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**VIETNAM** The Communist Party-dominated National Assembly opened its first session following May elections to elect the country's top leaders. Speaking at the opening of the event, Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong called for greater efforts for the country's development.

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**NORTH KOREA** said yesterday it test-fired ballistic rockets as part of a simulated pre-emptive attack on ports and airfields in South Korea, in a likely reference to the three missile launches that Seoul says the North carried out a day earlier. Leader Kim Jong Un guided the launches and expressed his satisfaction with them, the North's state media reported.

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## Macau beneath the surface

Mark O'Neill\*

**M**ACAU'S largest archaeological excavation of blue-and-white porcelain has revealed the city's prosperity as an export center more than four centuries ago

To better understand the scope of St Paul's Church and the adjacent St Paul's college, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) invited the Institute of Archaeology of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences to conduct an archaeological project entitled "St. Paul's College Ruins Archaeological Investigation and Excavation Project."

Six years of archaeological work behind the ruins of St Paul's have unearthed thousands of pieces that give us a new understanding of the booming commercial life in Macau during the late Ming and early Qing periods.

The work began in 2010 at the Rua de D. Belchoir Carneiro N.16-22 and has been going on uninterrupted since then.

"The main things we discovered were bowls, dishes and other items used in daily life," said Harold Kuan Chon Hong, a senior technician in IC's Department of Cultural Heritage. "They show us that, at that time, Macau was a flourishing trade center from which Chinese goods were exported to the world."

The Portuguese began to settle in Macau in the mid-16th century, during the last century of the Ming dynasty. The Manchus, who established the Qing dynasty in 1644, overthrew it. Numerous pieces of construction materials such as tiles and bricks and ceramic pieces were excavated. Of these ceramic pieces, there were thousands of pieces of blue-and-white porcelain artifacts, including "Kraak" porcelain for export sale.

It was estimated that these items were manufactured in the late Ming and early Qing Dynasties. "Kraak" porcelain manufactured in the period from the late Ming to early Qing Dynasties of China was a new line of export product at the time. Its patterns and motifs are unique, characterized by the continuous ring of "reserved panels" around the central painting.



"Chinese products, especially tea, silk and porcelain, were in great demand among foreign buyers, including in the west and Southeast Asia," Kuan said in an interview. "Macau was one of China's most important export points at that time. We believe that most of what we discovered were items destined for export. A small portion might have been used by wealthy foreign residents of Macau."

"Most of the pieces we found were imperfect. They are

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HAROLD KUAN CHON HONG

broken or have flaws. Only one or two are in perfect condition. Tea and silk degrade, so that we did not find remains of them. What we found were drinking bowls, dishes and other items used in daily life, mostly porcelain," he said.

"It has great artistic meaning. The pieces tell us what was beautiful and popular at that time and what designs the foreigners liked. There are birds, plants and paintings of Chinese children," said Kuan.

"We have been able to identify the pieces from Jingdezhen in Jiangxi province, one of the most important centers of porcelain production in China. The quality of its pieces is very good. It is famous for the whiteness of its pieces. There is a bowl used by Muslims to wash their hands before they say their prayers," he said.

Kuan added that the pieces are also useful for historical reference, to compare to what has been discovered elsewhere. "They show us the history of Macau. For this, we need not only written documents but also physical

objects. They are very accurate as evidence of history and show us the prosperity of the city at that time," he said.

From 26th September 2014 to 11th January 2015, the Department of Culture of Guangdong Province, the Home Affairs Bureau of the Hong Kong SAR and the IC organized a travelling exhibition titled "Historical Imprints of Lingnan: Major Archaeological Discoveries of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau," to make known the successes of the archaeological works held in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau and showing the results of the three regions' joint efforts within the context of cultural cooperation meetings.

The exhibition showed some of the archaeological finds in the Ruins of St. Paul's College. The government has made no decision on whether to build a permanent museum to show the pieces.

Between 1990 and 1996, the colonial government organized archaeological excavations at a different site on the ruins of

St Paul's; Portuguese experts conducted it. After five years of work, they created the Museum of Sacred Art where some of the pieces are displayed.

Kuan said that the greatest challenge in the project was the abundance of the materials and how to handle them correctly.

"This is the archaeological site where the most blue-and-white porcelains have been excavated so far in Macau, with several thousand pieces. The challenge is how to catalogue, record and photograph them and arrange everything in the correct way. We must examine the different characteristics of each piece and find out which were together."

