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VIETNAM's military says the bodies of eight crew from a search plane that crashed two weeks ago while looking for a missing fighter jet have been recovered.



NORTH KOREA convened a meeting of its national parliament that is expected to follow up on the first congress of its ruling Workers' Party in 36 years, which was held last month. The Supreme People's Assembly, which is the legislative branch, was convened in Pyongyang. It was not immediately known how long the assembly's meetings would last, though sessions normally only take a few days.

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Exclusive bus lane to commence daily tests

An exclusive bus lane running between Barra and Doca Lam Mau will commence daily tests starting tomorrow, said the Transport Bureau (DSAT). The bus lane will be available in the morning from 7.30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and in the afternoons from 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Only buses and emergency vehicles are allowed to access the road during that time. Those who violate the regulations can be fined up to MOP600. The lane will formally commence operations by mid-August. According to the DSAT, 280,000 passengers use the route from Barra to the Border Gate every day.

Preparations underway for HKZMB link-up

The team behind the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB) is about to begin work on linking the last segment of this massive project, marking the final sprint in the construction of the sea bridge. Seven years into construction, the bridge authorities say the final preparations are going smoothly. Workers have been checking all processes ahead of the upcoming linkage. "We have a detailed plan of daily tasks for the recent month and we stick to it," said Zhang Jinwen, engineering director of the HKZMB Authority. When completed, the 50-kilometer-long sea bridge will be the longest in the world.

Youth symphony festival starts tomorrow

The sixth MYSO Music Festival will commence tomorrow, featuring a series of concerts that are conducted by the Macao Youth Symphony Orchestra Association (MYSO). MYSO organizers said in a statement that 30 concerts will be presented until July 24, taking place on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for a total of 11 days of concerts. In keeping with the organizers' decision last year to hold more performances outdoors, the concerts will take place at local historical heritage sites including St. Lawrence's Church, Casa da Cheang, and Seminário e Igreja de São José. The first performance will be presented at the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM). Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Macau Autism Association. Four of the festival's violin, cello and piano recitals will be free for the public.

Lynzy Valles

SANDS China Ltd held a two-day large-scale recruitment fair on Tuesday and yesterday at The Venetian Macao, offering local residents the opportunity to explore a range of non-gaming career opportunities at Sands China properties.

Decorated in a French theme – a celebration of the mid-September opening of the Parisian Macao, the company's newest integrated resort – the fair offered 900 vacancies from around 80 positions.

All vacancies were for technical positions and non-gaming positions in more than 20 departments, such as housekeeping, food and beverage, stewarding, front office and concierge.

According to Antonio Ramirez, senior vice president of Human Resources for Sands China Ltd, around 1,500 Macau residents attended the job fair. Over 160 contracts were signed on-site.

"They [applicants] are trying to find a job that they are more passionate [about], which is normal and acceptable, [...] so if we do have the job that matches their expectations, yes they will

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Sands' recruitment fair targets locals



accept," he said.

Ramirez stressed that recruiting local talent is the property's priority. He admitted that a few departments and positions were

not as "popular" as the others.

"All the gaming positions are very popular. So those are [the] positions which, at this stage, we have more candidates than our

needs," he noted.

"What we can do and what we will do is to try to explain to other people the other [job positions] that we have."

An applicant who wanted to apply to the Spa Department told the Times that she had been asked to try another department, as she did not possess the necessary qualifications.

"I don't have the related experience," she said.

When asked why she would want to work at the property, she explained, "I think Venetian [Sands China Ltd] is a really good company. [There's] so many different benefits for the team members."

The fair featured a complete recruitment flow for most positions, from on-site interviews to contract signings.

Association claims Macau lags behind in continuous education

THE Macau Association for Continuing Education (AEAM) voiced its dissatisfaction over the government's five-year plan regarding the education sector during a meeting held recently. Lawrence Tsui, president of the East Asia Forum for Adult Education (EAFEA), criticized the government for deleting the schedule of developments in continuous education from the plan.

Several ideas had already been included in local development blueprints, according to Tsui. Along with Tsui, Thomas Ng, vice president of EAFEA, and Ken Choi, president of AEAM, urged the government to recon-

sider the promotion of a "Learning Society" in its upcoming plan drafts.

Tsui feels that the Macau authority has not been keeping its promises over the past few years. "In Macau, although the two past chief executives always mentioned the plan to construct a 'Learning Society', these actions have been withdrawn," said Tsui, adding, "This should not be only a slogan but should also result in tangible projects."

In the years of 2012, 2013, and 2014, the local government mentioned the creation of "learning communities" in its educational policies. However, these policies disappea-

red from the educational policies in 2015 and 2016. "Nothing concrete has happened," said Tsui.

In the first draft of Macau's five-year plan the aforementioned topic was included, but then it was withdrawn when the second draft was released. The three men commented they are going to deliver further suggestions to the government regarding this issue.

Tsui has suggested that the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau build at least three learning communities before 2020, as well as seeking to promote a lifelong learning attitude.

IC opens fashion subsidy program

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has now opened applications for the "2016 Subsidy Program for Fashion Design on Sample Making" which will remain open until August 26.

Up to eight successful individual or group applicants will be granted subsidies of up to MOP 160,000 for sample production and promotional materials.

The subsidy program was initially launched in 2013 as part of the general "Subsidy Program for Macau's Cultural and Creative Industries Series," seeking to encourage

local fashion design and creativity as well as to promote designers to prepare detailed business plans and commercial projects.

It is intended to "enhance the popularity and market competitiveness of the local industry," according to a statement from the IC, "and carry forward the sustainable development of the local fashion design industry."

According to the same statement, the program has played a proactive role in the local fashion design industry in previous years.

Applicants must be residents who are 18 years or older. Interested parties must submit fashion design drawings of their unpublished, original design entries and a completed application form.

An adjudicating panel will select a maximum of 15 entries for a second review based on six criteria: creativity and originality, market potential, quality, overall visual effects, feasibility and degree of perfection of the exhibition plan, and business plan and the rationale of budgeting.



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PSP denies police abuse during ID check

AUTHORITIES yesterday denied allegations of police abuse in a case on Monday, when a 13-year-old girl was forced to get in a police van after she failed to present an identity card.

The Public Security Police (PSP) issued a statement claiming that “a young girl who couldn’t speak Chinese” was intercepted during an inspection at Praça de Ferreira do Amaral.

Since she was not carrying her identification card, “the police officer took her to the 12-seat van and asked her to sit near the door, with nobody seated besides her,” the statement reads.



Picture provided by Julene Soares

According to the statement, while the young girl – who is a Macau resident with Portuguese nationality – was in the van, the police officer did not touch her and communicated with her in

English, allowing her to use a mobile phone to talk with relatives.

“After around 15 minutes the young girl’s mother arrived to the place and showed anxious and distressed behavior. The

police officer explained to her that the ID checks are routine operations. [...] During the waiting time, the young girl remained calm, hence what was mentioned in the Internet and in the press – that she cried in panic – is not true. She only cried after the mother arrived. Once the young girl and the mother’s IDs were verified, the young girl was immediately delivered to her mother,” the police statement reads.

The police’s version differs from the victim’s mother, Julene Goitia Soares, who claims that her daughter was traumatized after being stuck in the van with several de-

tainees.

According to Soares, her daughter started crying after the officers forced her to get in the van, despite the minor explaining to them that she is a Macau resident who did not have her BIR at the time. “She called my husband [...] and while she was ex-

plaining, the police just grabbed her arms and just put her inside the police van,” she told the Times earlier.

Soares also claimed that the policemen started laughing at the minor after she started to cry. She has filed a complaint to the police authorities. **PB**

MOTHER: ‘THEY DIDN’T PROTECT AN UNDERAGE GIRL’

JULENE GOITIA Soares reacted yesterday to the police statement: “First thing they did wrong was not asking the parents’ number and call us to explain, second there were no policewomen

beside her. Everyone can see in the photo that the only police in the van is a policeman. So disappointed... so angry, they didn’t protect an underage girl,” she told the Times.

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Islands Hospital delayed again, Chui will not preside over opening

THE Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, has confirmed that the Islands Hospital will not be completed before 2020, adding that it was not possible at this time to estimate the final cost of the health complex.

The hospital, which is comprised of seven buildings, is a complex project, according to the secretary. He said that the responsible authorities needed to consult more than 10 government departments in order to approve the site's construction blueprints.

The secretary explained that due to such complexities in the construction process the hospital will not be completed before 2020, and he has "no idea" how long the project might take.

"I don't know [how long it will take]," he said, as cited by public broadcaster TDM. "What I mean by 'I don't know' is that I have no idea how many rounds of opi-



nions we will receive from those departments."

"It might take more time for adjustment according to the [number] of opinions we get, so I hope everybody will be more understanding that

this is a very complex project and it definitely takes time," added Rosário. "We're not talking about a residential building or an office," he said, cracking a smile.

Moreover, the Director of

I hope everybody will be more understanding that this is a very complex project and it definitely takes time.

RAIMUNDO DO ROSÁRIO

Macau's Health Bureau, Lei Chin Ion, has made it known that the final cost of the Islands Hospital cannot be determined at this stage.

Asked whether it would exceed the estimated MOP10 billion, Lei said that although that figure remains the government's official evaluation the estimate was made over 10 years ago. He did not elaborate further, as per a TDM report.

In January 2015 the Health Bureau claimed that the hospital would be completed by the end of 2017, with the exception of some specialist departments. That date was later postponed to 2019.

However, the recently released five-year plan from the government made it clear that the hospital would only be completed after 2019, which means that current chief executive Chui Sai On – who will leave office that year – will not be inaugurating the site's opening. **DB**

Shortage of speech therapists causes difficulties

THE director of the pediatric assessment center in the Conde de São Januário Central Hospital, Tai Wa Hou, voiced his concern about the city's shortage of speech therapists.

During a TDM radio program yesterday, Tai informed the audience that there are only 26 speech therapists in Macau.

This figure is lower than that of physiotherapists and occupational therapists, which number 120 and 80, respectively.

While the center is able to shorten the time each child gets for an evaluation, the lack of speech therapists has caused difficulties when diagnosing treatment in a timely fashion.

The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) is providing subsidies to encourage local students to pursue a degree in speech therapy. Moreover, the Macao Polytechnic Institute will offer courses in the field starting next year.

According to Tai, the government has reached agreements with three therapists' associations that allow recovery organizations and educational institutes to hire therapists from other regions. However, due to language restrictions, such professionals must be from Hong Kong and the mainland.

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NO CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

CCAC claims Jinan University donation legal

THE Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) completed the investigation into the donation of RMB100 million (MOP120.5m) by the Macau Foundation to Jinan University claiming that it did not breach the law and that the Chief Executive cannot be considered a representative of Jinan University.

CCAC also claims that the bodies of the local foundation "have the decision-making power regarding whether or not to approve the funding."

