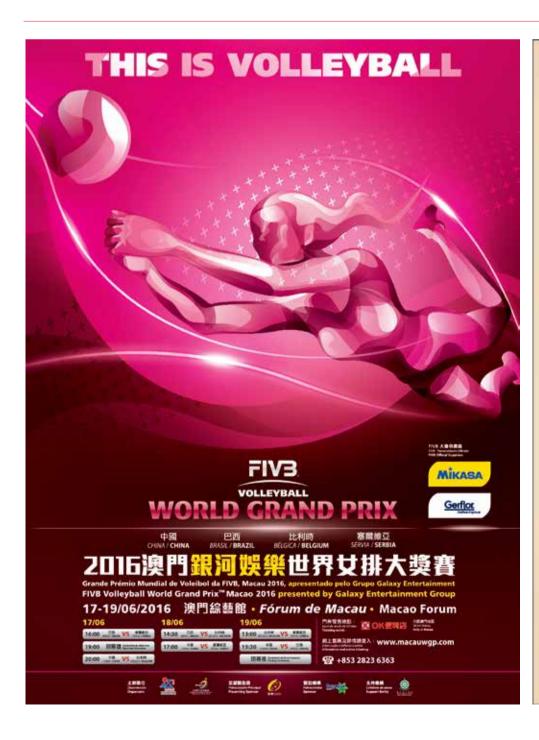
The large-scale demonstration called for greater transparency in the Macau Foundation and demanded Chui's resignation, with protestors chanting, "Chui Sai On, resign!"

Organizers say that as many as 3,300 may have attended the demonstration, while the police put their estimate at just 1,100.

Critics of the government have also called on authorities to answer why the significant donation occurred against the setback of recent cuts to Macau's own educational institutions. The government says that the two are unrelated.

Members of ANM have been detained by the police before. In August 2014, then-president Jason Chao as well as four volunteers were detained by the police after holding a public referendum on whether the MSAR should adopt universal suffrage and pursue democratic development. The ANM members were arrested for allegedly violating the personal data protection law in recording the responses.

According to Scott Chiang, Chao was also detained on June 30, following a protest against lawmaker Melinda Chan.





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takes made by new (and sometimes experienced) property investors. This week we look at four more po-tential pitfalls to look out for if you are thinking of buying property...

16. Listening to unqualified ad-

When it comes to owning property, everyone has an opinion. One of the biggest mistakes you can make is to listen to people who are not property owners. There are several reasons for this, some of them not so obvious.

If you are buying a home, it pays to speak to as many homeowners as possible. If you are looking for investment property, then you could try and talk with as many investment property owners as you can.

However, when asking for anyone's opinion, there is one thing that you should be aware of.

As a matter of human nature, they will defend their own position. If someone does not own property, they will usually go to great lengths to justify their position and tell you why its such a bad idea.

Alternatively, a property owner will tell you why their property is in the best location, the best value for money etc.

Even qualified opinions must be looked at carefully.

15. Relying On Your Emotions

Controlling your emotions is easy to say but extremely difficult to do.

emotion from purchasing and selling decisions. In other words, it is less personal, and more about the intended and expected result.

If you are buying a home to live in, there is bound to be a great deal of emotion when you decide to leave the property. This is one of the reasons that agencies use to sell property. The people showing the prospective buyers see the property for what it is. The more you can focus on why its being sold, and what the money will be used for, the better.

If you own investment property, the trick is to stick to your plan (which is why a plan is so important). Once a property reaches a certain level, there will come a time when it makes more sense to sell it rather than keep it. It could be difficult if it happens to be the first investment property you

14. Buying an old property vs. a new property

Buying older property can be extre-mely profitable. Newer properties generally cost a little more, and many people prefer new properties. However, there is good and bad on both

Older properties are generally cheaper, but you must make sure that you have enough cash to renovate. If you make the mistake of buying on older property without putting enough money aside to spend on renovation, you will have an empty apartment on your hands that will take a long time to fix up.

Newer properties require less renovation, but you pay a premium for the space and as a general rule the size of newer property is smaller.

The trick is to make sure you know which property best suits your plan and your budget before you buy it.

13. Being your own property

Seeking out and listening to qualified advice is one of the most valuable ways of spending your time as a property buyer.

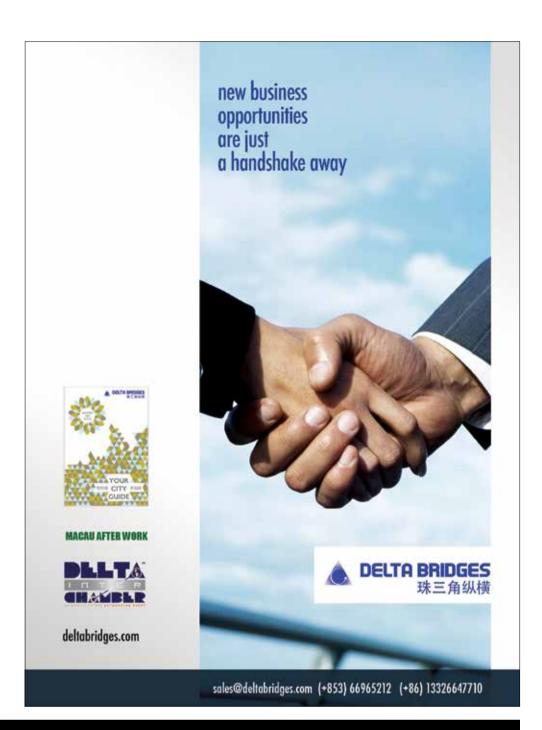
You can test your plan on other homeowners and investors for their opinion, and whilst you may not agree with everything they say, you will be surprised at how many good points they make.

Another source of good information is from the media. There are some excellent books, and of course online articles about property purchase. Nowadays you don't have to be in the

dark about any part of the process. Information is available quite literally at your fingertips.
As we pointed out in part 1 though,

make sure that you are consulting with 'qualified' people. By qualified, we mean experienced. Theories are easy to come up with but, as the saying goes, experience is life's best teacher.

Next Week: Four more common mistakes including finance mistakes, agents and tenants.



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Chinese ridehailing service raises USD7.3 billion

CHINESE ride-hailing service Didi Chuxing, the main local competitor for Uber Technologies Ltd., said yesterday it has raised USD7.3 billion from investors, adding to intensifying rivalry in the market.

Investors in the latest financing round include Apple Inc. and China Life Insurance Co., Didi Chuxing said. The total includes a \$1 billion investment by Apple that was announced in May and made the U.S. company a strategic investor alongside Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group and Tencent Holdings Ltd., an online games and entertainment service.

China's ride-hailing industry has grown rapidly, with competitors spending heavily to subsidize rides to capture market share.

Didi Chuxing, previously Didi Kuaidi, operates in some 400 Chinese cities. It said the company completed 1.4 billion rides in 2015.

Didi Chuxing described the latest investment as one of the world's largest private equity funding rounds.