"We must date the pieces. In some, we found writing below, which refers to an emperor and his era. The porcelain fragment shows part of its foot ring. It is interesting to note that two manufacturing dates are inscribed over one another at the base. It is assumed that the new reign mark, a six-character calligraphic inscription that reads 'Made in the Tianqi reign of Ming Dynasty', was simply written over the first reign mark, 'Made in the Chenghua reign of Ming Dynasty'. The actual manufacturing date is most likely in the later years of the Tianqi reign, Ming Dynasty. The fragment shows that some of the blue-and-white porcelain wares were intentionally inscribed with a date earlier than its actual production date," he said.

The work involves both digging on site and examination and research indoors. During the summer, Macao has heavy rains; "if they are not too severe, we can continue the work. The longer time will be spent working indoors."

He said that he could not estimate when the project would be completed because they had to work meticulously. "Our superiors support us in our work. We have our own pressure. This is so important to the history of Macau."

During the first two years, between 2010 and 2012, the work was conducted jointly by staff of the IC and of the archaeology division of the China Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing.

"We complemented each other," said Kuan. "They were very experienced in this field and helped us, while we had the local knowledge. They gave us advice and guidance. After 2012, we continued to exchange ideas and opinions through e-mail." \*MDT/Macauhub

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# Three suspects targeted for illegal investment scheme

At least three suspects have been targeted by the Judiciary Police (PJ) as responsible parties in a recently reported illegal money collection fraud, according to a report by Jornal Va Kio.

According to the latest information released yesterday by the police, 110 people have lodged complaints after they failed to have returned to them the money they deposited into the illegal investment scheme. The case is similar to others that have occurred recently in Macau.

The complainants, mostly Macau residents, had deposited funds in an investment scheme with a high rate of return since 2014. Suddenly, during this month, the scheme was exposed when the bank cheques they had previously received



Chau Wai Kuong

on a monthly basis were not honoured. The money involved in the scheme amounted to approximately MOP89 million, according to TDM.

According to several media re-

ports, the local company running the operations behind the scheme, Glory Sky International Holdings Group, runs two restaurants, a beauty salon and a gallery close to the Ruins of St. Paul's.

The director of the PJ, Chau Wai Kuong, revealed that the three suspects are staff members at the company, each holding a senior position.

Chau advised that preliminary evidence indicates that the incident is not related to casinos. Chau further stated that the case is currently under investigation, with the police force having predicted that in the next few days more members from the group of investors might come forward, thus increasing the list of victims as well as the sums involved.

## Rotaract Club to hold hockey exhibition

With the support of Fu Hong Society, the Macau Hockey Association and the Rui Cunha Foundation, the Rotaract Club of Macau is organizing a photo exhibition at the Rui Cunha Foundation from July 27 until August 5. Titled, "Field Hockey for All," the exhibition will display over 20 photos taken by the Macau Digital Photography Association and the University of Macau Students Union's Photography Society. According to organizers, the main aim of the program is to promote field hockey as a sport and to spread the message of mutual acceptance. An opening ceremony will be held on July 30. Admission to the exhibition is free of charge.

## Eight injured in Cotai road accident

Eight people were injured in a road accident yesterday involving a tour bus that crashed into a lighting pole near the Galaxy resort in Cotai. The eight people, half of which were women, were escorted to the emergency department of the Hospital Conde S. Januario to be treated. One of the injured persons was from Macau, another from mainland China and a further six were from Hong Kong. However, after treatment at the hospital, it was determined that the state of health of the individuals was satisfactory and there was no need for hospitalization. They were subsequently discharged from the hospital.

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# Escalator project in Rua da Mitra completed

**T**HE Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) has completed one of its escalator projects that aims to provide a passageway for the public from Rua do Campo to the ZAPE area.

The escalator will give access from Horta e Mitra Market to Conde S. Januário hospital as part of the bureau's larger walking facility system that has included improvements allowing the public to easily walk from the lower part of Macau to Guia and to the ZAPE area.

The chief of the coordination division of the Transport Bureau (DSAT), Kuok Chi Cheong, said they considered the project as a vital part of the region's walking facility system.

The single upward escalator cost MOP20 million and is set to undergo an inspection before it opens to the public.

"We researched if we can make another escalator in the



next street, but regarding that, people do not have a common view, so we are only establishing this one," he told reporters.