According to the CCAC, the key element to judge whether the funding is illegal or not was to "clarify whether or not the Chief Executive and some of the members of the Board of Trustees, who were also the vice president and the members of the board of directors of Jinan University, could be considered as the 're-



representatives' of the university."

In a statement released yesterday, the commission argues that the duty of the Board of Directors of Jinan University is to assist the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council in Ji-

nan University's development.

"It is the board members' duty to supervise and give opinions on the operation of the university, but it is not their duty to act as representatives of the university on external matters. Moreover, they were not authorized to represent the university when making the application to the Macau Foundation. Therefore, the Chief Executive and those members of the Board of Trustees cannot be considered as 'representatives' of Jinan University," CCAC claims.

The corruption watchdog's investigation follows a complaint filed on May 12 by the Macau Youth Dynamics, which claimed that the donation to Jinan University is in violation of the law.

The complaint also noted that there is a "conflict of interest," since the Chief Executive, Chui

Sai On, has a double role as the president of the Board of Trustees of the Macau Foundation and vice chairman of Jinan University Council.

CCAC adds that the Board of Trustees of the Macau Foundation discussed the funding application at its meeting on April 13, 2016. The Board agreed to grant RMB50 million for the construction of a media studies center for Jinan University this year. Next year, it will continue to fund the construction of other development projects on campus, with the upper limit not exceeding RMB50 million. CCAC cites a statement from the person-in-charge of the Macau Foundation, mentioning that the Board of Trustees accepted the application for funding, and that Jinan University has submitted all do-

cuments related to the funding (such as tendering, bid evaluation and land-use rights).

Nevertheless, since the details of implementation relating to the funding are still under discussion, the person-in-charge informed that amount would be paid only after reaching an agreement.

CCAC also states that the Statute of the Macau Foundation mentions that its activity is developed predominantly in Macau. However, it may develop exchanges and cooperation with institutions or entities whose activities are compatible with its purpose, which is "to promote the development and the study of cultural, social, economic, educational, scientific, academic and philanthropic activities." **PB**

SCOTT CHIANG: NOT SURPRISED

SCOTT CHIANG, president of the New Macau Association and member of the Macau Youth Dynamics, reacted to the CCAC investigation: "I'm afraid that I'm not surprised. It is increasingly more probable that the CCAC does a better job defending the government's conduct than to try to help the government to correct itself," Chiang said, cited by TDM.

TOTAL merchandise import amounted to MOP5.4 billion for May 2016, according to new data released by the Statistics and Census Service, down by 21 percent year-on-year, of which imports of motor cars and watches dropped by 49.7 percent and 48.9 percent, respectively.

Meanwhile, the total merchandise export for the month was down by 5.1 percent year-on-year to MOP832 million, with the value of re-exports (MOP678 million) and domestic exports (MOP154 million) declining 5.6 percent and 3.2 percent, respectively.

Therefore the merchandise trade deficit amounted to MOP4.57 billion

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Motor cars, watches imports cut in half

in May, while the deficit for the first five months of 2016 widened to MOP23.75 billion.

By place of origin, merchandise import from mainland China (MOP10.34 billion) and the EU (MOP6.53 billion) in the first five months of 2016 decreased by 22.4 percent and 20.5 percent respectively year-on-year.

Analyzed by place of consignment, merchandise import from mainland China declined by 9.9 percent to MOP4.53 billion in the same period, of which imports

from the nine provinces of the Pan Pearl River Delta region (MOP4.3 billion) fell by about 10 percent.

Imports of consumer goods dropped 17.4 percent in the January-May period to MOP17.42 billion, with imports of watches (MOP1.65 billion) and motor vehicles (MOP529 million) decreasing by 42.3 percent and 53 percent respectively.

Moreover, imports of fuels and lubricants (MOP2.29 billion), mobile phones (MOP1.98 billion) and construc-

tion materials (MOP894 million) declined by 18.8 percent, 50.5 percent and 31.9 percent respectively.

As for exports analyzed by destination in the first five months of 2016, merchandise export to mainland China increased by 5.6 percent year-on-year to MOP711 million, of which exports to the nine provinces of the Pan Pearl River Delta region (MOP676 million) rose by 4.5 percent while exports to Hong Kong (MOP2.56 billion) decreased by 9.2 percent.

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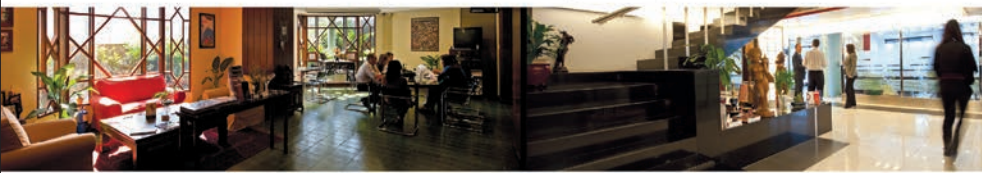
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Daniel Beitler

AN exhibition celebrating the French painter and traveler Auguste Borget (1808-1877) was inaugurated and opened last night at the Macao Museum of Art (MAM), in collaboration with the Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau and Alliance Française de Macao.

Showcasing over 120 works of art, the exhibition, titled "Auguste Borget: A Painter-Traveler on the South China Coast," is part of "Le French May" event. It tracks the artist's journeys in Macau and Hong Kong, and Guangdong and Fujian Provinces during 1838.

His paintings show a traditional southern China from a by-gone era, almost unrecognizable today.

"Borget depicts the lives of people in the South China Sea area in the times [in which he lived]," explained Weng Chao, the curator of MAM. "For us it's a record; a retrospective look at the Macau of the 19th century and other areas in the South China area, and what people in the West thought in those times."

The French-born artist spent approximately 10 months in China in 1838, of which about eight were spent in Macau. From this 10-month foray into southern China, Borget produced a host of realist drawings and paintings that today represent a cultural legacy of the customs and traditions of the region.

"Borget is from the period in which [Western] artists were traveling all around the world," said Eric Berti, Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, who attended the inauguration event. "China was still largely an unknown world [for the Westerners] at that time. Few people had been there and few [of those who had visited] had been outside Canton [Guangdong]."

"Borget documented what he



A Borget painting



Distinguished guests cut the ribbon marking the opening of the exhibition

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Borget paintings unearth by-gone era of South China

saw in the Chinese way of life and during his travels in China. This beautiful exhibition will invite visitors to have a glimpse of Macau in those days," added Berti who seemed genuinely fascinated by the works exhibited at MAM.

The title of piece of the exhibition, which is plastered on the walls as visitors enter the 2nd floor gallery of MAM, is called "A-Ma Temple, Macao" and was created in 1840 before being acquired by the King of France, Louis Philippe I. The oil painting is impressively detailed and colorful in its scope, depicting a number of people and activities outside of the entrance to the temple.

"The style includes hints of orientalism [but] I can see that that artist has a lot of respect for Asian cultures, as evidenced by his paintings," said Berti as he studied the painting last night. "It's so precise and detailed," he added.

■ The French-born artist spent approximately 10 months in China in 1838, of which about eight were spent in Macau

led," he added.

A MAM employee explained to the Times that Borget's particular style involved alternating dark and light tones.

"You cannot get bored looking at his paintings," she said, "he used watercolor and oil paints to depict his scenes and normally [employed] a rhythm in his use of tones."

"What is interesting is that,

had he been born 20 years later, this might have been a photograph [instead of a painting]," observed Eric Berti.

The curator of the museum, Weng, said that Borget had a particular fascination with the A-Ma Temple, having described its architecture as the "world's most beautiful."

He had particularly admired the circular cut-out in the temple's wall, or "moon gate," and frequently painted himself sitting in that space in his works, she added.

The piece is accompanied by a quote attributed to Borget in 1839: "It's so hard to describe the Chinese objects in European language, not to mention the Great Temple of Macau [A-Ma Temple], surely the most beautiful wonder I saw on this earth."

"I come almost every day to this place," the quote continues, "instead of being impressive by its grandeur, it draws attention

by the smallness of its proportions and especially because of its eminent Chinese characteristics."

"[These sorts of comments] help us to gain new perspective between old and new and become more familiar with Macau's history," said Weng, though she admitted that artists such as Borget are still not well-known in Macau.

Andrew Yuen, the chairman of the board of "Le French May," said that the exhibition has been "highly anticipated" and that the artist "should hold a special place in the hearts of our friends in Macau."

Meanwhile, the president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Ung Vai Meng, who was also present to officiate the ceremony, said that the exhibition and the painter were testimony to a "legacy of Sino-Western exchange."

The exhibition will be open to the public until October 9.

TOURISM

Package tour visitors down one-third

VISITORS on package tours totaled 541,000 in May, down by 34.2 percent year-on-year and 8.5 percent month-to-month, according to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Package tour visitors from mainland China (420,000) tumbled by 36 percent year-on-year. Similarly, those from South Korea (26,000) and Taiwan (29,000) dropped by 29.6 percent and 40.9 percent, respectively.

For the first five months of



this year, visitors on package tours totaled 2,833,000, down by more than one-third over the previous

year. Meanwhile, outbound residents using the services of travel agencies tota-

led 98,000 in May, down by 21.5 percent year-on-year and yet up by 5.6 percent month-to-month. Residents traveling on package tours decreased by 28 percent year-on-year to 37,000 with those traveling to mainland China and South Korea significantly falling 36 percent and 21.2 percent respectively, while those to Hong Kong and Taiwan increased 44.7 percent and 19.2 percent.

From January to May

inclusive, the number of outbound resident using services of travel agencies totaled 503,000 down by 17.1 percent year-on-year.

A total of 932,000 guests (up 9.2 percent year-on-year) checked into Macau's 105 hotels and guesthouses in May 2016. Guests from mainland China (592,000) increased by 8.3 percent, while those from Hong Kong (129,000) and Taiwan (36,000) registered double-digit growth, at 14.3 percent and 34 percent,

respectively.

The average occupancy rate of hotels & guesthouses was 79.3 percent last month, down by 0.6 percentage points year-on-year. At the same time, the occupancy rate of 4-star hotels (84.5 percent) and 3-star hotels (82.7 percent) increased by 4.5 and 3.7 percentage points respectively.

In the first five months of 2016, the number of guests of hotels & guesthouses totaled 4,510,000, up by 12.1 percent year-on-year. The average occupancy rate stood at 78 percent and the average length of stay was 1.4 nights, down by 1.4 percentage points and 0.1 nights respectively.

GAMING

Jeju casino sale 'optimal' for junket

IAO Kun Group Holding Company (IKGH) has said that it regards its recent acquisition of South Korea's Jeju Sun Hotel and Casino as an "optimal way to diversify outside of Macau."

An announcement was made last week that the Macau junket investor had bought the property on the South Korean island of Jeju from a Filipino casino operator of Bloomberg Resorts Corporation for the sum of USD102.6 million (MOP820 million).