The total includes \$4.5 billion in equity from Apple, China Life, China's Ant Financial and others, a syndicated loan arranged by China Merchants Bank for up to \$2.5 billion and a 2 billion yuan (\$300 million) investment by China Life in long-term debt, the company said. **AP**

CONSUMER APPLIANCES

China's Midea tries to calm fears on bid for Germany's Kuka

HINESE appliance maker Midea promised yesterday that German industrial robot maker Kuka will remain independent, seeking to allay fears about its takeover bid for the company.

In a document outlining the share offer announced last month, Midea said it "fully supports" Kuka's operational independence and current strategy.

The Chinese company already owns 13.5 percent of Kuka shares and is offering to buy the rest, as required under German law. It wants to raise its stake to at least 30 percent, making it the largest shareholder, and is offering 115 euros for each share, valuing Kuka at 4.6 billion euros (USD5.2 billion).

The company last traded at 109 euros a share.

"We want to support Kuka's growth and plan to jointly realize the vast



Germany's Kuka Robotics Co.'s robot LBR iiwa demonstrates a flower arrangement at the International Robot exhibition in Tokyo

growth potential in China," Chairman Paul Fang said in a statement. "We do not aim to dominate Kuka or delist the business."

Midea said it wouldn't force Kuka to make changes to its brand, move its headquarters from Augsburg, Germany or share its intellectual property or sensitive customer data. It also promised preserve Kuka's staff of 12,300.

The offer is part of a wave of Chinese investments overseas but it also raised doubts in Germany about Chinese purchases of local companies.

Midea, based in the southern province of Guangdong, has 93,200 employees. It's one of China's biggest air conditioner makers and also produces fridges, washing machines and other consumer appliances.

By working with Kuka, Midea said it hopes to expand distribution of industrial robots to other Chinese industrial firms, which are increasing factory automation as China's workforce shrinks and wages soar.

The Chinese company said its bigger stake in Kuka could also help it develop new smart home devices and service robots, product lines expected to grow quickly on rising demand from China's swelling middle class. **AP**

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Xi Jinping looks to boost relations with Serbia visit

Jovana Gec, Belgrade

HINESE President Xi Jinping arrives in Serbia this week in an effort to further boost relations with the friendly nation and assert China's intention to radically increase its presence in the Balkans and Europe.

The first visit by a Chinese president in more than 30 years, Xi's trip to Belgrade has been hailed here as "historic." During his three-day stay starting today, Xi will hold meetings with top officials and visit a Serbian steel plant purchased by a Chinese company.

The visit is "a significant milestone for consolidating the traditional friendship between China and Serbia, deepening mutual political trust and promoting the practical cooperation between the two countries," Assistant Foreign Minister Liu Xinghai said in Beijing.

Serbia's Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said some twenty economic and other agreements will be signed during Xi's stay. "It is a big event for us," Vucic said.

From Serbia, Xi will travel to Poland where he will ink deals on finance, aviation, science and education. Xi will wrap



Chinese President Xi Jinping (center)

the tour in Uzbekistan, where he will attend a Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit focusing on the fight against terrorism and crime.

China has been seeking opportunities to deepen ties to the region - several meetings of southeast European countries and China have been held in the past years and accompanied by investment projects — and boost relations with the EU.

The Asian economic power is interested in energy, infrastructure and other big projects to fuel its economy at a time when labor costs are rising at home, undermining its exports, its traditional economic strength. Chinese investors have hoped to increase their presence in the region where Western companies may be reluctant to take too many financial risks.

In Serbia, China has built a bridge over the Danube in Belgrade, moved to revitalize a power plant and agreed to help modernize the railway connecting Hungary's capital, Budapest, with Belgrade. Some local financial experts have complained that the infrastructure projects have been financed by Chinese credit and built using a Chinese workforce without much actual cash investment in the local economies.

In April, China's Hebei Iron and Steel Group signed a 46 million-euro (USD52 million) agreement to buy the loss-making Zelezara Smederevo near Belgrade that was previously owned by Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel and which has long struggled to find a buyer.

The deal was closely watched by the EU — Serbia is a candidate country for EU membership amid concerns about overcapacity in the steel sector, which European steelmakers blame partly on a glut of cheap Chinese steel.

Foreign policy expert Aleksandra Joksimovic explained that by investing in infrastructure and other projects in southeast Europe China is seeking to "position itself strategically toward Europe with regards to economy.'

"China's interest in Europe has grown significantly in recent years," Joksimovic said. "The EU does not mind Serbia's cooperation [with China] as it is also looking for common interests with China in the economic sphere."

Chinese Assistant FM Liu noted that Serbia is well-placed geographically, bordering seven countries. Serbia is pushing for reindustrialization while Chinese companies have the technology and experience, which hails a win-win future, Liu said.

Liu praised Serbia's role in helping build cooperation between China and countries of southeast Europe and supporting China's "One Belt One Road" initiative — a sweeping plan to deepen trade relations with neighboring countries and open new markets.

Eager for foreign investment, Serbia has been struggling economically since the wars of the 1990s' when the country was under international isolation for its war-mongering policies. Belgrade has proclaimed joining the EU its strategic goal, but it has also sought to maintain close ties with both its traditional ally Russia and China.

China's HBIS group has pledged a multi-million investment in the Zelezara Smederevo plant, which employs some 5,000 workers. U.S. Steel ran the company from 2002-2012, before reselling it to the Serbian state for a symbolical price of \$1 due to losses. AP

PRESIDENT Barack Obama thanked the Dalai Lama yesterday [Macau time] for offering condolences after 49 people were killed in the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, as the pair once again angered China by meeting at the White House.

It was Obama's fourth White House meeting with Tibetan spiritual leader, whom Beijing accuses of leading a campaign to split the region off from the rest of China. The Dalai Lama says he simply wants a higher degree of autonomy under Chinese rule.

China condemned the meeting after the White House listed it on Obama's public schedule. The meeting was closed to news media coverage, but the White House released on its Flickr account a photo by the president's official photographer of the two men greeting each other.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Obama has "warm perso**USA-CHINA**

Obama, Dalai Lama anger Beijing with White House meeting



President Barack Obama



The Dalai Lama

nal feelings" toward the 80-year-old Dalai Lama and fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Obama also appreciates his teachings and believes in preserving Tibet's unique religious, cultural and linguistic traditions, Earnest said.

The Dalai Lama led a minute of silent prayer for the shooting victims during a visit at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington this week,

the day after a gunman opened fire at an Orlando, Florida, nightclub, killing 49 people and wounding dozens more.

"The president thanked the Dalai Lama for his expression of condolences about the terrorist attack in Orlando over the weekend," Earnest said.

China strongly disapproved of the meeting. Its Foreign Ministry said it had made "solemn representations" to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and expressed its "firm opposition."

"We need to emphasize that the Tibetan issue is China's internal affairs and other countries do not have any right to interfere with this," spokesman Lu Kang told a daily media briefing.

"The 14th Dalai Lama is not simply a religious figure but a political figure in exile who has been conducting secessionist activities internationally under the pretext of religion," the statement said. "If President Obama meets with Dalai Lama, it will send the wrong signal to Tibetan separatist forces, and it will undermine the mutual trust and cooperation between China and the U.S.'