He also said that since the escalator would particularly benefit the elderly, they have

taken into consideration the size of pathway area beside the escalators to accommodate wheelchair users.

The covered escalator is divided into three stages so as to not hinder motor traffic in the streets between. LV

# Housing Bureau to conclude 636 affordable housing units

**T**HE Housing Bureau (IH) claims to have finished 636 affordable housing units at Ilha Verde which will be given to their owners within this quarter, according to a report by Jornal Va Kio.

On Monday, 20 families were handed the keys to their new houses that had been previously scheduled to be available in 2014. House owners completed the property registration procedures on Monday at the IH facilities, including settlement of payments for the house. Afterwards, some candidates immediately visited the homes.

Besides these 20 families, another 616 candidates are expecting to have their houses ready during this season. A further 14 previously eligible applicants saw their family situations change, which resulted in them no longer meeting the application requirements.

The affordable housing

project at Ilha Verde consists of two buildings, each comprising 34 stories. Together, they will provide 770 units.

Monthly management fees in the project depend on the house layout: MOP280 for one bedroom and one living room; MOP350 for two bedrooms and one living room; MOP430 for three bedrooms and one living room.

According to IH, a management company has already been selected for the project through public tender. IH believes that the current management fees applied to owners are within their financial capabilities.

Elevators have been equipped to be accessible to the disabled, including audio devices. The community also has a health center and public parking lots, providing 283 car parking spaces and 286 motorbike parking spaces.

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# Wang Zhimin appointed as the new Liaison Office head

**T**HE State Council of the PRC appointed Wang Zhimin to be the new head of the Central Government Liaison Office in Macau, as announced in a statement released by the Council. Li Gang, the former Liaison Office head, is now the deputy head of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council.

Wang Zhimin was born in 1957 in the Fujian province, and graduated from Fujian Normal University before starting his career in 1975 in the province where he grew up. Between the years of 1976 and 1978, Wang worked at the Fuzhou Military Area Command (Fuzhou MAC) as a soldier and also as a secretary. Afterward, between 1978 and 1982, he studied at the PLA Information Engineering



Wang Zhimin

University.

From 1982 to 1992, he served at the Fuzhou MAC, and at the office of the Fujian Secretariat. During the following two years, from 1992 to 1994, Wang worked for Xin Hua News Agency Hong Kong

branch, before he was assigned back to Fujian in 1998 to work as an assistant of the Mayor of Xiamen, the capital of Fujian. Wang spent until 2006 in the province, when he was appointed deputy head of the Central Government Liaison Office in Hong Kong. In 2015, Wang became the deputy head of Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council.

Li Gang, the former head of the Liaison Office was born in 1955 in Shandong province. Li was an English major graduate before he started working in 1974. He was the head of the Macau Liaison Office between 2014 and 2016, having worked as deputy head of the Hong Kong Liaison Office from 2003 to 2012 prior to his appointment to Macau. Before that he served at China's Ministry of Culture.

## UM student wins Tomás Pereira Prize



Zhang Kexin

Zhang Kexin, an undergraduate student from the University of Macau's Department of Portuguese, recently won an award in the first-year category of the Tomás Pereira Prize. The prize is awarded annually to the best Chinese university students of Portuguese language studies, based on the results of written and oral examinations. The competition was initiated by the Embassy of Portugal in Beijing in 2015, in collaboration with the University of Aveiro, the University of Lisbon, the University of Coimbra, and the University of Porto. According to the University of Macau, this year's competition attracted 97 participants, double that of last year, from 20 institutions in 13 cities and provinces.

## CE heads to Beijing to talk cooperation, 5-year plan

**T**HE Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, yesterday embarked on a three-day visit to Beijing, to invite Beijing authorities to be part of the next edition of the Macau International Trade and Investment Fair.

This morning, before his departure for Beijing, Chui said he would meet with the Secretary of the Communist Party of China Beijing Municipal Committee, Guo Jinlong, for detailed discussions on further opportunities for Beijing-Macau cooperation, according to a statement from the Government Information Bureau (GCS).

He said the next round of Beijing-Macau cooperation would cover administration and justice, economy and finance, and social and cultural affairs. Further topics for cooperation might include sports, traditional Chinese medicine, environmental protection, culture, tourism, and youth affairs.



Beijing-Macau cooperation would help further drive Macau's sustainable development and promote the diversification of the city's economy, said Chui according to the statement.