"After a comprehensive review of opportunities, the company focused its efforts on the rapidly expanding market of Jeju," the operator wrote in a statement.

While its former owners were not so optimistic about the property's future, IKGH has noted the potential for VIP operations on the island to grow rapidly due to several factors including its close proximity to China, a visa-free policy for Chinese travelers and the island's low gaming tax rate relative to other South Korean jurisdictions.

"IKGH sees significant potential [...] given that VIP gaming in Jeju is currently underdeveloped," the company added in its statement. "[We are] determined that the acquiring of the Jeju Sun Hotel and Casino and obtaining the non-expiring gaming license was the optimal way to diversify outside of Macau."

The non-expiring gaming license will allow the new owner to install an unlimited number of gaming tables, though they will still be subject to regulatory approval.

Analysts said that the move was also a positive step for Bloomberg, according to gaming news website Calvin Ayre, as the sale would help eliminate the financial drag on the company's operations. **DB**

Brexit sends tourists flocking to London to 'buy, buy, buy'

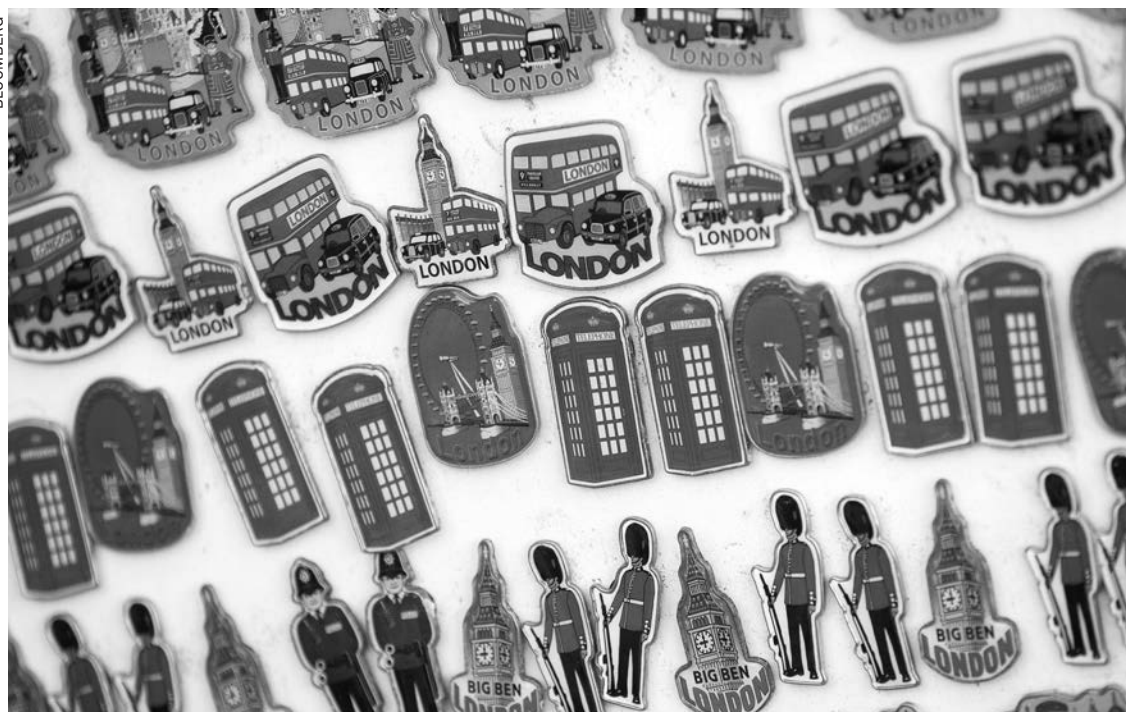
BY voting to leave the European Union, Britons have delivered a potential windfall to tourists eager to snatch up Burberry trenchcoats, Harrods Stilton and Liberty scarves on the cheap.

The outcome of last week's referendum sent the British currency plunging, making the country's goods and services cheaper for foreign buyers. Consumers reacted immediately: Searches by Chinese for U.K. holidays "skyrocketed" on Ctrip.com International Ltd.'s travel booking app, the company said, while Chinese news site Phoenix implored visitors to London to "Buy, Buy, Buy."

A slumping pound is a much-needed shot in the arm for U.K. luxury companies as the Chinese are the biggest buyers of high-end goods and make most of their purchases overseas. They made 270,000 trips to the U.K. last year, up 46 percent, according to tourism website VisitBritain. British Airways owner IAG SA said Tuesday that the weaker pound will boost tourist flows to the U.K.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see Chinese and Middle Eastern tourists flocking to the U.K. as their purchasing value has increased," said Edouard Meylan, chief executive officer of Swiss watchmaker H. Moser & Cie. "People are ready to travel to get a 5 to 10 to 20 percent discount."

More visitors to the U.K. would be a boon for British companies such as Burberry Group Plc and Mulberry Group Plc that have struggled



amid slowing luxury demand and terror attacks in Europe. The U.K. is the world's sixth-largest market for luxury spending, at 15.5 billion euros (USD17.2 billion). Britain's gain could come at the expense of retailers in Japan, casinos in Macau and jewelers in Hong Kong.

Those tourists include Zihao Xie, a 24-year-old from China's Shandong province, who was shopping for his family at London's Selfridges department store Monday. He took advantage of the pound's decline to splurge on luxury items, buying his mother a Burberry trenchcoat and his sister a Coach handbag.

Any short-term fall in the pound will affect the number of visitors to London, said Harrods managing director Michael Ward. But those benefits could take time to ma-

terialize as Chinese tourists sort out visas and book hotels, according to Ctrip.com. Some luxury companies may also raise U.K. prices if the pound's weakness persists. And investors are bearish on what the EU referendum means for the broader sector, as reflected in sliding stock prices for France's LVMH and Gucci owner Kering SA.

"You only purchase luxury products for one reason: if you're feeling good about yourself," HSBC analysts said in a note. The EU referendum "will likely put another layer of doubt on a consumer who already has accumulated many."

Still, a 10 percent drop in sterling could add as much as 90 million pounds to Burberry's pretax earnings, according to MainFirst Bank AG analyst John Guy. Burberry

gets about 10 percent of its revenue in the U.K., and 60 percent of that comes from tourists, estimates Citigroup analyst Thomas Chauvet.

A surge in tourism to London could hurt Tokyo's fashionable Ginza shopping district. Chinese visitors to Japan increased 31 percent last month compared with a year earlier, though visits have slowed recently as the yen has strengthened.

Switching travel to the U.K. and Europe from Japan could save Chinese shoppers as much as 40 percent with the currencies' shift against the yuan, according to Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Michelle Ma. She expects to see changes to the travel pattern of mainland Chinese "straightaway" as it is the middle of their summer holiday season. **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

STOMP TO PERFORM AT THE VENETIAN



World-renowned theatrical sensation STOMP, an eight-person performance group, will hit the stage at The Venetian Theatre from September

23 to October 9.

Originally from the UK and created by Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas in 1991, STOMP combines per-

cussion, dance, theatre and comedy with a soundtrack inspired by the commotion of daily life.

Performers use everyday objects such as lighters, bin lids, plastic bags and even kitchen sinks to hammer out an explosive rhythm.

STOMP has been touring the globe for 25 years, bringing over 20,000 performances to more than 12 million people in 53 countries across six continents, according to Sands China's press release.

The group has performed in large-scale events such as the 1996 Academy Awards (the Oscars), which received an estimated audience of one billion globally, and a specially choreographed appearance at the closing ceremony of the 2012 London Olympic Games.

CEM, FAOM ORGANIZE SEMINAR ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY



CEM once again teamed up with the General Residents Association of Macau, the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM) and

the Women's General Association of Macau to hold a seminar on energy efficiency and safety.

The groups said the aim of

the seminar was to improve public awareness of energy efficiency and safety, as well as to promote the maintenance of public electricity installations at buildings and CEM's customer services.

Held at FAOM's Taipa office, the seminar introduced participants to CEM's various services, including "e-Service" and "Mobile App," and explained the power supply application procedures and payment methods.

The company also gave presentations on topics such as the "responsibilities and periodic maintenance of public electrical installations," "energy safety at home" and "energy saving tips at home," teaching residents how to save energy while using appliances safely.

Cape Verde economy expected to grow



Mindelo

THE economy of Cape Verde is expected to post maximum growth of 4.5 percent in 2016, according to the draft State Budget approved last week by the country's government, the Minister for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers said in Praia.

"The government projects growth of between 3.5 and 4.5 percent based on an increase in foreign direct investment (FDI), of productivity and confidence of economic agents," said Fernando Elísio Freire, estimating that the rate of inflation will be between 0.2 and 1.2 percent.

With expenditure of 60 billion escudos (USD605 million), the draft State Budget outlines a deficit of 5.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) which, according to Freire, is a drop of 2.1 percentage points against 2015.

Cape Verde's public debt is currently estimated at 121 percent of GDP. The draft budget will be presented to Parliament Monday and its discussion and approval is expected to be scheduled for before the end of July. **MDT/Macauhub**

Angola receives a quarter of Chinese loans granted to Africa

ANGOLA has received a quarter of all the loans China has granted to African countries in the last 15 years and Angolan state oil company Sonangol has received 84 percent of all the loans granted to the extractive industries, according to a new academic database.

The first conclusions of the China Africa Research Initiative (CARI), of US John Hopkins University, were presented in June, following nine years' work by researchers Jyhjong Hwang, Deborah Brautigam and Janet Eom.

Of the USD86.9 billion in loans provided by China to Africa between 2000 and 2014 – by the government, banks and companies – Angola received \$21.2 billion, or 23 percent of the total, followed by Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The largest financier of Angola was the China Development Bank (\$11.3 billion), followed by the Ex-



The landscape of the Mavinga conservation area in Cuando-Cubango, Angola

port Import Bank of China (ExIm – \$7.36 billion) and an additional \$2.5 billion provided by other institutions.

In the study researchers said that almost all Chinese loans to Angola were guaranteed with oil. Half of the financing has been provided for transport infrastructure and agriculture by the China ExIm Bank and the China Development Bank. The remaining loans are made up of commercial loans to Sonangol by the China Development Bank and the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China.

The study also showed that 84 percent of loans from China to the African extractive industry were granted to Sonangol.

In Africa the three sectors that received most funding were transport (\$24.2 billion), energy (\$17.6 billion) and the extractive industry (\$9 billion).

Loans to the transport sector mainly involved construction and renewal of roads, railways, airports and ports, as well as buying transport vehicles.

At a time of economic slowdown for Angola, Chinese companies have become more active due to a

credit line from China, which plans to finance 155 projects in Angola with \$5.2 billion.