Lu urged Washington to "stick by its promise of recognizing Tibet as part of China, and not support Tibetan independence or any separatist activities." Earnest reiterated that

U.S. policy toward Tibet remained unchanged.

"Tibet, per U.S. policy, is considered part of the People's Republic of China, and the United States has not articulated our support for Tibetan independence," he said.

China also blames the Dalai Lama and others for inciting a wave of self-immolations among Tibetans in recent years. Dozens have set themselves on fire while calling for the return of the Dalai Lama or for Tibetan independence.

Obama held the meeting in the Map Room, instead of the Oval Office, because the Dalai Lama is not a head of state.

The president had been scheduled to travel to Wisconsin yesterday for his first campaign appearance with presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton following his formal endorsement of her last week. But the event was postponed after the Orlando shooting, creating room on Obama's schedule to meet with the Dalai Lama, who was already visiting Washington.

Obama planned to visit Orlando today [Macau time] to pay tribute to the victims and meet with their loved ones. AP



Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

THINESE organizers canceled an invitation to a Taiwanese children's choir which performed the island's national anthem at last month's inauguration of its new president, reports said yesterday, in a move criticized in Taiwan as a petty political retaliation.

The Puzangalan Choir made up of children from the native Paiwan aboriginal tribe was to perform at a festival in Guangdong province on July 20, Taiwan's official Central News Agency said.

It quoted the choir's musical director, Wu Sheng-ying, as saying the Chinese organizers informed the choir one week after they appeared at the May 20 inauguration of the self-governing island's first female president, Tsai Ing-wen.

No reason was given, although China claims Taiwan as its own territory and regularly retaliates against artists whom it sees as backing the island's independent identity, along with other overseas artists with whom it is displeased.

No contact information for the festival organizers was immediately available.

A lawmaker from Taiwan's ruling pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party, of whi-

Report: China cancels visit by kids who sang Taiwan anthem



Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen (left) and Vice President Chen Chien-jen sing the national anthem with the Puzangalan Choir (rear) during their inauguration ceremony in Taipei

ch Tsai is a member, called Beijing's decision "unacceptable."

"I don't understand. What mistake did those kids make?" Huang Wei-ze told journalists at Taiwan's parliament.

Tsai's predecessor as president, Ma Ying-jeou, said cultural exchanges between the sides "should not be manipulated by political interests.'

A message from the choir on its Facebook page said the invitation's cancellation had been

"within our expectations," but that the group's heightened profile would help it with fundraising to make up for the loss of the appearance fee.

"We'll just take that invitation and use it as wallpaper. The kids don't really get what happened it so what does it matter?" the message said.

Such actions illustrate China's hard line in its refusal to recognize Taiwanese political institutions, but also appear to A lawmaker from Taiwan's ruling proindependence DPP called Beijing's decision 'unacceptable'

clash with its attempts to win Taiwanese hearts and minds and curb growing pro-independence sentiment through youth and cultural exchanges.

In 2000, China canceled all concerts and commercial activities within China by Taiwanese singer Chang Hui-mei after she performed Taiwan's national anthem at the inauguration of Chen Shui-bian, the first president elected from Tsai's party.

The Puzangalan Choir's performance, in which they in-

corporated aboriginal musical elements into the national anthem, had been widely praised. The choir's name means "hope" in the aboriginal language.

"Singing the national anthem at the presidential inauguration was a great honor for us, so we decided to go ahead with it, although someone had warned us of the possible consequences," musical director Wu was quoted as saying by CNA.

They are next scheduled to appear at a choir competition in Hungary in August. CNA said Tsai has donated 500,000 Taiwanese dollars (USD15,400) from her publishing royalties to help with expenses for the trip.

Tsai did not comment directly on the cancellation, but posted a message on her Facebook page urging members of the public to help with the choir's travel expenses.

"These voices are Taiwan's own, let's all contribute to allow these children the chance to sing for the whole world to hear," Tsai wrote. AP

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BANGLADESH

Police arrest Islamic suspect in attack on publisher

HE detentions of thousands of suspected criminals across Bangladesh led to the arrest of a suspected member of a banned Islamist group accused of violently attacking a publisher last year, police said yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said the raids are part of an effort to root out Islamic militants blamed for a wave of deadly attacks against atheists and religious minorities, even though the vast majority of those detained are accused of petty crimes and not radicalism. The raids have been criticized as a pretext for intimidating political opponents, with the main opposition party saying thousands of its members were rounded up.

Mohammed Sumon Hossain, a suspect presented before court yesterday, was suspected of participating in an attack against publisher Ahmed Rashid Tutul in his Dhaka office in October, the head of police counter-ter-



Members of Bangladesh Police Detective Branch escort Mohammed Sumon Hossain in Dhaka

rorism operations told reporters. Tutul survived the attack, in which two of his friends were also injured, and later was given asylum in Norway.

Authorities identified Hossain as a suspect while questioning two others picked up Monday on the outskirts of Dhaka, according to the counter-terrorism chief, Monirul Islam.

"Information that we got from them led to his arrest last night," Islam said. "We acted upon specific information we got from them."

Islam said Hossain used several names while operating as a member of the banned Ansarullah Bangla Team, which has claimed responsibility for killing several atheist bloggers and threatened to target more.

The suspect had worked in a private company in the southeastern city of Chittagong. Last month, police had included Hossain's name on a list of suspected militants believed to have been involved in the deadly attacks on atheist bloggers, online activists, writers, members of religious minorities and foreign aid workers.

Islam said Hossain provided information to police during questioning that could help in apprehending those who killed another publisher, Faisal Arefin Deepan, on the same day Tutul was attacked.

Both Tutul and Deepan had published works by Bangladeshi-American blogger and writer Avijit Roy, who was hacked to death in February 2015 while walking with his wife on the Dhaka University campus. ABT claimed responsibility for the attack.

Another jihadist group, Ansar al-Islam, the Bangladesh divi-

sion of al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent, issued a statement claiming responsibility for the attacks on Deepan and Tutul, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadist online postings. The claim of responsibility could not be independently verified.

At the time, Ansar al-Islam accused the "secular and atheist publishers" of putting out books by blasphemers that dishonored the Prophet Muhammad, and also threatened more attacks.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for many of the attacks since last year, but Bangladesh's government has repeatedly dismissed the idea that the extremist Sunni group has any presence in the country.

Hasina's government has instead blamed domestic terrorists along with Islamist political parties — especially main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its main ally, Jamaat-e-Islami — of orchestrating the violence in order to destabilize the nation.