He added that it would also help the city in taking advantage of the growing number of opportunities in terms of regional cooperation, and in expanding ties with three economic zones on the mainland, respectively in the Pearl River Delta region, the Yangtze River Delta region, and the Bohai region.

The government already has established a long-term cooperation relationship with Guang-

dong Province, in the Pearl River Delta region. More recently, Macau established a partnership with Jiangsu Province in the Yangtze River Delta region. By deepening cooperation with Beijing, Macau would be able to strengthen its ties with the Bohai Economic Rim, covering Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei Province.

The other highlight of the Chief Executive's visit to Beijing will be a meeting with officials

from the National Development and Reform Commission, and from the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council, to discuss Macau's first Five-Year Development Plan.

Chui said the government had received nearly 4,200 submissions – featuring about 10,800 opinions – during the two-month long consultation period on the proposal for the five-year plan.

### PROPERTY RIGHTS SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED

**THE CHIEF** Executive said the findings of a Commission Against Corruption report should not have a negative impact on the property rights of owners of apartments in the King Light Garden and One Central buildings. This was in consideration of the fact that they had completed the registration proce-

dures for their respective flats. The King Light Garden and One Central private housing developments were built on sites acquired through a land swap deal involving in return the site of the former Iec Long Firecracker Factory. That land swap was considered null and void by the CCAC in its latest report.

## Hengqin adopts self-developed tax settlement technology

Zhuhai Hengqin Local Taxation Bureau is introducing V-Tax, the first tax settlement terminal in China; an electronic hub allowing people to complete 509 different services with regards to property transactions. The new technology also allows for social security registration with the V-Tax machine, including fingerprint scanning and digital signature recognition. It is no longer necessary to go to the department's office in order to complete the aforementioned processes, according to a report by Jornal Va Kio. The technology was developed by the Taxation Bureau. The V-Tax terminal is expected to increase the efficiency of tax settlement procedures by 80 percent.

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## ANIMAL WELFARE

# Abandonment of dogs leading to stray problem in Coloane

A local non-profit organization that seeks to provide temporary solutions to the problem of stray dogs in the city says that uninformed owners who are unwilling to take on the responsibility of caring for such animals are contributing to the prevalence of the dogs on the street.

Caroline Franks, a volunteer at Lucky Dogs Rescue Group, said that uninformed owners who don't know how to care for the dogs sometimes abandon them on the streets once they become frustrated.

"Many dogs are kept in apartments all day without being let out to go to the toilet outside or to get exercise," she told the Times. "Owners become increasingly frustrated at cleaning up dog mess and dealing with unexercised, bored dogs, [leading them to] often abandon their dogs."

Lucky Dogs Rescue Group was founded last year with the aim of providing a holistic, if less than ideal, solution to the problem of stray dogs in Coloane, where there may be as many as 150 such animals.

The group seeks to control the population of the dogs and ensure their wellbeing. Group members undertake tasks such as de-sexing the stray dogs and treating illnesses (especially tick fever), feeding strays with local restaurant leftovers and, where possible, rehoming dogs within Macau.

"We aim to reduce the population in a non-invasive way, not impounding or killing the animals, but de-sexing and returning them to the street," said Franks. "While this is not the perfect solution, it is in most cases the only option."

However, not all dogs found on the street can be treated in the same way. Variance in the size of the dogs normally indicates different reasons for them becoming stray animals



Lucky Dogs Rescue Group volunteers Chantelle Longhurst and Caroline Franks (right) and the three dogs up for adoption



Anu, the male dog up for adoption

and usually warrants different approaches from the volunteers.

The smaller stray dogs tend to have been abandoned by their owners after they have acclimatized to human contact, explains Franks. Thus they tend to be easier of to rehome because of their smaller stature and because they are "people-friendly."

Meanwhile, the larger strays have often been born as such, with little or no human contact, and may form or join packs. Subsequently, they are more difficult to domesticate, and few adopters possess the patience and are willing to un-

dertake the effort required to turn them into family pets.

"These dogs are often living on construction sites, industrial areas and [there are] a few packs living wild in the woods," said Franks. "In many cases, the dogs are bred on construction sites for security and their puppies are often used as dog meat by laborers from the mainland."

As for the older dogs, Franks says that they are "extremely wary of people and it's a big challenge to catch them. So we try to foster a relationship with the dogs so that they come to trust us, making it easier to approach them. This is espe-

cially crucial when there is a need to medicate the dogs."