At the end of May the Angolan government authorised hiring Chinese companies to carry out 23 public works projects, to supply water and repair roads in eight provinces. The projects have an estimated cost of around \$550 million and will be implemented in the provinces of Bengo, Bié, Huambo, Namibe, Kwanza Norte, Kwanza Sul, Malanje and Uíge.

Amongst the Portuguese-speaking countries the John Hopkins University database also noted Mozambique, which has received \$1.86 billion from China, of which \$1.66 billion from the ExIm Bank, and Equatorial Guinea, with \$2.5 billion.

Cape Verde received \$152 million and the CARI database had no loans recorded for Guinea-Bissau or Sao Tome and Principe. **MDT/Macauhub**

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- Plaza Casino
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- Patrons must complete a "Retired Chipset Redemption Request Form" to register their personal and other required information.
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ENERGY

Trouble in renewables spotted in idled wind farms

TROUBLE may be brewing in China's renewable energy industry if idled wind farms are anything to go by.

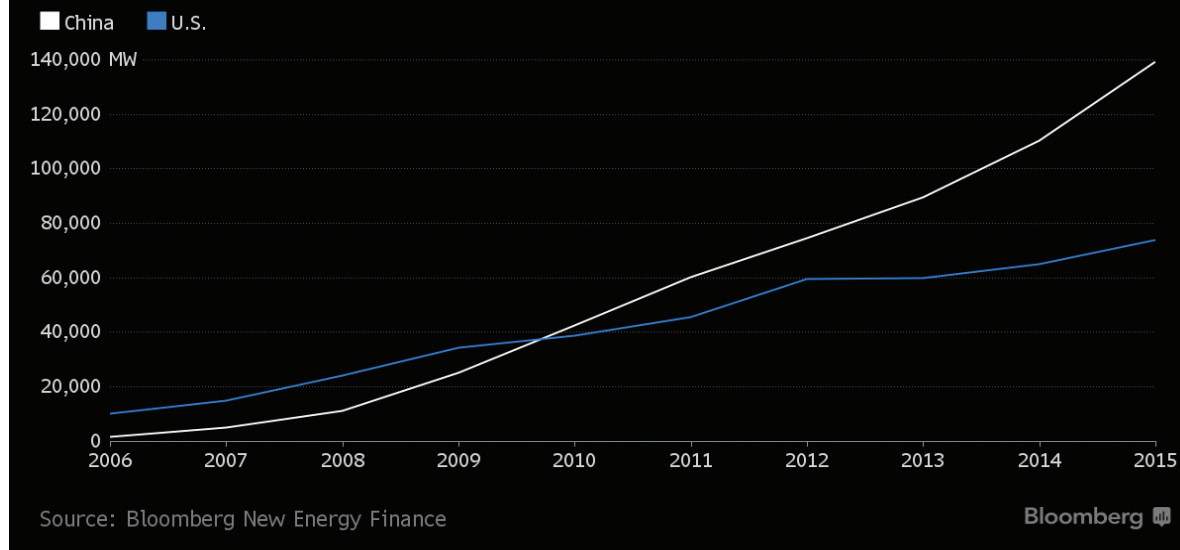
The nation's clean-energy investment binge has made it the world leader in wind, accounting for about one in every three turbines currently installed, according to the Global Wind Energy Council. In turn, Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology Co., which makes the machines, has pushed past its western rivals such as Vestas Wind Systems A/S and General Electric Co.

Yet even with double the wind capacity, China still produces less electricity from turbines when compared with the U.S. That's because it's installing lower-quality machines using less reliable breezes and doing so more quickly than the distribution grid can take in the flows.

"The numbers are striking," said Justin Wu, head of Asia-Pacific for London-based Bloomberg New Energy Finance. "They say China is building wind faster than it can be absorbed."

Tapping the Power of the Wind

Wind generation capacity measured in megawatts



The chart shows China's wind turbine installations against those in the U.S., with the pace of construction accelerating since the two markets were neck-and-neck in 2009. From the end of 2006 to the end of 2015, China's wind capacity surged 89-fold to

139.3 gigawatts, while the U.S. saw a sevenfold increase to 73.8 gigawatts, according to data from BNEF.

Yet those machines aren't as efficient in cranking out electricity as the ones in the U.S. In 2015, the U.S. slightly edged China in

China is studying how to cut idle capacity in renewables over the next five to 10 years

wind power production, generating 185.6 terrawatt-hours compared with 185.1 terrawatt hours, BNEF research shows. In other words, the U.S. produced more with less.

One issue under scrutiny is turbine efficiency - a concern hinted at by foreign turbine makers trying to crack the Chinese market.

Goldwind is now the world's biggest turbine maker by ship-

ments, while the market share in China for Vestas has declined from about 23 percent a decade ago to about 1 percent for the last two years, according to BNEF.

"We see clear signs" of a shift from a focus on low costs to energy output and internal rate of return for turbines that can operate for 20 years, Vestas's Chief Executive Officer, Anders Runevad, said in an interview with Bloomberg Television's Tom MacKenzie in Beijing recently.

Wind quality is also pegged as a culprit.

Findings published earlier this year in the journal *Nature Energy* by a group of researchers from places such as Tsinghua University in Beijing and Harvard University in the U.S. showed that the quality of wind flow explained part of the difference in electricity output between the U.S. and China.

The researchers point to a myriad of other reasons for the shortcomings of turbines in China, ranging from lower turbine quality, grid connection problems and the failure of grid operators to transmit wind power to users because they prefer other types of energy sources such as coal.

"Improvements in both technology choices and the policy environment are critical in addressing these challenges," the authors of the report concluded.

Analysts say "curtailment" is one of the biggest challenges. Curtailment occurs when wind generation is available but grid operators won't accept the electricity. The reasons are complex, ranging from poor grid connections to a preference for coal-fired power, which is more predictable and reliable.

"Some policy has run ahead of other policy," BNEF's Wu said. "Policy to incentivize to build is working great, but policy to actually get the grid to uptake is falling behind."

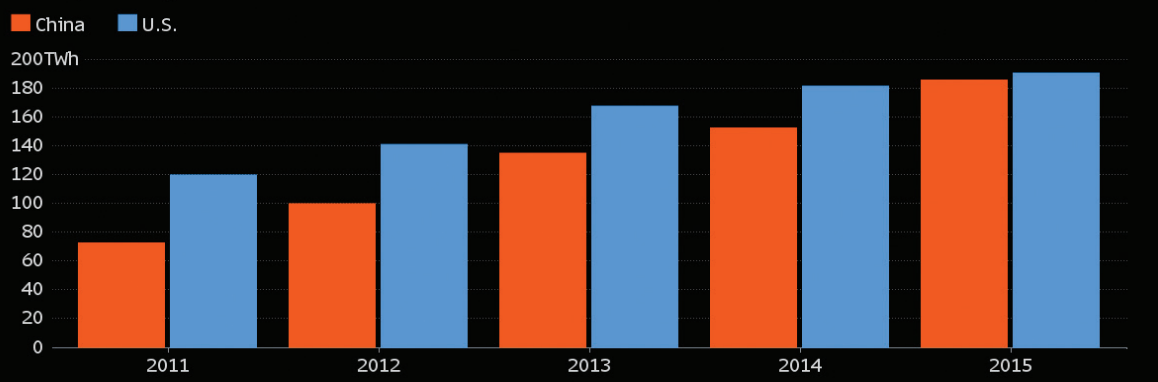
China is studying how to cut idle capacity in renewables over the next five to 10 years, Nur Bekri, head of the National Energy Administration, said in interview in Beijing yesterday. "If China can meet a goal of transmitting and distributing renewable energy in a reasonable way, then the idle-capacity issue will gradually be solved," Bekri said.

Despite China's boom in clean energy, coal-fired generation still accounts for more than 70 percent of the country's power needs, according to the International Energy Agency.

"Grids and local governments sometimes have to sacrifice the output from renewables to make room for coal," said Frank Yu, principal consultant on China and North East Asia power at research consultancy Wood Mackenzie Ltd. "This unspoken coal-favoring protectionist measure is an important limiting factor to renewable outputs." **Bloomberg**

Cranking Up the Turbines

Wind power generation as measured in terrawatt hours



Source: Global Wind Energy Council, U.S. Energy Information Administration

Bloomberg

CHINA-TAIWAN

President Tsai
calls for continued
communication
across Strait

Tsai Ing-wen

TAIWAN'S government will continue to look for ways to maintain dialogue with China, President Tsai Ing-wen says, after Beijing said it had halted a regular communication mechanism with Taipei, Reuters news agency reported yesterday.

According to the dispatch, China, which regards the self-ruled island as a wayward province, is deeply suspicious of Ms Tsai, who took office last month, since Beijing suspects she will push for formal independence.

Ms Tsai, who heads the pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party, says she wants to maintain the status quo and is committed to ensuring peace.

But China has insisted she recognise a pact called the "1992 consensus" between its Communists and Taiwan's then-ruling Nationalists, by which both agreed there is only one China, with each having its own interpretation of what that means.

On Saturday, China said because Taiwan's new government would not recognize that principle, it had stopped the regular communication mechanism between the two sides.

"No matter what party is in government in Taiwan, we always have a single, common objective: to maintain peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait," Ms Tsai told reporters during a visit to Paraguay, Taiwan's sole diplomatic ally in South America.

"We will continue the dialogue with mainland China, as even though, probably at this moment official negotiation channels have been temporarily interrupted, there still exist other options for communication and dialogue," she said, speaking through an interpreter, according to the agency.

Reuters added that yesterday Taiwan Premier Lin Chuan said the government's approach was for positive interactions with China to continue.

"There must be willingness on both sides to move forward on the relationship," Mr Lin told reporters about the suspension issue at a function in southern Taiwan, as quoted by Reuters.

But in Beijing, a spokesman for China's Taiwan Affairs Office signaled there would be no compromise, saying the "1992 consensus" had been the basis for improved relations since 2008, when the China-friendly Ma Ying-jeou became president and signed a series of landmark trade and tourism deals with China, Reuters reminds. **MDT/Agencies**

Gerry Shih, Beijing

CHINA has replaced its internet regulator Lu Wei, the hard-liner responsible for leading the government's efforts to tighten control over domestic cyberspace and export the ruling Communist Party's philosophy of web control.

Lu wielded expansive powers as head of the Central Leading Group for Cyberspace Affairs since 2014, dictating what 700 million Chinese internet users may view online and acting as gatekeeper for technology firms wishing to do business in China.

His successor will be his deputy, former propaganda official Xu Lin, the official Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday.

The departure of Lu, one of the Communist Party's rising stars and an ambitious ally of President Xi Jinping, had been rumored for months and is not expected to alter the broad direction of China's internet policy. Xinhua did not mention a new post for Lu, who will keep his concurrent position as deputy head of the party's propaganda department. He could be in line to lead the department or take over a provincial post, according to political analysts and speculation in Chinese media.