A London-based spokesman for the BNP again dismissed the allegation this week as an effort by Hasina's government to divert attention from the worsening security situation in Bangladesh. He said the latest crackdown was a hard-handed effort to stomp out political dissent. AP



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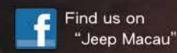
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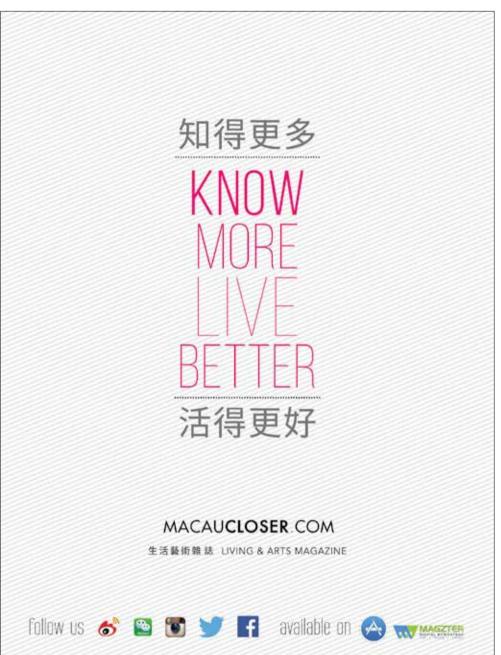
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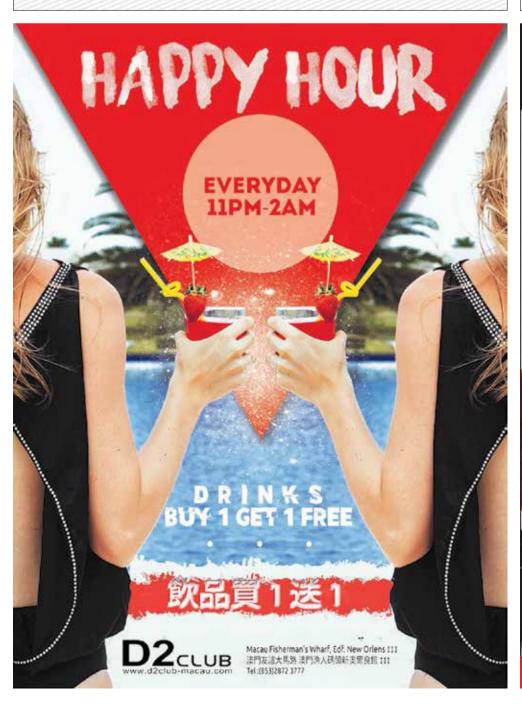
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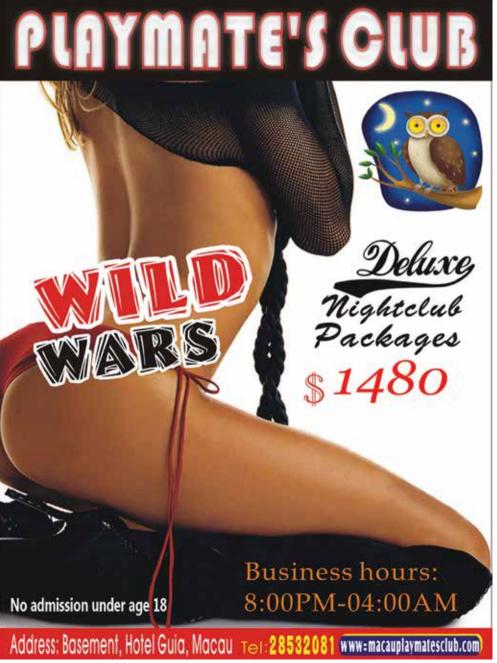


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British lawmaker was shot and killed yesterday in a daylight attack in the town she represented, police said.

Labour legislator Jo Cox was attacked just before 1 p.m. in Birstall, northern England, Acting Chief Constable Dee Collins of West Yorkshire Police said. She was pronounced dead by a doctor less than an hour later.

A 77-year-old man was injured. A 52-year-old man has been arrested and Collins said police believe it is a "lone incident" and are not looking for anyone else in connection with the attack.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said "the whole of the Labour Party and Labour family - and indeed the whole country - will be in shock at the horrific murder of Jo Cox today."

Both the Vote Leave and Britain Stronger in Europe campaigns suspended activity ahead of next week's vote over whether Britain should remain a part of the 28-member bloc at the news.

Violence against politicians is rare in Britain, as are gun attacks, and figures from all parts of the political spectrum expressed deep shock.

Prime Minister David Cameron said he was cancelling a planned speech in Gibraltar after "the terrible attack."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Jo and her family," Cameron tweeted.

The rival sides in the referendum have been canvassing feverishly ahead of what is expected to be a close vote and Cox had been campaigning for the "remain" camp.

It wasn't clear if the attack on her was linked to the EU de-

Britain's Press Association news agency quoted evewitness Hithem Ben Abdallah as saying Cox got involved in a scuffle between two men in Birstall, 200 miles (320 kilometers) north of London.

BRITAIN'S EU VOTE

British Labour lawmaker dies after shooting attack



Labour Member of Parliament Jo Cox

Abdallah said one of the men was fighting with Cox and then a gun went off twice and "she fell between two cars and I came and saw her bleeding on the floor.'

Clarke Rothwell, who runs a nearby cafe, told the BBC he believed Cox had been shot and

stabbed multiple times.

"Three times she was shot, the initial time which then she dropped to the floor and two more times," he said. "The third time he got close proximity he shot her around the head area."

"In the meantime he was stabbing her as well. He was stabbing her with his knife."

Shopkeeper Sanjeev Kumar told the BBC said he saw a woman lying on the ground "bleeding from the mouth and nose," with two women trying to help

After around 15 minutes, witnesses said emergency services

Both the Vote Leave and **Britain Stronger** in Europe campaigns suspended activity ahead of next week's vote

arrived and tended to her with

Cox, a former worker for charities who is married with two young children, was elected to the House of Commons in the May 2015 general election.

She has been one of the most outspoken lawmakers on the subject of the Syrian civil war, and has been critical of Britain's reluctance to deepen its military involvement against the Islamic State group as part of efforts to end it.

In the past two decades, two other British lawmakers have been attacked during their "surgeries," regular meetings where constituents can present concerns and complaints.

A Labour legislator was stabbed in the stomach and injured in May 2010 by a female student radicalized by online sermons from an al-Qaidalinked preacher.

In 2000, Liberal Democrat lawmaker Nigel Jones and his aide Andrew Pennington were attacked by a man wielding a sword during such a meeting. Pennington was killed and Jones injured in the attack in Cheltenham, England. AP

Kerry tours Arctic Circle to see climate change impact

J.S. Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday visited Norway's extreme north, viewing areas where climate change has melted ice and opened new sea lanes.

Trailed by staff and journalists in small Zodiac-type inflatable boats, Kerry and Norway's foreign minister motored in an Arctic research vessel from a research station in Ny-Alesund, the world's northernmost civilian settlement, across the iceberg strewn Kongsifjorden (King's Bay Fjord) to the Blomstrand Glacier.

The glacier has receded significantly in the past 25 years to 30 years, with summer temperatures now 8 degrees and 11 degrees higher than they were, according to Jan-Gunnar Winther, the director of the Norwegian Polar Institute, who guided Kerry and Foreign Minister Borge Brende.

"It's stunning," Kerry said. "This is the center of change within the center of change."

As America's top diplomat, Kerry has made the health of oceans and combating the effects of climate change a priority, and he will host an international conference on oceans in September.

"We're not on the pace we need to be" to reverse the effects of climate change, Kerry said. He called for renewed efforts to move away from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy.