In reference to some stray dogs that have been spotted demonstrating an awareness of "road safety," Franks said that there are some that learn how to cross the road in a safe manner, however "most often they don't, as we do come across a lot of dogs that have been hit by cars or trucks."

"I have been involved in other similar organizations, treating the stray dogs of Macau and wanted to start a group concentrating on those in Coloane," said Franks.

"At the moment, our main focus is to rehome these dogs

overseas because of the lack of suitable homes in Macau and we are at present concentrating on Australia, as I have connections there and foster homes ready to receive dogs," she added. "The aim is to raise funds or [secure] sponsorships to send these dogs overseas and pay for the costs involved in rehoming them."

The volunteer also says that more effort is needed to address the causes of the issue. To this end Franks proposes that only stray dogs should be put up for sale in pet shops in Macau, and not the more popular "designer dogs" - which typically originate from Taiwan and Hong Kong. According to Franks, some parts of the U.S. and Canada already have this policy in place.

## Three dogs looking for homes

Lucky Dogs Rescue Group is now appealing to either Macau-based individuals to adopt one or more dogs, or to individuals and companies willing to sponsor up to three dogs being sent to Australia.

Caroline Franks, who is a volunteer of Lucky Dogs Rescue Group, explained to the Times that the dogs are registered in the city but are in need of homes. She said that there is a foster family in Australia willing to take them in, but that sending the dogs there will be an expensive and difficult process that could cost MOP30,000 to MOP40,000 per dog.

The three dogs are each two years old and are de-sexed and rabies vaccinated. There are two females, named Enki and Patra, and a male dog called Anu.

They were collected last year from a

construction site, vaccinated and taken to the Taipa Dog Carnival 2015, in hopes of finding adoptive families. After the volunteers were unsuccessful in this endeavor, the dogs were re-released onto the construction site where they were found.

One construction worker was subsequently issued with a MOP600 fine after a site inspection by the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, which also reportedly told him to remove the dogs else the bureau would be back to take them away.

"In light of this situation we began to discuss and plan our options in helping these dogs. We decided to prepare them for export to Australia in the event we didn't find anyone in Macau willing to take them. There were five dogs on the

site but only three of these were approachable and able to be taken," explained Chantelle Longhurst, another volunteer at Lucky Dogs Rescue Group.

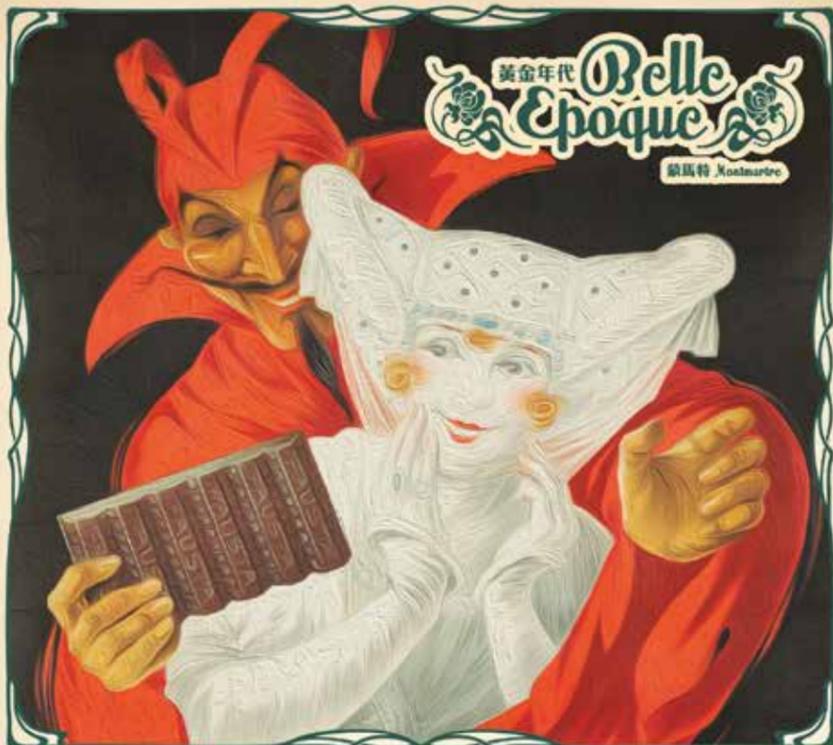
"Considering the dogs are now 2 years of age and have never been domesticated, they have settled into life in Caroline's home very well. House trained without any difficulty and getting on well with her other dogs," added Longhurst.