But the reshuffle likely means a new face will greet foreign executives like Apple's Tim Cook and Microsoft's Satya Nadella who have been dealing with thorny cybersecurity and trade issues on their visits to Beijing.

Although the outspoken and gregarious Lu has visited tech firms in the U.S., where he has been pictured joking with the likes of Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, he has also taken a hard line in demanding tough security checks on imported foreign

tech products and keeping out social networks like Facebook in the name of preserving social stability.

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Beijing replaces top
internet regulator and
censor with deputy

Chinese President Xi Jinping, center, talks with Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg (right), as Lu Wei (left), China's Internet czar, looks on during a gathering of CEOs and other executives at Microsoft's main campus in Redmond

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changed it into a government that was very much in control of the internet," Creemers said. "From the Chinese policy perspective, it was very innovative, very effective. He's won, and the political cauldron that was Weibo is gone." **AP**

Tibetan director Pema Tsenden hospitalized after scuffle

TIBETAN film director Pema Tsenden has been hospitalized following a scuffle at a Chinese airport, bringing an outpouring of support from fans on social media.

Tsenden's producer Sonam said the director was detained on Saturday following a dispute over left luggage at the airport in the western city of Xining. The next morning, he was ordered held for five days of administrative detention for causing a disturbance and was taken to a hospital Monday night suffering from a headache, chest pain and other complaints, said Sonam, who like many Tibetans uses just one name.

Airport police did not immediately



Pema Tsenden

respond to questions about the case yesterday.

Tsenden was a member of the jury at this month's 19th Shanghai International Film Festival attended by international celebrities including British

actor Ian McKellen.

The son of nomadic herders, Tsenden is one of the few Tibetans to have graduated from the Beijing Film Academy. His films are rare in that they are filmed entirely in the Tibetan language, earning him legions of Tibetan fans at home and overseas. Many have taken to Twitter and other social media sites to express their concern over his condition.

Tsenden's four films have won acclaim from critics and juries around the world. His second feature, "The Search," was selected to show at the Locarno Film Festival while his third, "Old Dog," won prestigious prizes at festivals across Asia. **AP**

PHILIPPINES

Drug pusher deaths jump as 'Duterte Harry' takes office

Teresa Cerojano, Manila

THE bodies of dozens of suspected drug peddlers have turned up in the Philippines in recent weeks, providing an eerie backdrop to the swearing-in today of Rodrigo Duterte, who has warned of a bloody presidency in his bid to eradicate crime.

Some of the dead were killed in gunfights with police; others mysteriously turned up on the street. One was dumped with sign: "Don't follow me or you'll die next."

The numbers of bodies have spiked since Duterte swept the May 9 elections on promises to wipe out crime and corruption within six months. That bold pledge won him huge support but also sparked concerns about vigilante justice and a lack of due process.

Nicknamed "Duterte Harry" after a Clint Eastwood character with little regard for rules, he says he plans to fulfill his promise despite criticism from human rights advocates and church officials and dares his critics to impeach him.

"If I couldn't convince you, I'll have you killed. Just imagine if I kill 10 persons a day for the next six years," he was quoted as saying by Cebu Daily News in his native Visayan language, referring to drug suspects. "If you're into drugs, I'm sorry. I'll have to apologize to your family because you'll surely get killed."

So far, the threats seem to be working to some extent: Hundreds of drug pushers and addic-



Police cars block a street as they enforce an overnight curfew for minors in Manila

ts have surrendered to police in recent days, signing pledges to reform.

National police data show 39 mostly drug peddler suspects were killed since the start of the year until the election. But since then, 72 killed have been killed, bringing the yearly total so far to 111 deaths.

Outgoing national police chief Ricardo Marquez dismissed speculation that the spike in deaths was timed to the beginning of Duterte's presidency, saying he already promised an intensified anti-drug campaign when he took over last year.

"There is no truth to what is being said that it is only now that the police have stepped up the fight against drugs," he said. So far this year, 183 have been killed in

clashes between police and clandestine drug lab workers, dealers and users, he added. The reason for the discrepancy in the totals wasn't immediately clear.

In one television report, a mother wailed as she saw the body of her son sprawled on a roadside in eastern Camarines Sur province, apparently shot with four wounds and a slash on his neck.

"What they have done is too much," she said, sobbing on the shoulder of another woman.

Nearly 5,000 suspects have been arrested in anti-drug operations after the election, bringing the number of arrests in a nationwide drive to nearly 19,000 since January, according to police records.

"We are alarmed about the rate of almost everyday killings of

suspected criminals and members of drug syndicates," said Wilnor Montilla Papa, a human rights campaigner for Amnesty International in the Philippines. "Our concern is on the lack of due process, the seemingly abusive stance" of authorities.

Last week, the head of the influential Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines issued a letter saying the group was disturbed by the reports of growing numbers of drug suspects being killed as well as the spike in vigilante killings. The letter reminded law enforcers that one can "shoot to kill" solely on the ground of legitimate self-defense or the defense of others.

"To kill a suspect outright, no matter how much surveillance work may have antecedently been done on the suspect, is not morally justified," Archbishop Socrates Villegas said.

Others praised Duterte's drastic

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approach to combatting crime.

Arsenio Evangelista, whose son was kidnapped and killed 5 years ago, supports the incoming president's plan to restore the death penalty and promise to eradicate all major crimes, especially drug-related offenses in three to six months. But he said the recent increase in drug dealer deaths could not have been on orders of Duterte because he isn't in office yet.

"We want results out of frustration, dismay" with a criminal justice system that is corrupt and does not work, said Evangelista, who is also a spokesman for a group called Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption.

He said his group believes the deaths could be part of an effort by police officials to burnish their accomplishments in the face of Duterte's plans to revamp the police force. Under pressure to step up efforts, police have clamped down on mostly small-time drug pushers who are easier to find and apprehend, he added.

In the past, such peddlers would rather bribe officers than engage in a shootout, Evangelista said. "It's not believable that street-level drug peddlers' behavior changed totally," he said.

Police Senior Inspector Donelle Edep Brannon, head of a small community precinct in Manila's tourist district, said the spike in deaths is the result of an intensified anti-drugs campaign initiated by the police leadership in view of Duterte's strong pronouncements.

Police follow procedures, but deaths could not be avoided if law enforcers' lives are put in danger by those who choose to fight instead of surrendering to arresting officers, he added.

He said he expects the anti-crime drive to intensify even more once Duterte is in office — and he welcomes it.

"Being a police officer," he said, "it is better for us to feel that the president himself is our ally in fighting criminality." AP

AUSTRALIA

Opposition leader shifts position on gay marriage

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

AUSTRALIA'S opposition leader yesterday explained his shift on gay marriage, which will be a key issue in this weekend's elections.

The center-left Labor Party opposes the conservative government's plan to hold a plebiscite this year to allow the public a direct say on whether Australia should give legal recognition to same-sex marriage.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten confirmed a newspaper report yesterday, three days before the

election, that he had told Christian church leaders in 2013 that he supported holding such a plebiscite.

Labor's position now is that Parliament should make the decision on same-sex marriage.

Shorten cited as a reason for his change of heart the Irish referendum in May last year in which 62 percent of Irish voters called for their constitution to be changed to allow same-sex marriage.

"That debate, whilst it was ultimately successful, did trigger some very ugly arguments," Shorten told reporters.

"I think the people of Australia, the majority of them, have clearly moved — even in the last two or three years — to supporting marriage equality and all popular opinion polls would seem to indicate the truth of what I'm saying," he added.

Both Shorten and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull support same sex marriage, but differ on how it should be achieved.

Shorten has promised that if his party was elected on Saturday, the first legislation he would introduce to Parliament would be a bill to overturn Aus-



Labor leader Bill Shorten (center)

tralia's ban on same-sex marriage.

Most marriage equality advocates support Labor's approach. Turnbull also previously opposed the

plebiscite and the divisive community debate that would precede it. But Turnbull agreed to maintain the government's policy to hold a plebiscite when he

defeated Prime Minister Tony Abbott in a leadership ballot in September last year.

The plebiscite would cost 160 million Australian dollars (USD120 million) and the result would have no legal standing.

Some government lawmakers have already said they would vote down gay marriage in Parliament regardless of the plebiscite's outcome.

But Turnbull said that if most Australians wanted gay marriage, legislation allowing it would "sail through the Parliament." AP

Zeynep Bilginsoy, Suzan Fraser
& Dominique Soguel, Istanbul

TURKEY | TERRORISM

41 dead in Istanbul airport attack blamed on Islamic State

SUICIDE attackers armed with guns and bombs killed 41 people and wounded scores of others at Istanbul's busy Ataturk Airport in an attack the government blamed on Islamic State extremists.

Funerals were expected today [Macau time] for some of the victims — who included at least 23 Turkish citizens and 13 foreign nationals — as Turkish authorities tried to piece together how the attack happened.

A Turkish official said authorities are going through surveillance footage and interviewing witnesses to establish a preliminary timeline and details.

The death toll excluded the three bombers, who arrived in a taxi and eventually blew themselves up after coming under fire, according to the government, though there were conflicting reports about exactly where they detonated their explosives.

Earlier, the same official had said none of the attackers got past security checks at the entrance, with two detonating explosives at the international arrivals terminal and the third in the parking lot. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government protocol.

But the HaberTurk newspaper reported that one attacker blew himself up outside the terminal, and two others opened fire near the X-ray machines. The report said an attacker was shot at while running amid fleeing passengers, then blew himself up at the exit. The third attacker went up one level to the international departures terminal, was shot by police and detonated his explosives, according to the report.



Security officials stand at an entrance of Ataturk Airport in Istanbul

Airport surveillance video posted on social media appeared to show the moment of one explosion, a huge ball of fire, and passengers fleeing. Another appeared to show an attacker, felled by a gunshot from a security officer, blowing himself up seconds later.

"So, what can we think? We cannot think anything," said Ali Batur, whose brother died. "A terror attack might happen everywhere, it happens everywhere. This terror trouble is also in our country. If

God permits, we will get over this in unity and solidarity."

As dawn broke over the destroyed terminal, workers began removing debris. An information board inside showed about one-third of scheduled flights were canceled, and a host of others were delayed.

Earlier, the hundreds of passengers who fled the airport in fear were left sitting on the grass outside. Several ambulances drove back and forth, and security vehicles surrounded the scene.

The Istanbul governor's office said more than 230 people were wounded.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said it appeared that the Islamic State group, which has threatened Turkey repeatedly, was responsible.

"Even though the indications suggest Daesh, our investigations are continuing," Yildirim said, using Arabic shorthand for Islamic State.

Turkey has suffered a series of attacks, and the increasing frequency and scale have scared away visitors and devastated the economy, which relies heavily on tourism. The country is a key partner in the U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State and a NATO member.