US Secretary of State John Kerry and Norwegian Foreign Minister Borge Brende tour the Blomstrand Glacier

"Even where there is awareness, the steps that people are taking are not big enough fast enough," Kerry said. "We have a

huge distance to travel."

Kerry was to travel to Denmark today and stop at icecaps in Greenland the next day. AP



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10:40	Young Children
11:05	Animation
11:30	Young Adult
12:05	Documentary Series
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:40	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group D):
	Czech Republic - Croatia (Repeated)
16:30	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group D):
	Spain - Turkey (Repeated)
18:20	Contest
19:20	Wild Life
20:10	Sports
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group E):
	Belgium - Republic of Ireland (Live)
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Sports
23:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group F):
	Iceland - Hungary (Live)
02:30	Sports (Repeated)
02:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group F):
	Portugal - Austria (Live)

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10:40	Young Children						
11:00	Sunday Mass						
12:00	Miscelllaneous						
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)						
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast						
14:30	Wild Life (Repeated)						
15:30	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group F)						
	Iceland - Hungary (Repeated)						
17:20	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group F):						
	Portugal - Austria (Repeated)						
19:10	Miscellaneous						
20:10	Sports						
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report						
21:00	Contraponto						
22:00	Britain's Jihadi Brides						
23:00	TDM News						
23:30	Non-Daily Portuguese News						
23:45	Sports						
00:10	Miscellaneous						
00:55	Main News, Financial & Weather Report						
01:30	Sports (Repeated)						
01:50	Documentary						
02:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group A):						

Switzerland - France (Live)

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CINETEATRO

16 Jun - 22 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



ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

гоом 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.40, 9.30 pm (3D) 7.30 pm

Director: James Bobin Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp,

Helena Bonham Carter

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 113min



WARCRAFT: THE BEGINNING

гоом 3

(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

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



1970 'BABES IN THE WOOD' **BODIES FOUND**

The bodies of two children have been found in a shallow grave in a wood at Waltham Abbey in Essex. Detectives who have been investigating the disappearance 10 weeks ago of Susan Blatchford, aged 11, and Gary Hanlon, aged 12, have been called to the scene.

It seems almost certain the bodies are those of Susan and Gary, both from Enfield in north London, who were last seen on 31 March playing together near

The bodies of the girl and boy were found by a man taking his dog for a walk this evening on the edge of Epping Forest, about six miles from where the missing children lived. A plimsoll and other clothing were found by police dogs.

A Home Office pathologist and forensic science experts are making an on-the-spot investigation under arc lights.

But police are waiting until first light tomorrow before carrying out a full examination of the scene.

The children's bodies were found huddled together under bracken and twigs.

The day Susan and Gary disappeared Susan had called at Gary's home at about 1630 hours and asked him to go for a walk.

They were last seen about an hour later walking across a field together, but after that the trail went cold.

The night the children went missing the temperature fell below freezing point and the next day it snowed.

Gary's parents Frank Hanlon, a painter and decorator, and his wife, Beryl, sat up all night waiting for their son's return.

In a nearby street, the parents of Susan, Lionel Blatchford, a laboratory assistant and his wife Muriel were also waiting in vain.

A massive police hunt was launched for the children under the leadership of Detective Chief Superintendent Leonard Nipper Read, the man who brought the Krays to justice.

Some 600 officers searched the area. They interviewed 15,000 people and searched 4,356 homes.

There was speculation the children had run away together. There was no initial indication that they had been abducted or come to any harm.

Police believe they died from exposure.

IN CONTEXT

The bodies were confirmed as Gary Hanlon and Susan Blatch-

The inquest in September ended with an open verdict because scientific tests at the time could not tell if the pair had died from exposure or foul play.

Although some of Susan's clothes were missing, the coroner said it was possible a wild animal could have removed them. But the parents were unconvinced.

The case was eventually reopened in 1996 after paedophile Ronald Jebson, serving a jail sentence for the murder of eightyear-old Rosemary Papper, told a prison officer he knew who had murdered the children.

He tried to implicate Rosemary's parents but detectives disproved his story and became convinced Jebson himself was

In 1999 Susan Blatchford's body was exhumed for further tests to be carried out. Gary's body had been cremated. In May 2000 Jebson was jailed for life after finally confessing to the so-called "Babes in the wood" murders.

According to The Daily Mail, Ronald Jebson died "secretly in prison," in April last year.

NO FAIR! YOU GAVE ME A WORD

INVENTED BY SOMEONE WHO

SPELL!

COULDN'T 5

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Life conspires to keep you a good person. You'd love nothing more than to be selfish today, but you won't get a chance to get your way. Be thankful when the opportunity to help someone else is dumped in your lap instead.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Being open to anything that leaves vulnerable to everything. Opposing investment strategies are just canceling each other out. You'll make that shocking realization today, and act on it before it's too late.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Why do you have to do everything yourself? Is it too much to ask a partner to take care of your needs for a change? If they act like hiring help is the only way you'll get any, then it's time for a heart to heart. Don't delay.



Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Flirting is harmless fun, whether it's with another person or an inanimate object like a painting or yes, even money. Whatever makes your eves drip with yearning and puts a smile on your face is fair game.



Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Which is loved more by your friends. you or your wallet? Do you dare to know? If so, then today is the day to do a little experimenting. Don't put it off because you're afraid of what you may find out. You'll end the day laughing.



Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your personal issues will ruin a perfectly good day if you let them. Make a list of all the things you can't do anything about and consider them off-limits. Reward yourself if you refrain from thinking about them.



Taurus

April 20-May 20 You feel greedy and lazy, and you

have every right to indulge those selfish feelings. But you won't. Things like getting in shape and caring about others win once again. Money can't buy your integrity.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Being at home is a lot more work than being at work usually is. Navigating the day's rough road takes all you have and then some. But you'll stop at nothing to bring bliss back to the home front, and you'll ultimately succeed.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

It doesn't take deep pockets to make a big splash. If you are really desperate, you could always go for the Big Fish In A Little Pond look. Otherwise, any impression you try to make will only backfire on you.



Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

A decision is so hard to make vou're just about knocked unconscious by the effort. Stop twisting your brain into a pretzel. On this one, there really is no right or wrong. The only real difference is in how you live with the results.



Capricorn

You aren't up for the challenges of the day. It's not that you aren't stoked, it's that your engine is misfiring. You have all the best of intentions but no

matter what you do, you just won't



Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It feels to you as if someone still owes you something and nothing but pay back will allow you to move on. Actually, the power to move on is in your hands, not theirs. Buy a token repayment and give it to yourself.