"I wish I could afford to send them all [without asking for funding] but, of course, it's not possible. So we are looking for sponsors to help with the three dogs," said Caroline Franks. "It would be ideal to have a company or large group of people sponsor the cost of each dog."

The other option is to send the dogs to another Western country, such as the U.S., Canada or practically any European country, explained Franks, who added that they have reached out on social media to this end.

### VOLUNTEER HOPING FOR CANIDROME CLOSURE

**ASKED FOR** her opinion on the state of greyhounds in Macau and the Canidrome facility, which is having its renewal considered by the government this year, Franks said that she hopes the center will be closed and that the dog racing industry in Macau will end. "The Canidrome in Macau has a declining number of people visiting it and my hope is that it will be closed down, ending the dog racing industry in Macau," she said.



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GAMING

# Tycoon Okada's Universal wages biggest bet in Manila casino

Ian Sayson

**K**AZUO Okada, Universal Entertainment Corp. chairman and former Steve Wynn partner, plans to challenge Macau in wooing Chinese gamblers to his Manila casino resort that could cost USD4 billion and is scheduled to open in November. Okada, 73, wants his casino featuring a 100 meter (328 feet) dancing water fountain and indoor beach "to compete with what is in Macau" and other parts of Asia, said Takahiro Usui, chief operating officer at Universal Entertainment's Tiger Resort Leisure and Entertainment Inc. "This project will promote Manila as a destination in the region and



Kazuo Okada

the world." Universal Entertainment rose 9.6 percent to 2,597 yen in Tokyo trading yesterday, the biggest gain since June 2013. The benchmark Topix was little changed. The Manila resort could cost \$3 billion in its first phase and reach \$4 billion when three more phases are built, making it the tycoon's "biggest investment," Usui said in an interview Tuesday in Manila. That would be about twice the 208.3 billion yen (\$1.96 billion) market capitalization of Universal Entertainment, the Tokyo-based maker of gambling machines in which Okada Holdings controls a 68 percent stake. Manila is aspiring to become the next Asian gambling hub as high-stakes Chinese gamblers increasingly abandon Macau amid the Chinese government's

crackdown on corruption. Okada's project is one of four casino resorts the Philippines wants built on a 120-hectare property along Manila Bay, dubbed Entertainment City, as the nation seeks a larger share of Asia's gaming and tourist revenue. "The gaming industry in [the] Philippines should have the best performance ever in the second quarter ended in June as more gamblers are leaving Macau amid its stricter gaming regulation," said CLSA Ltd. analyst Marcus Liu Tuesday. The large investment "underscores Okada's commitment and confidence in the Philippines' gaming market," he said. Okada is embroiled in a high-profile lawsuit against Wynn Resorts Ltd. after the company accused the Japanese tycoon of making improper payments to Philippine gambling regulators

and forcibly redeemed his 20 percent stake in the casino operator in 2012. Okada has denied the allegations, and the suit is on-going. Okada Manila will be the third casino resort to open in Entertainment City and the largest with over 26,000 square meters of gaming space. It will compete with a project by Philippine billionaire Enrique Razon's Solaire, and City of Dreams Manila, a venture between Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd. and the Philippines' richest man, Henry Sy. The fourth property, a project by Philippine billionaire Andrew Tan and Malaysian tycoon Lim Kok Thay, is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2020. Traffic at Okada Manila, which is built on 44 hectares facing Manila Bay's sunset, will initially be a mix of 30 percent

foreigners and 70 percent locals. The casino wants half of its clientele to be overseas visitors including Chinese, Japanese and Koreans after a year as the resort conducts marketing among travel agents and gambling promoters, Usui said. Shares of Bloomberg Resorts Corp., owner of Solaire, sank 4.5 percent in Manila, heading for the biggest loss in three weeks. Travellers International Hotel Group Inc., operator of Resorts World Manila, slid 0.8 percent, halting a five-day gain, while Melco Crown Philippines Resorts Corp. slumped 5 percent to a three-week low. "Okada is coming to town, a grim reminder to investors of the oversupply facing an industry that is already competitive," said Jonathan Ravelas, chief market strategist at BDO UniBank Inc. "This is a serious property and the question is who among the existing players will get hit the most. This is the time to capitalize on gains." The 500-gambling table Okada Manila will be a jump-off point for other resorts the Japanese businessman plans to build in other parts of the country, said Antonio Cojuangco, Okada's Philippine partner in the Manila project. Sites are being scouted in the provinces of Palawan and Davao, with development likely to start in the next two years, he said. Okada may recover his investments in as much as two years and could hold a public share sale in the Manila casino venture after 18 months should the expected revenue come in, Cojuangco said. **Bloomberg**