Turkey shares long, porous borders with Syria and Iraq, war-torn countries where IS controls large pockets of territory. Authorities have blamed IS for several ma-

ajor bombings over the past year, including on the capital Ankara, as well as attacks on tourists in Istanbul.

The government has stepped up controls at airports and land borders and deported thousands of foreign fighters, but has struggled to tackle the extremist threat while also conducting security operations against Kurdish rebels, who have also been blamed for some recent deadly attacks.

The devastation at Istanbul's airport follows the March attack on the Brussels airport, where two suicide bombings ripped through check-in counters, killing 16 people. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for that attack, as well as a subsequent explosion at a Brussels subway station that killed 16 more people.

Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel said on Twitter: "Our thoughts are with the victims of the attacks at Istanbul's airport. We con-

■ **The HaberTurk newspaper reported that one attacker blew himself up outside the terminal, and two others opened fire near the X-ray machines**

demn these atrocious acts of violence."

Turkish airports have security checks at both the entrance of terminal buildings and then later before entry to departure gates.

Judy Favish, a South African who spent two days in Istanbul as a layover on her way home from Dublin, had just checked in when she heard an explosion followed by gunfire and a loud bang.

She said she hid under the counter, then passengers were ushered to a basement cafeteria where they were kept for more than an hour before being allowed outside.

Two South African touris-

NO MACAU RESIDENTS HURT

THE TOURISM Crisis Management Office (GGCT) said yesterday that according to the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in Macau, there is no indication that any local resident was affected by the Istanbul airport explosions. The GGCT said it is closely monitoring the situation.

ts, Paul and Susie Roos from Cape Town, due to fly home at the time of the explosions.

"We came up from the arrivals to the departures, up the escalator when we heard these shots going off," Paul Roos said. "There was this guy going roaming around, he was dressed in black and he had a handgun."

The prime minister called for national unity and "global cooperation" in combatting terrorism.

"This [attack] has shown once again that terrorism is a global threat," Yildirim said. "This is a heinous planned attack that targeted innocent people."

He suggested that the attack was linked to what he said was Turkey's success against Kurdish rebels, as well as steps Ankara took Monday toward mending strained ties with Israel and Russia.

Yildirim said there were no immediate indications that other attackers were at large.

Dozens of anxious friends and relatives waited yesterday outside Istanbul's Bakirkoy Hospital.

"You can hear that people are wailing here," said Serdar Tatlisu, a relative of a victim. "We cannot cope anymore, we can't just stay still. We need some kind of solution for whatever problem there is."

Turkey is beset by an array of security threats, including from ultra-left radicals, Kurdish rebels demanding greater autonomy in the restive southeast, and IS militants.

Istanbul's Ataturk Airport was the 11th busiest airport in the world last year, with 61.8 million passengers, according to Airports Council International. It is also one of the fastest-growing airports in the world, seeing 9.2 percent more passengers last year than in 2014. **AP**

SUICIDE BOMBINGS IN TURKEY SINCE JULY 2015

— **JUNE 28, 2016:** Suicide attackers killed at least 41 people and wounded more than 140 at Istanbul's busy Ataturk Airport. Turkish officials said the explosions were probably the work of Islamic State group militants.

— **MARCH 19, 2016:** A suicide bombing rocked Istanbul's main pedestrian street killing five people, including the bomber, whom authorities identified as a Turkish national linked to IS. Like in the prior attacks blamed on IS, there was no claim of responsibility from the group.

— **MARCH 13, 2016:** A Kurdish woman blew herself up in a car at a busy transport hub in Ankara, killing 37 people in an attack that was also claimed by TAK, also known as the Kurdish Freedom Falcons.

— **FEB. 17, 2016:** A suicide car bomb apparently targeting military personnel in Ankara killed 29 people in an attack claimed by TAK, an offshoot of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which Turkey considers a terrorist organization.

— **JAN. 12, 2016:** A suicide bomber blew himself up in the historic district of Istanbul, killing 12 German tourists. Authorities said the attack was carried out by an IS-linked Syrian man who had entered the country as a refugee.

— **OCT. 10, 2015:** Twin suicide bombings hit a peace rally outside Ankara's train station, killing 102 people. There was no claim of responsibility but Turkish authorities blamed the attack on a local cell of IS.

— **JULY 20, 2015:** A Turkish national who was an ethnic Kurd blew himself up in the southern border town of Suruc, killing 33 mostly-Kurdish activists and wounding nearly 100 others in an attack authorities blamed on the Islamic State group.

UK

Taunts, threats surge in days following Brexit referendum

Raphael Satter & Philippa Law,
London

TURKISH tourists are heckled in the heart of London. An Eastern European family in Rugby finds dog excrement shoved through its mailbox. A Polish teenager in Gloucestershire is taunted with threats of deportation at her high school.

In the aftermath of the June 23 vote to leave the European Union, Britain has seen a surge in xenophobia expressed in taunts, threats and worse. For many, foreign- and native-born, the U.K. has suddenly become a much scarier place.

"Before Friday we lived in a tolerant society," said Oana Gorcea, a 32-year-old Romanian who has been in Britain since she was a teenager. "I've been here 13 years, but I've never felt like I had to hide where I came from. But from Friday, things completely changed."

Gorcea, who works for a multinational company in Rugby, about 135 kilometers northwest of London, told The Associated Press that her street was being patrolled by "English commandos who walk around and try to intimidate non-white, non-English people." The talk of the neighborhood was the dog feces shoved through a local immigrant family's mailbox.

■ An anchor for Sky News, said on Twitter that he and his family had witnessed three separate incidents of abuse aimed at Europeans

Gorcea's story and others like it have been echoing across social media. Eastern Europeans, Muslims — even Americans and Germans — have reported acts of intimidation and harassment. Victims describe an emboldened, angry fringe emerging to crow over the vote; a T-shirt sported by a man at an Armed Forces Day parade in the working class London borough of Havering over the weekend seemed to sum up the new attitude:



In this photo made available by Diamond Geezer, a man wearing an anti immigration T-shirt walks during Armed Forces Day Parade in Romford, England

"YES! WE WON! NOW SEND THEM BACK."

British reporters have seen the resurgence. Adam Boulton, an anchor for Sky News, said on Twitter that he and his family had witnessed three separate incidents of abuse aimed at Europeans over the weekend. Channel Four's Ciaran Jenkins said that within a five-minute span in the northern England town of Barnsley, three people had shouted "Send them home!" BBC reporter Sima Kotecha said she was in "utter shock" after having returned home to the southern town of Basingstoke and been abused with a racial slur she hadn't heard "since the '80s."

The incidents continued yesterday [Macau time] a few blocks from Parliament, where a group of white British men wearing shirts calling for the "repatriation" of immigrants started shouting at a Turkish family visiting the capital's landmarks.

"We came to see family and to show our children some of the tourist sites," Adalet Abdullatif, 28, from Istanbul, told The Associated Press. "All of a sudden, these men come out of nowhere, shouting at us and telling us to go home. We thought they

were going to attack us. It's frightening for us and for our children."

Police said there had been several cases of vandalism and xenophobic graffiti scrawled on London buildings overnight. Miqdaad Versi, assistant secretary-general of the Muslim Council of Britain, said "hundreds of hate crimes" had been reported across the country. Early in the week, the National Police Chiefs' Council said there had been a 57 percent rise in hate-crime complaints in the past four days, compared with the same period last month.

Those who championed the campaign to pull Britain from the EU have condemned the attacks.

"I've never, ever, ever encouraged or condoned behavior like that, and I never, ever would," said United Kingdom Independence Party head Nigel Farage, a leader in the campaign for a British exit from the EU, popularly known as Brexit.

He added that "the real prejudice is the prejudice that's been there for a decade or more against anybody that dares stand up against the establishment, anybody that dares to say that we shouldn't be part of the EU."

Other politicians didn't buy it. "The leaders of the Brexit campaign have engendered an atmosphere where some people believe it is open season now for racism and xenophobia," said lawmaker Harriet Harman, a former leader of the opposition Labour Party.

For the victims, the link between the referendum and the abuse is clear. Immigration was a key issue in the campaign, with Farage posing in front of a massive, truck-drawn poster carrying a photograph of hundreds of swarthy migrants under the words "Breaking Point."

Many "leave" voters cited the influx of foreigners as a top concern.

"Just because of one referendum [...] it's coming out like woodworms," said Julie Sauter Daoud, a French-German national who has lived in Britain most of her life. On Sunday, she said two men overtook her car shouting, "Go home, you [expletive] German."

She said the verbal attack, which happened while she was driving on a residential street in the northern city of Sheffield, left her so shaken that she was scared to speak French to her youngest child at the supermarket.

"It's terribly sickening," she said in a telephone interview. "The first time ever in my life. Ever." She paused for a second. "Probably not the last time now."

The 44-year-old's story is one of hundreds on a Facebook group called "Worrying Signs," which is gathering examples of the recent surge in intolerance. By yesterday, the site contained stories and photos of sinister graffiti and broken windows. Although the AP could not independently confirm the stories, it did speak with several of those behind them.

Polish-British national Natalia Nicholls told AP her 14-year-old sister was taunted by boys at her high school in the Cotswolds region of England who boasted that "now we can get rid of the Polish and the blacks." Corinne Abrahams, 24, said she was returning from a music festival when she nearly got into a fight with an inebriated man yelling anti-foreigner epithets on the London subway. An American said she was recently accosted by people calling her a "Yankee [expletive]" in a parking lot.

Prime Minister David Cameron, in his first appearance before lawmakers since the vote, sought to reassure Europeans and other ethnic minorities living in Britain that they would be protected.

"Let's remember these people have come here and made a wonderful contribution to our country," he said. "We will not stand for hate crime or these kinds of attacks. They must be stamped out." AP

HOLLANDE SAYS BREXIT FALLOUT CAN BE MANAGED

FRENCH PRESIDENT Francois Hollande says that the economic impact of Britain's decision to leave the European Union can be managed if the right growth-boosting measures are put in place.

Hollande said that if nothing is done "there could be a risk that investments do not happen, and that it could have consequences."

He reacted to reports that up to 0.5 percent of growth compared to the baseline scenario could be lost



over the next three years in case of a British exit.

With enough investment boosting decisions, Hollande said, "we can perfectly manage these risks."