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WEATHER

	MIN	MAX	CONDITION
CHINA -			
Beijing	18	34	clear/cloudy
Harbin	16	23	shower/drizzle
Tianjin	20	35	clear
Urumqi	23	33	cloudy
Xi'an	19	34	clear
Lhasa	12	22	shower/cloudy
Chengdu	17	32	clear
Chongqing	20	32	cloudy/clear
Kunming	17	23	moderate to heavy rain
Nanjing	21	29	overcast/cloudy
Shanghai	22	26	shower/overcast
Wuhan	20	30	cloudy
Hangzhou	22	27	moderate rain/shower
Taipei	26	34	cloudy/drizzle
Guangzhou	25	30	heavy rain to rain storm
Hong Kong	27	31	heavy rain

WORLD

Moscow	16	25	drizzle/moderate rain
Frankfurt	10	18	drizzle
Paris	11	18	drizzle
London	12	16	drizzle/moderate rain
New York	21	29	cloudy/drizzle

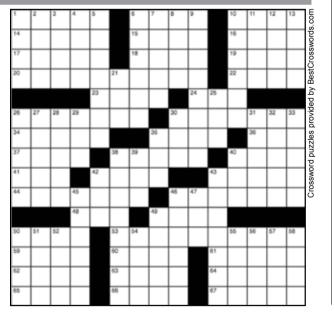
CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Jazz genre; 6- Lou's "La Bamba" costar; 10- Tailor's line; 14- Solo; 15-Intellectual faculty; 16- Arthur Ashe's alma mater; 17- More current; 18- ___ noire; 19- Film ___; 20- State in the W United States; 22- 554, in stone; 23- "Orinoco Flow" singer; 24- Meadow; 26- Actual; 30- Stoker; 34- Glorify; 35- What you do to a joint, prior to a heist; 36- Opposite of NNW; 37- Lounging slipper; 38- On one's toes; 40- Gds.; 41- Takes too much; 42- Object of devotion; 43- Whispered sweet nothings; 44- Is unobliged to; 46- Takes into custody; 48- Neighbor of Syr.; 49- Juan's water; 50- Plaintiff; 53- Boldly assertive; 59- To ____ (exactly); 60- Scottish hillside; 61- Mythical hell; 62- Hair goops; 63- Take it easy; 64- Incident; 65- Gal Fri.; 66- Watched intently; 67- Acts;

DOWN: 1- Judge's seat; 2- Zeno of ___; 3- Basin; 4- Dedicated to the ___ Love; 5- Without any flaws; 6- Early stage; 7- City in Tuscany; 8- Word that can precede

cream topped with syrup; 11- Earth Day subj.; 12- Et ___; 13- Sportscaster Albert; 21- Thunder Bay's prov.; 25- Before, before; 26- Evil spirit; 27- Radiate; 28-Wrong; 29- Pub preference; 30- At a great distance; 31- Windows predecessor; 32-It's a good thing; 33- Food and water; 35-Animation unit: 38- Awwww! Cute!: 39-Destiny; 40- "The Simpsons" bartender; 42- Connections: 43- Collided: 45- Most desperate; 46- Consented; 47- Feel bad about; 49- Staring intently; 50- Long tale; 51- Western Indians; 52- Congers; 54-Between white and black; 55- Rescue; 56- Nice notion; 57- Sell; 58- Ballpark figs.

war, biotic and climax; 9- Visionary; 10- Ice



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EURO 2016 | ROUNDUP

Switzerland losing its way on the road to the goal

Trevor Huggins, Paris

7ITH a solid defense, a Wisciplined midfield and four points on the board in its bid to reach the knockout stages of the European Championship, Switzerland nearly everything it needs.

Except a top-quality striker.

A 1-1 draw with Romania yesterday was both frustrating and all too familiar for a Swiss side that scored five minutes into its opening game against Albania -

LATEST RESULTS

France

Albania

Wales

England

Turkey

Poland

Spain

Belgium

Austria

Portugal

Russia

Romania

France

England

Germany

Rep. Ireland

but still only came away with a 1-0 victory. And that was despite Albania losing captain Lorik Cana to a red card in the 36th

Switzerland striker Haris Seferovic squandered four chances in that match and he followed up by missing two more against Romania, which was leading before Admir Mehmedi scored an equalizer in the 57th.

"We created a lot of chances. I don't think there's a team that has created as many chances

Romania

Slovakia

Russia

Croatia

Ukraine

Sweden

Hungary

Iceland

Albania

Wales

Slovakia

Switzerland

Italy

N. Ireland

Czech Rep

Switzerland



Romania's Vlad Chiriches (left) and Switzerland's Haris Seferovic vie for the ball during the Euro 2016 Group A soccer match between Romania and Switzerland at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris

as us in the tournament, which is a good sign," Switzerland midfielder Valon Behrami said. "But we need to take a few more of them. We have to be more clinical, more relaxed in front of goal, stay calm and be accurate. It's something we have to work on."

Although Blerim Dzemaili and Xherdan Shaqiri could have done a lot better with a header and an acrobtic volley, respectively, most of the blame for the lack of goals has to lie with the mis-firing Seferovic.

Fortunately, he still has the backing of his teammates.

"He makes the right moves, creates space for others, works very hard for the team and, as I told him, he just has to stay calm," Behrami said. "It's a shame he didn't score, but he will

Mehmedi was equally supportive of the struggling Eintracht Frankfurt forward, who has managed only seven goals in his 32 games for the national team.

"He had chances and that's important for a striker," Mehmedi said. "He runs for the team and you can't say he's playing badly. But in the end, if he scores, it's even better."

While his teammates may have faith in Seferovic, the crowd's reaction when Cameroonianborn Breel Embolo replaced him in the 63rd minute shows the Swiss fans are not sure.

The 19-year-old forward was greeted with loud cheers as he jogged on to the Parc des Princes field, and his arrival certainly seemed to give his team a lift.

"I can't explain why the crowd are behind me . [But] I'm trying to do them proud," said Embolo, who has yet to start a game for his adopted country after 12 appearances and one goal as a substitute.

"We're a bit frustrated because we knew we had the chance to get six points," he added. "But we've taken a step forward as a team, and as players, and we performed better than we

Group A

did against Albania."

Professional players know the value of positive thinking and Switzerland clearly has a good chance of being among the 16 teams to advance.

Switzerland's next match in Group A will certainly be its toughest yet, against France on Sunday. However, with a late 2-0 win over Albania on Wednesday, the host nation has already qualified for the next round and could pose less of a threat when the two sides meet in Lille.

While the Swiss need to find a cutting edge, there is equally no need to panic.

"We're lacking a bit of bite," Switzerland captain Stephan Lichtsteiner said. "But I think the important thing is that we are creating chances. And sooner or later they will be taken. [And] with four points, when there are four third-place teams who go through, we've nevertheless taken a big step toward the last 16." AP

Rob Harris, Lens

TRENCH authorities **P** will deport 20 Russian men next week for their role in the violence that has marred the first week of the European Championship.

Stephane Bouillon, prefect for the region that includes the southern French city of Marseille where the worst outbreak of violence in Euro 2016 took place, said yesterday that the unnamed men will be deported Monday.

Bouillon said they are suspected of "participation in skirmishes linked to the England-Russia game on June 11 in Marseille" and are currently being held in a detention center.

The men were among 43 Russian fans detained this week after their bus was stopped by French

EURO 2016 | HOOLIGANISM

France to deport 20 Russians for violence

police near the town of outbreak of fan violence in mishes which occurred first week of Euro 2016, hooligans.