**The gaming industry in [the] Philippines should have the best performance ever in the second quarter ended in June as more gamblers are leaving Macau.**

MARCUS LIU  
CLSA ANALYST

## corporate bits

### SANDS RESTAURANTS RECEIVE WINE SPECTATOR AWARDS



Six restaurants at Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macao and Sands Macao have once again

received recognition from U.S. lifestyle magazine Wine Spectator for their outstanding wine lists.



Portofino, North, Canton and Dynasty 8 at Sands Resorts, along with Golden Court at

Sands Macao were awarded the 'Best of Award of Excellence,' while Sands Macao's Copa Steakhou-

se received the Award of Excellence. According to a statement from Sands China, it is the fifth consecutive year that Wine Spectator magazine has bestowed these awards upon the signature restaurants of Sands China. The restaurant wine list award program has three distinct levels: Award of Excellence, Best of Award of Excellence, and Grand Award. Each level follows specific qualifications utilized by a multi-judge panel. The criteria range from quantitative measurements such as number of wines offered to the depth, range and display of the selection.

### CEM'S Q3 TARIFF ONE CENT LOWER

According to the calculation under CEM's concession contract, the 3rd quarter Tariff Clause Adjustment is calculated at 35 cents per kWh, 1 cent per kWh lower than the previous quarter. CEM continues to offer subsidy to Tariff Group A customers, who accounted for over 99 percent of the company's total customer base, a press release indicates. The TCA will be reduced from the contractual calculated value of 35 cents to 34 cents per kWh, representing a reduction of

1 cent per kWh. TCA for Tariff Group B, C and D customers will be at 35 cents per kWh, 1 cent per kWh lower than the previous quarter. "CEM is committed to maintaining a stable tariff for Macau citizens. With the support of Macau SAR Government, CEM has been offering TCA subsidy to customers since 2008. In addition, the reduction of TCA in these two quarters benefited from the continued low international fuel prices," the press release states.

Joe McDonald, Beijing

To the challenges facing KFC and Apple in China, add a surprise backlash from Beijing's spat with the Philippines over the South China Sea.

Nationalists are protesting at KFC outlets and calling for a boycott, spurred by government accusations that Washington encouraged Manila to oppose Beijing's claims to vast tracts of ocean.

Photos circulated online show young Chinese wearing scarves with patriotic slogans smashing Apple iPhones in protest.

State media have fanned public anger with a torrent of criticism of last week's ruling by a U.N. tribunal, which found no legal basis for Beijing's claim to most of the South China Sea.

## The protests are a reminder of the political risks for global brands in China, where they regularly become targets of nationalist sentiment

"The Chinese public, as optimistic and positive as they are, are deeply patriotic and nationalistic, especially people who are younger," said James Roy of the research firm China Market Research Group. KFC and Apple "are just very closely associated with the United States, and you are seeing people picking the closest symbol they can think of

# KFC, Apple hit by South China Sea spat



Motorists watch people gather to protest outside a KFC restaurant outlet in Baoying county

to demonstrate against."

The protests are a reminder of the political risks for global brands in China, where they regularly become targets of nationalist sentiment, often stirred up by official media.

In 2012, sales of Japanese autos plunged when Tokyo and Beijing were in a dispute over control of uninhabited islands in the East China Sea.

The Chinese leadership has tried to tamp down this week's protests with demands in state media to leave foreign companies and their customers alone.

"This is not the right way to express patriotism," said the

government's Xinhua News Agency. The China Daily newspaper called the protests "jingoism that does a disservice to the spirit of devotion to the nation."

Some KFC customers have responded by posting photos of themselves online with a bucket of chicken, axes or other weapons and signs reading, "patriotic hooligans, try harassing me and I'll take you out."

Phone calls to spokespeople for KFC in China and written messages sent through the company website weren't answered.

A man in the eastern city of

Yangzhou, northwest of Shanghai, said he watched a protest Tuesday morning after seeing a note online appealing to people to take part. He said it also told protesters to boycott Japanese and Korean goods.