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VENUE: Macau Cultural Centre Grand Auditorium
ADMISSION: MOP150, MOP250, MOP350
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2853 0782

MR SATIE MADE IN PAPER
- TEATR ATOFRI (POLAND)
TIME: 5pm (June 30-July 3)
11am & 3pm (July 2 & 3)
VENUE: Macau Cultural Centre,
Avenida Xian Xing Hai s/n, Nape
ORGANIZER: Macau Cultural Centre

EDGAR DEGAS: FIGURES IN MOTION
- A COLLECTION OF 74 BRONZE SCULPTURES
TIME: 12pm-9pm
(Closed on Mondays, except public holidays)
UNTIL: November 20, 2106
VENUE: MGM Art Space, Macau
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (852) 3678 0150

THE CHARMS OF FLOWERS - EXHIBITION OF
TRADITIONAL CHINESE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
TIME: 10am-6pm (no admission after 5:30 pm,
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UNTIL: July 31, 2016
VENUE: Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de
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(Except Mondays, closed on the following day
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TIME: 2pm-6pm daily (Except Mondays)
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Offbeat

HORSEBACK RIDER ON NYC BRIDGE
IS RAISING AWARENESS OF HUNGER

A cowboy who tied up traffic by riding a horse across a busy bridge connecting New York City and New Jersey says he is traversing the country to raise money and awareness for child hunger.

Tod Mishler, 80, was followed across the Outerbridge Crossing on Monday by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police.

Once he was safely across the bridge, officers issued him two criminal court summonses, for trespassing and impeding traffic.

A video sent to the Staten Island Advance newspaper showed Mishler sporting a cowboy hat, a brown vest and a red kerchief and riding quickly toward Staten Island. New Jersey-bound traffic slowed as motorists stopped to watch. The rider held the reins of the second horse laden down with bags.

"My dream is to ride across the country and let the people know that we have the money to feed every starving child in the world," Mishler told WCBS-TV.

Mishler, who goes by Doc, said that he hadn't paid any toll for riding across the bridge on his horse and that he had been on his way to a corral in Queens.

He said didn't have any ill-will toward authorities for the summonses.

"The police are always here to serve and protect all across the law," he said.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	RTPi Live
18:10	Helena's Shadow (Repeated)
19:00	Montra do Lilau (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:10	Sports
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Talk Show
21:40	The Toque 12
22:10	Helena's Shadow
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Variety
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00:40	Sports (Repeated)
01:00	RTPi Live
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THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS

ROOM 1
(2D) 2.15, 4.00, 7.30 pm
(3D) 5.45 pm

Director: Chris Renaud, Yarrow Cheney
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)
Duration: 90min

ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

ROOM 1

9.30 pm

Director: James Bobin
Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp,
Helena Bonham Carter
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 113min

INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich
Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum,
Bill Pullman
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 120min



THE LEGEND OF TARZAN

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich
Starring: Alexander Skarsgård, Rory J. Saper,
Christian Stevens
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 109min

MACAU TOWER

23 JUN - 07 JUL

INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich
Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum,
Bill Pullman
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 120min

this day in history

1985 BEIRUT ORDEAL ENDS FOR
US HOSTAGES

All 39 Americans being held captive by the Shia Muslim Amal militia in Lebanon have been released, after almost three weeks in captivity.

Their freedom was secured after intervention by the Syrian President Hafiz al-Assad. The White House said no deal had been done with the captors.

The hostages were driven in a Red Cross convoy from Beirut to Syrian capital Damascus, 17 days after the plane they were on was hijacked by two members of the extremist Islamic Jihad group.

Most of the passengers were freed hours after the Lebanese gunmen diverted the TWA Rome - Athens flight to Beirut on 14 June, demanding the release of 766 Shia Muslims imprisoned in Israel.

But 40 Americans were forced to remain on the plane. One of their number - US Navy diver Robert Stethem - was killed on the first day of the crisis and his body dumped on the airport tarmac.

Thirty-five of the Americans were imprisoned in various Beirut safe-houses by the Amal militia for most of their ordeal, but four were being held by the radical Hezbollah group.

The freedom of these men is reported to have been obtained by President Assad, who contacted two of the most extreme Shia leaders to order their release.

The group finally left for Damascus at 1545 (1245 GMT) after 24 hours of confusion and uncertainty about whether they would be freed.

Some of the hostages praised their treatment by the Amal militia, saying it had guaranteed the group's safety and looked after their welfare.

The hostages' spokesman, Allyn Conwell, told reporters at a news conference they were all very relieved to be free.

"For anyone and everyone who has prayed for us, talked for us, waited for us or hoped for us - we thank you from the bottom of our hearts," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The hostages were safely transferred to Frankfurt and then to the US after their release.

The White House said it knew the identity of the two original hijackers, but the men have never been brought to justice.

The American Diplomatic Security Service is still offering a reward of \$5m (£3.17m) for information leading to their capture.

The US Navy named the warship USS Stethem after the sailor killed by the gunmen during the hijack.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
If you've never given much thought to planning your future, then today's the day to start.

Taurus April 20-May 20
Don't be bothered by power struggles. That would only be a waste of energy, because they'll soon be history.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
Opinions are changeable. In fact, so is your worldview. Not to mention your entire personality.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
When trying to make sense of the past month, go for intellect rather than emotion.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
It's time to let go of the past and everything closely tied to it.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Your regular way of doing things will be turned on its head. Try to practice being open-minded now.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22
Work is not exactly a good time. It takes some creativity just to stay at your desk.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Get ready. Someone in charge is looking at cleaning the house. Whether you stay put or get swept out with the dust depends on just eight short hours of work.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Lines of communication have been a bit clogged. That's what happens during times of uncertainty.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
If you can't go in the front door, go in the side door. And if that doesn't work, go in the back door.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
This period is looking more and more attractive, if only in comparison to the old one.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20
It's hard to focus, and you hardly feel you should have to. But if you get nothing else out of being at your desk, get some sense of what you want for the future.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Easy+

9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

Medium

9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

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9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

WEATHER

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Ronaldo aims for Euro record but faces tough Polish defense

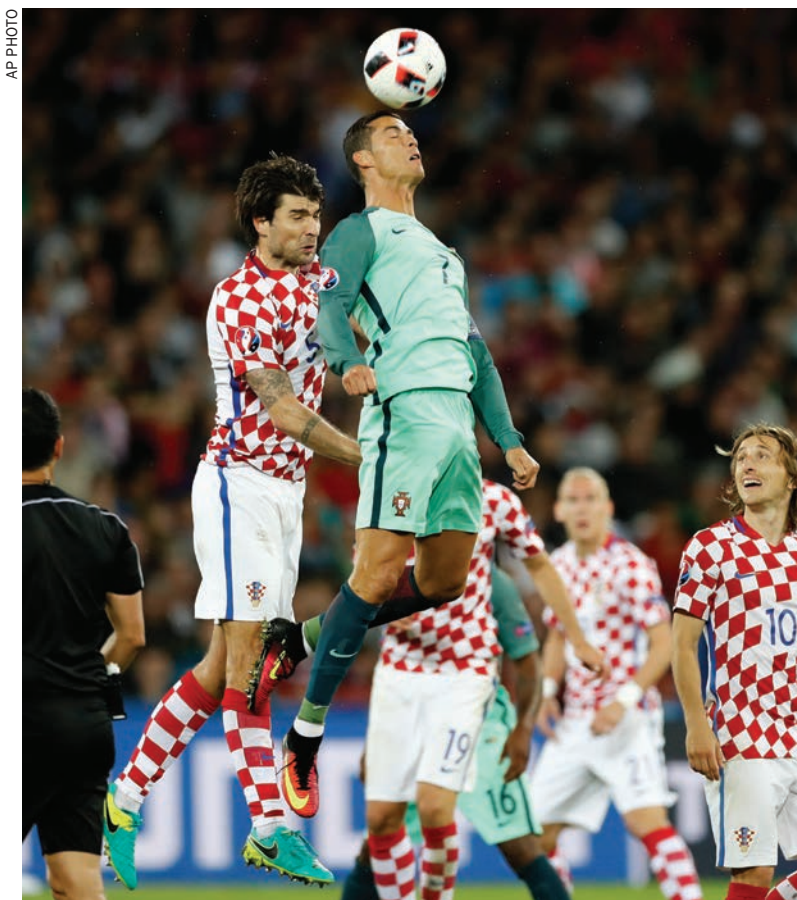
IF Cristiano Ronaldo is to send Portugal to the semi-finals and match Michel Platini's all-time European Championship scoring record, he'll have to find a way through a Poland defense that's among the toughest of the tournament.

Ronaldo has scored eight goals from four championships, one shy of Platini's nine, though he's been on inconsistent form in Platini's home country.

Frustrated and angry in Portugal's opening draws with Iceland and Austria, Ronaldo has shown flashes of his true talent since then, scoring two goals in a 3-3 draw with Hungary and setting up Ricardo Quaresma's winner against Croatia in the round of 16.

Poland's defense looks formidable after conceding just a single goal in four games. And even that needed a stroke of genius, in the form of Xherdan Shaqiri's spectacular overhead kick for Switzerland in the last 16.

Despite a lack of well-known defenders — the first-choice center-backs play for Torino and Legia Warsaw — the Poles have made a virtue of scraping through games, with two 1-0 wins and a victory on penalties against the Swiss. They



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo jumps for the ball with Croatia's Vedran Corluka (center left), during the Euro 2016 round of 16 soccer match between Croatia and Portugal at the Bollaert stadium in Lens

also neutralized the attacking play of World Cup champion Germany in a 0-0 draw in the group stage.

Just like his great rival Lionel Messi, Ronaldo has never won a major title with his country. On what is widely considered the easier side of the draw, with a potential semifinal against Wales or Belgium, this could be his year.

While Portugal beat a solid Croatia team 1-0, it didn't register a single shot on target until deep into extra time. Winning ugly is fine for center-back Jose Fonte, just as long as Portugal is winning.

"It doesn't matter if you play beautiful or ugly football," he said. "You have to win and I want to win. If we have to play badly every game and win, I'll do it."

If the attack has stuttered, Portugal's defense is also a concern with four goals conceded, the joint-worst of any team in the quarterfinals, along with Iceland.

The chaotic 3-3 draw with Hungary in the last group game prompted a rethink by coach

Fernando Santos, who brought in the Southampton duo of Fonte and right-back Cedric for the last 16, in place of Ricardo Carvalho and Vierinha, who had started all three group games.

Portugal also has injury concerns, as left-back Raphael Guerreiro and midfielders Jose Moutinho and Andre Gomes are all doubtful.

Poland's top scorer in qualifying, Robert Lewandowski, remains scoreless in the tournament, but he's often been a sacrificial element in Poland's strategy, keeping defenses occupied to create space for winger Jakub Blaszczykowski or second striker Arkadiusz Milik. However, the resulting chances have often been wasted, especially by Milik.

As Poland bids to reach its first tournament semifinal since the 1982 World Cup, Lukasz Fabianski will continue to deputize for injured first-choice goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny, who has missed the last three games with a thigh injury. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

EUREXIT

Hodgson reluctantly faces music after seismic Iceland loss

THE day after the night before, the confusion and pain from the seismic defeat that cost Roy Hodgson his job as manager of England was still written large on his craggy face.

But, to his credit, Hodgson didn't hide away.