UEFA has already told Russian soccer authorities that their team could be kicked out of Euro 2016 if there's a repeat of the violence that surrounded its match last Saturday against England. Of particular concern to Europe's governing body is that Russian fans stormed a section of English fans inside the stadium.

English soccer's governing body has also been warned about the behavior of its fans but the team's participation in the competition was not under immediate threat yesterday despite a fresh

Mandelieu in a check for France that required riot in Lille last night," Europolice to deploy tear gas.

Though English fans in Lille were involved in further unrest Wednesday night at Euro 2016, UEFA has said there are no plans for an emergency meeting of its executive committee to discuss any further warning or sanctions against the English Football Association.

Earlier this week, UE-FA's leadership ruled that England — along with Russia — faced potential disqualification if there was a repeat of the violence that surrounded their match in Marseille.

"UEFA regrets the skir-

pean soccer's governing body said in a statement yesterday. "Police forces made several arrests and were quick to restore order and keep the situation under control."

The trouble in Lille on Wednesday did not reach the levels of Marseille where English fans were involved in three days of occasionally vicious fighting with Russians.

Local authorities said police made 37 arrests and detained 15 people in custody.

The French interior ministry also disclosed details of the policing operation throughout the saying 323 people had been detained, 196 jailed, eight convicted and 24

expelled from the coun-

In Lille, some mobs of Englishmen in Lille went

PL W DRAW L GF-GA PNT

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France	2	2	0	0	4 - 1	6
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	2 - 1	4
Romania	2	0	1	1	2 - 3	1
Albania	2	0	0	2	0 - 3	0
Group B	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
England	2	1	1	0	3 - 2	4
Wales	2	1	0	1	3 - 3	3
Slovakia	2	1	0	1	3 - 3	3
Russia	2	0	1	1	2 - 3	1
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



Mike Corder, Marseille

HE smallest nation ever to play at the European Championship is gearing up for its next match knowing a victory just might be enough secure a spot in the knockout round.

Iceland came back to surprisingly hold Portugal to a 1-1 draw in its debut, and the team will next face Hungary on Saturday (Sunday, 0:00) in Group F.

"Now there are two games left," Iceland midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson said. "One win will probably be enough to advance, but we want to finish it as soon as possible and win the next game to make sure of it."

Iceland, a tiny island nation of only 330,000 people, had never before been to a World Cup or European Championship, but qualified second in its group, beating the Netherlands twice along the way.

Hungary leads Group F after beating Austria 2-0. It was a triumphant return for the Hungarians after ending a three-decade run of missing out on major tournaments by qualifying for Euro 2016 through the playoffs.

For Iceland, the opening draw against Cristiano Ronaldo and his Portugal teammates has helped the team settle its nerves.

"It's always good to have a point. We can go a little bit more relaxed into the next game," Iceland coach Heimir Hallgrimsson said. "With a win against Hungary, we are probably almost there. Just getting a point over the favorite in the group should be boosting our confidence."

Earlier this week, Iceland's stifling, defensive style frus-

EURO 2016 | PREVIEW

Sensation Iceland prepares to face Hungary in 2nd match



Iceland's Alfred Finnbogason (right) takes a shot next to Portugal's Pepe during the Euro 2016 Group F soccer match between Portugal and Iceland at the Geoffroy Guichard stadium in Saint-Etienne

trated Ronaldo. But it should have come as no surprise to Portugal because it was the same game plan - defend in numbers and look for the quick long ball when in possession - that helped Iceland qualify.

In Marseille, Iceland will likely have to find a way past veteran goalkeeper Gabor Kiraly, who became the oldest player in European Championship history at 40 years and 75 days. After the win over Austria, Hungary coach

Bernd Storck called Kiraly one of the best goalkeepers in the world.

Iceland is again expected to have a sizeable chunk of the country's population backing the team at Stade Velodrome. Nearly 27,000 Icelanders bought tickets for the tournament, about 8 percent of the country's population, and Hallgrimsson said the vocal support in Saint-Etienne helped his players overcome exhaustion as they chased down Ronaldo.

"It was so fantastic to play here because it was like our home," Hallgrimsson said. "The fans were fantastic. The Icelandic fans were unbelievable." AP

WE	WEEKENDS'S MATCHES Oddschecker.com									
Fri	21:00	Italy	Sweden	H 1.87, D 3.45, A 5.5						
Sat	0:00	Czech Rep.	Croatia	H 5.15, D 3.6, A 1.87						
Sat	3:00	Spain	Turkey	H 1.6, D 4.2, A 9						
Sat	21:00	Belgium	Rep. Ireland	H 1.75, D 3.95, A 5.5						
Sun	0:00	Iceland	Hungary	H 2.64, D 3.25, A 3.1						
Sun	3:00	Portugal	Austria	H 1.83, D 3.8, A 5.2						
Mon	3:00	Romania	Albania	H 2.2, D 3.75, A 3.6						
Mon	3:00	Switzerland	France	H 5.5, D 3.1, A 2						

on a rampage searching for Russian fans whose team played Slovakia in the city. Authorities said there were no recorded brawls between British and Russians.

Butinalate-nightcharge, French riot police sprayed tear gas in an

Austria

attempt to disperse hundreds of England fans who were staying in Lille ahead of yesterday's game in nearby Lens against Wales.

"Lille city center was the scene of scuffles [...] provoked essentially by drunken British natio-

Group D	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Spain	1	1	0	0	1 - 0	3
Croatia	1	1	0	0	1 - 0	3
Czech Rep.	1	0	0	1	0 - 1	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
Group F	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Hungary	1	1	0	0	2 - 0	3
Portugal	1	0	1	0	1 - 1	1
Iceland	1	0	1	0	1 - 1	1

nals, forcing police to intervene to disperse them," the regional administration said in a statement.

It was the fourth time England fans have been involved in violent incidents since the start of the tournament with fans failing to heed calls for calm from England coach Roy Hodgson and captain Wayne Rooney.

But there was no sign of tension between England and Wales fans when they converged on bars in Lille on Wednesday night ahead of yesterday's game between the British neighbors in the tiny town of Lens.

Police across France are trying to suppress soccer hooliganism at a time when the country is under a state of emergency following the attacks that killed 130 people last No-



French army soldiers walk along restaurants near Sacre Coeur basilica in Paris

vember.

The bedlam hasn't been restricted to England and Russians.

Two supporters watching France play Albania in a fan zone in the city of Lyon were slightly injured following a scuffle involving fans from three nations.

Local authorities in

Lyon said the altercation broke up Wednesday evening after French supporters started to sing France's national anthem, "La Marseillaise." They were confronted by a group of Albania fans, leading police to intervene inside the fan zone.

Privately-hired security agents are normally in charge of security inside the fan zones at Euro 2016, with French authorities dealing with it outside.

Lyon prefecture's press office said the two fans injured are a Belgian and a Frenchman, "who sustained wounds to their thigh and bottom." Police did not find the weapon used by the attacker.