Feeling "very fragile," Hodgson reluctantly appeared for one last England news conference yesterday [Macau time], against his better instincts.

All that Hodgson wanted to say about his team's 2-1 loss to Iceland the previous night in the European Championship round-of-16 had been said, he felt, in his resignation statement immediately after the defeat that sent England out of a major tournament early, yet again.

But he also didn't want anyone to think that he was frightened to face the music. So he roused himself for the TV cameras and assembled journa-



lists at the chateau north of Paris where England, briefly, set up base.

"I don't really know what I'm doing here," Hodgson said. "But I was told that it was important for everybody that I appear and I guess that is partly because people are still smarting from our poor performance."

"I suppose someone has to stand and take the slings and arrows," he added.

While critics agreed that England played appallingly, they disagreed on just how badly the defeat ranked in England's sorry history of underperform-

ing at major tournaments. For some, it was the worst loss ever. For others, just the worst in a generation.

"I'm very fragile today. It wasn't a good night, for anyone," Hodgson said.

"I was not forced to come here. I did so because I have never shirked a press conference, because I have never run away from anybody," he said. "So much is going to be written about our failure to get to the quarterfinals that nothing I can say would do anything other than fuel the flames, possibly."

He insisted, however,

that his players showed "good signs of good football" in three group stage games before they melted — Hodgson called it a "one-off" — against Iceland's team drawn from a tiny pool of professional players among the island's 330,000 people.

"One particularly bad game has caused a lot of damage," Hodgson said, adding that the loss could weigh on England's young team going forward.

"They've got a major bridge to repair," he said.

The England Football Association's CEO, Martin Glenn, said the post-failure inquest, the latest of many, must fathom out why the nation that invented the laws of football repeatedly stalls early, with the World Cup in 1966 its only major tournament win.

"It's a national imperative that we become more resilient," he said. "England seem brittle and we need to understand why."

Glenn, too, clutched at positives, saying England became "a much stronger team" during Hodgson's four years in charge.

"Iceland is not your epitaph," he told Hodgson. **AP**

MEANWHILE IN CHINA...

Hulk arrives in Shanghai ahead of expected move to SIPG

BRAZILIAN forward Hulk is expected to join Shanghai SIPG in a deal local media are predicting could be a record for the Chinese Super League.

SIPG said more than 1,000 fans were at Shanghai's international airport yesterday to welcome Hulk, who is set to move from former Russian champion Zenit St. Petersburg.

The club says Hulk will undergo a physical exam before signing a formal contract.

SIPG spokeswoman Yu Chen declined to confirm reports that Hulk's contract could be worth up to 55 million euros (USD61 million).

Chinese clubs spent



\$300 million on foreign stars in the pre-season transfer window, strengthening rosters and increasing attendances. The presence of big names from Europe and South America such as Ramires, Alex Teixeira, Ezequiel Lavezzi, Jackson Martinez and Gervinho also has boosted the league's profile overseas. **AP**

opinion

Views on China

Justin Fox, Bloomberg

CHINA'S GLOBALIZATION MEANS SHRINKING WEB ACCESS

I wrote most of this column at the Meijiang Convention and Exhibition Center in Tianjin, the giant port city (population: 15 million) a half-hour bullet-train ride southeast of Beijing. It's a sleek aircraft-hangar of a building that's hosting the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting of the New Champions, what the Chinese call "summer Davos."

That all sounds pretty modern and global and connected, doesn't it? Technologically sophisticated, too: I arrived too late this morning (lots of traffic in Tianjin) to get a seat at the question-and-answer session with Lei Jun, the founder and chief executive officer of smartphone maker Xiaomi, so I sat in a comfy chair in one of the cafés strewn about the convention center, drinking a coffee and tapping into the conference Wi-Fi to watch live on my laptop instead.

If I wanted to use that Wi-Fi connection to reach the outside world, though, things deteriorated pretty quickly. I could search on Bing, but not Google. Sometimes my Bloomberg e-mail functioned OK, but Gmail never did. Evernote worked, Dropbox didn't. And if I wanted to check Facebook or Twitter, or read something on a Western news site, or - God forbid - watch a show on Netflix, I was completely out of luck.

Such are the workings of the Great Firewall - the Chinese government's way of keeping the free-for-all of the internet within bounds it finds comfortable. For most people in China, I get the sense that the firewall seldom interferes with their shopping and gaming and digital socializing. For Chinese internet companies, it may even be a net positive, providing a defense against the colonization by U.S.-based internet giants that has been experienced in most of the rest of the world.

For foreigners visiting or living in China, or for Chinese citizens trying to maintain business or personal relationships outside the country, it's a different story. This isn't my first visit to China, but it's the first when I've tried to keep doing my job while here, and I can testify that the Great Firewall is a gigantic pain. Lots of China-based business-people I've talked to report similar aggravation.

There are workarounds. Virtual private networks that connect users directly to servers outside the country are a necessity for those aiming to remain connected to the outside world. But while the VPN I subscribe to has worked - slowly - about a third of the time at my hotel in Tianjin, it's been completely blocked at the World Economic Forum meeting.

Cellular data networks are another option for visitors. It's easy for Chinese mobile operators to tell which users are from other countries, so non-Chinese smartphones are allowed to bypass the firewall. But cellular is slower and can be expensive. Also, the fact that Chinese cellular operators can easily identify foreigners isn't necessarily good news; some people buy phones just for China and discard them when they leave because they're worried about inadvertently downloading spyware.

In past years, the World Economic Forum was allowed to bypass the Great Firewall and give participants at its summer Davos meetings unfettered internet access. But with the continuing tightening of control under President Xi Jinping, and lots of Chinese citizens at the meetings, that's apparently no longer an option.

This is pretty remarkable, when you think about it. The Annual Meeting of the New Champions, now in its 10th year, is one of China's biggest opportunities to showcase the country to the global elite. Yet the government is now perfectly willing to deny that global elite access to Google.

This strikes me as a useful indication of how China's current leadership sees its relationship with the rest of the world. It wants to participate in globalization, but to do so entirely on its own terms. If that means it's a place where it's really difficult for outsiders to do business and live their lives, well, tough.

THE NETHERLANDS AND ITALY AGREE TO SPLIT SECURITY COUNCIL TERM

Sweden and Kazakhstan won contested elections for coveted seats on the Security Council and the Netherlands and Italy ended a battle for another seat by agreeing to split the two-year term on the U.N.'s most powerful body.

The U.N. General Assembly met to choose five new council members and it overwhelmingly

elected Ethiopia and Bolivia, who faced no opposition for seats earmarked for Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

But after five rounds of voting, the Netherlands and Italy who belong to the Western group of countries were deadlocked with each receiving 95 votes - and needing 127 votes to win.

Trump Taj bankruptcy left many contractors angry



In this April 5, 1990 file photo, Donald Trump stands next to a genie's lamp as the lights of his Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort light up during ceremonies to mark its opening in Atlantic City, N.J.

THE contractor who provided the onion domes for the Taj Mahal casino had to eat USD2 million in losses. The contractor who supplied the Carrara marble from Italy ended up filing for personal bankruptcy. The contractor who put in the bathroom partitions had to lay off his brother.

A quarter of a century has passed since Donald Trump refused to pay in full 253 contractors who help build his Taj in Atlantic City. But for many of them, it could have happened yesterday.

"We got next to nothing," says Michael MacLeod, whose 40-person studio made the giant elephant statues at the casino's entrance. "I took a big hit."

After the Taj opened in April 1990, the self-anointed "King of Debt" owed \$70 million to contractors employing thousands who built the domes and minarets, put

up the glass and drywall, laid the pipes and installed everything from chandeliers to bathroom fixtures. A year later, when the casino collapsed into bankruptcy, those owed the most got only 33 cents in cash for each dollar owed, with promises of another 50 cents later. It took years to get the rest, assuming the companies survived long enough to collect.

Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks and Trump attorney Alan Garten did not respond to a list of questions about the candidate's Taj dealings.

Marty Rosenberg, former vice president of Atlantic Plate Glass, says the way Trump handled the contractors shows the candidate is shrewd and clever, but Trump won't get his vote.

"If ethics or morality has nothing to do with business," Rosenberg says, "he's a very good businessman."

For the contractors, the first

signs of trouble came in February 1990. Regular checks for work completed stopped arriving in the mail.

One of the hardest hit was marble supplier John Millar, who was owed \$3.9 million.

As he was walking into a meeting with contractors to share strategies, landscaper Herman Caucci asked him what he planned to do: Stick it out, or take cash at a discount?

"I don't know, Herman, I need the money," Caucci recalls Millar responding before the March 1990 meeting. "We could lose everything."

Court documents suggest he got about 30 cents on the dollar over the next year. Millar is deceased. His family wouldn't comment.

Trump managed to open the Boardwalk casino on April 2, 1990, and continued to dismiss rumors that he was in financial trouble, but the truth soon came out.

Over his protests, regulators unsealed a devastating report in August written by Trump's own accountants that showed he had been burning through cash in his personal accounts so fast in the spring that he would have had nothing by end of the year if he didn't take drastic action. The next year, the Trump Taj filed for bankruptcy. MDT/AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	15-35 Good
High Density Residential Area	25-45 Good
Ambient	25-45 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

JAPAN Toyota announces it is recalling 1.43 million vehicles for defective air bags and another 2.87 million vehicles for faulty fuel emissions controls. Meanwhile, Mitsubishi is resuming sales of vehicles for which it had reported inflated mileage, after offering to compensate each buyer with 100,000 yen to make up for the extra gas.

EU Block leaders spelled out stark conditions for a new relationship with a departing Britain, warning that if British business wants to keep access to Europe's single market, the country must accept European workers, too. The 27 remaining presidents, chancellors and prime ministers said they're "absolutely determined to remain united," EU Council President Donald Tusk said.



NORTH AMERICA'S leaders, at their summit in Canada, are confronting a rising tide of economic protectionism and nationalism. President Barack Obama arrived in Ottawa for talks with Canadian Premier Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto. Trade, the environment and fallout from Britain's decision to leave the European Union were expected to top the agenda.

USA Donald Trump called for a new era of economic "Americanism", promising to restore millions of lost factory jobs by backing away from decades of U.S. policy that encouraged trade with other nations - a move that could undermine the country's place as the dominant player in the global economy. The speech drew immediate condemnation from GOP business leaders.



POGBA According to Spanish newspaper Marca, Mourinho's Manchester United have entered into negotiations with their former midfielder Paul Pogba, who is also said to be wanted by Zinedine Zidane at Real. Pogba, currently representing France at the Euro 2016, has been targeted by a number of elite clubs, but Juventus have reportedly slapped a price tag of 120 million euros.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa



Havana hotel. A vintage car passes in front of the Four Points by Sheraton hotel in Havana, yesterday. American hotel giant Starwood has begun managing this hotel run by the Cuban military.