In a separate incident, police arrested a supporter who smuggled a flare inside the open-air space set up in downtown Lyon. AP

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opinion

Bizcuits

Leanda Lee



World Hogwash

For a number of years now Macau has been bent upon positioning itself as the World Centre of Tourism and Leisure. Ambition and aspiration are worthy attributes, and such slogans provide a needed rallying call to direct activity; it is a symbolic device that indicates a strategic direction. We all need a vision to help coordinate our endeavours: we would not get anywhere fast without one.

Taking issue with the grammar in this slogan and assuming it to be intended, I point to the degree of aspiration signalled by the use of the definite article, 'the'. Macau does not aim to be merely 'a' centre of tourism and leisure. Such a small word but such great power, 'the' tells us that Macau is to be the world centre, the one and only, the best, the global and international reference point and benchmark of all things touristic and leisurely. The ambition is commendable, but I fear, lofty.

In things worldly and global, with the clear exception of gaming and remnants of historical legacy, where Macau does rate a mention, it is hardly positive.

Of recent times the eyes of the world have been on us for our failings: The lack of academic freedom exemplified by the sackings from the University of Saint Joseph and University of Macau over recent years and reported self-censorship by academic staff do not bode well for the development of a strong and rigorous academic-centric education industry. Regardless of how one may view such things, the University of Macau's drop in the recent Times Higher Education World University Rankings from somewhere in the 276-300 range in 2014-2015 to 401-500 in 2015-2016 with extremely low scores in teaching and research is unsurprising given the focus on hardware and administration rather than support for home-grown teaching and research excellence. Pockets of excellence exist but rely on individuals rather than systemic development. No longer do we see the institution promoting itself as aspiring to be world-class as once we did.

The proximity of the controversial Taishan nuclear power plant within 80 kilometres of our 'World Centre' of tourism has caused great apprehension for many in Macau; Fukushima is yet etched in our collective memory. Concerns about the oversight of China's National Nuclear Safety Administration seem to have been heeded as links with international bodies in France and Finland have been strengthened to enhance supervision. Perceived sub-quality supplies of water, food and technical supervision from across the border have surely had a part to play in the fears. The fact that Macau is reliant on imports from across that border does little to support 'a World Centre', let alone 'the World Centre'.

Outflowing pollutants from the Pearl River Delta both airborne and water-borne (including those bloated hogs) kills the romance of the South China Sea. Given the fiscal resources we have, Macau should be the pearl of the delta, but the filth and debris left around our streets and the spaghetti of utility wires in our urban landscape tell of little respect for our residents. There is an air of poverty in our northern streets. If "Macau Loves Locals" to this extent, how well does this suggest that we will respect and deliver the best in the world to our tourists and leisure seekers?

Very recently Macau has been portrayed as having little respect for other forms of life. Animal rights groups throughout the world have targeted Macau and the Canidrome for appalling conditions and handling of its greyhounds. This is another international embarrassment that The World Centre of Tourism and Leisure must do without.

Macau's penchant for catch phrases like this is legendary. They say that if it's said often enough, it becomes truth. Let's hope the world is listening.

BANK OF ENGLAND WARNS ABOUT RISKS FROM EU VOTE

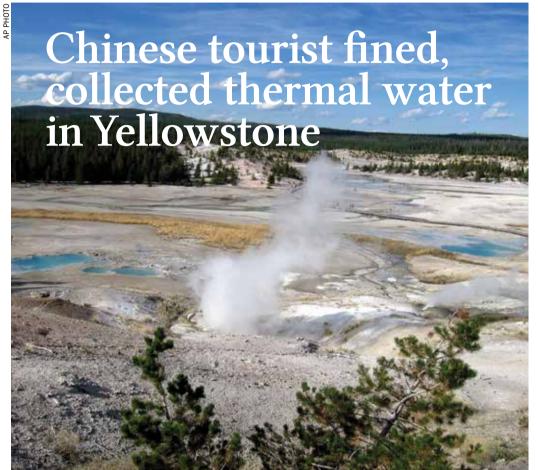
The Bank of England has kept its key interest rates on hold amid heightened uncertainty over whether the country will vote next week to leave the European Union.

The central bank voted unanimously at its regular policy meeting to keep its key rate at a record low of 0.5 percent.

The minutes to the meeting, published yesterday, show that the policymakers were con-

cerned that a vote to leave "could materially alter the outlook for output and inflation."

The June 23 referendum represents a huge amount of uncertainty for markets, businesses and the central bank. Independent economists say a vote to leave the EU could cause a drop in the pound of as much as 20 percent and push the economy back into recession.



The Norris Geyser Basin in Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.

Atourist from China was fined USD1,000 for walking off a boardwalk at Yellowstone National Park and collecting thermal water, apparently for medicinal purposes, park officials said yesterday.

A witness reported seeing the man break through the fragile, rock crust surrounding the Mammoth Hot Springs area. The witness took photos of the man that were turned over to park rangers, officials said.

The incident came only a week after an Oregon man died after falling into one of Yellowstone's hot springs.

The Chinese tourist told rangers he did not read the

safety information given to him when he entered the park. The man, whose name was not released, reportedly wanted the water for medicinal purposes, said park spokeswoman Charissa Reid.

Reid said in an emailed response to questions about the case the "stiff fine" was levied in large part because of "the irreplaceable nature of the thermal feature."

The 2.2 million-acre park has seen a string of incidents over the past month where tourists got into trouble.

Some got too close to wildlife and several others walked off boardwalks near

hot springs.

On June 7, 23-year-old Colin Nathaniel Scott of Portland slipped on gravel and fell into scalding, acidic water after leaving a boardwalk in the Norris Geyser Basin. Park officials were unable to recover his body.

A day after Scott's death, six people received \$130-citations for walking off trail in the Grand Prismatic Springs area.

Park regulations require visitors to stay on trails and boardwalks for their own safety as well as to protect Yellowstone's natural resources. It is a violation of federal regulations to collect any park resources. **AP**

Roadside 30-50
Good

High
Density
Residental
Area

30-55
Moderate

30-50
Good

Station

WORLD BRIEFS

JAPAN A Tokyo suburb will help women cover the cost of freezing their eggs in a pilot program aimed at tackling the nation's declining birth rate.

THAILAND The police raided a Buddhist temple complex to arrest an abbot accused of embezzling USD40 million but are blocked by thousands of his followers who say he is too ill to be taken into custody.



INDIA Three lions identified as having eaten villagers in western India have been caged and will never be released back into the wild, forest officials say.

INDONESIA More than 30 whales were stranded on the coast on the island of Java and 10 of them have died, authorities said.



LIBYA At least 16 Libyan militia fighters have been killed in two attacks by the Islamic State group as pro-government forces try to dislodge the extremists from Sirte, their last stronghold in the country. The bombings were part of a wave of suicide attacks launched by IS to stall the initially fast progress of the anti-IS forces, who are led by militias from the western city of Misrata.

AUSTRALIA A

flamboyant Australian lawmaker is under fire over a campaign ad playfully suggesting he shot dead two political rivals that was posted online days after the Florida massacre. Independent candidate Bob Katter has made no apology.

USA Newly declassified documents offer more details about a detainee who died inside the secret prison network the CIA operated abroad after the Sept. 11 attacks and disclose that President George W. Bush was worried about the image of shackled detainees wearing adult diapers.