"A group of more than 20 people including children broke into the restaurant and shouted at customers to leave," the witness, Guo Lu, said by phone from Yangzhou. He said police arrived quickly and pushed the protesters out of the restaurant.

The timing is unusually bad for KFC, which is China's biggest restaurant chain with more than 5,000 outlets but is

overhauling its struggling business after a food scandal and marketing missteps.

KFC's owner, Yum Brands Inc., is preparing to spin off its China unit, which also includes Pizza Hut restaurants, as a separate company in October in hopes of improving its performance.

KFC has long been an all-purpose target for protests about U.S. issues, especially in areas outside big cities with few other foreign symbols. In 1999, after NATO jets bombed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, protesters wrecked KFC restaurants.

The company and other foreign chain restaurants in China also face an upheaval as customers migrate to fast-growing local competitors they say offer more nutritious meals.

For its part, Apple has faced a series of legal hurdles this year in China, its second-biggest market.

In April, it suspended its iBooks and iTunes Movies services, reportedly due to an order by Chinese regulators.

The next month, an intellectual property tribunal ordered Apple to stop selling its iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus in Beijing after finding they look too much like a model made by a small Chinese brand. Apple was allowed to continue sales while it appeals.

Also in May, a court ruled a Chinese company is allowed to use the iPhone trademark on bags, wallets and other leather goods.

An Apple spokeswoman responded to a request for comment by pointing to CEO Tim Cook's positive comments in April about the company's future in China. Cook said Apple was "really optimistic" and planned to open five more stores in China during the current quarter for a total of 40. AP

## Seaplane crashes on inaugural flight in China, killing five

A seaplane making its inaugural flight crashed into a highway bridge outside Shanghai yesterday, killing five people on board, local authorities and state media said.

The Cessna 208B, operated by Joy Air General Air, was carrying two crew members and eight invited guests, mostly government workers and local journalists, according to local media.

The five survivors — who included the pilot

— were sent to a hospital for treatment, the Jinshan district government said on its official microblog.

A woman who answered the phone at Joy Air's offices declined to provide any information, saying all company executives were at the crash site. Joy Air, China's largest seaplane operator, did not release an official statement. The Jinshan government said the cause of the crash was under investigation.

The seaplane took off from Jinshan in suburban Shanghai and was bound for the Zhoushan islands, about 75 kilometers (47 miles) to the south.

The route is designed for tourists and sightseers who want to escape to the islands from sprawling Shanghai. Local journalists were invited to tour the seaplane before its takeoff, and some of them boarded the aircraft for the subsequent flight along

with local officials. Yesterday's flight appeared to have been a media tour to help promote the airline's new coastal service.

Speaking from his hospital bed, one of the passengers, local television cameraman Wu Lianliang, told local media that the seaplane circled several times, then made an abrupt left turn before crashing into the bridge.

"It was like something out of a dream," Wu said.

Another survivor, pro-



The wreckage of an amphibian plane being retrieved from the water by a crane in Shanghai

paganda official Song Wanjun, told local media that he and three other passengers were in the rear cabin and survived by escaping through the rear emergency exit.

"I was the last one to

crawl out, but those in the front rows could not," Song told the Xinmin Evening News, a local newspaper. "I was calling on everyone not to panic, but to wait for rescue." AP

Gerry Shih, Beijing

**C**HINA'S best-known liberal journal has endured, by its publisher's count, 16 major clashes with authorities since its founding in 1991. It has irritated, and outlasted, two Chinese leaders, he says, but it likely won't survive President Xi Jinping.

Du Daozheng, publisher of Yanhuang Chunqiu and a stalwart of the Communist Party's liberal wing, announced this week that the magazine had been suspended. Earlier, government officials replaced the 93-year-old Du, saying he was due for retirement, and seized the magazine's offices and servers.

Analysts say the effective shuttering of the magazine shows that Xi's administration is quashing dissent by going to lengths not seen in decades. Yanhuang Chunqiu, which drew a following by exploring sensitive historical subjects, was run and protected by powerful reform-minded officials and intellectuals within the Communist Party itself.

Although the magazine's former staffers filed a lawsuit last week to regain control, Du said he announced the publication's suspension because he feared new issues would go out to its 190,000 subscribers under government control without his approval. He struck a weary note as he considered the likelihood of taking back the magazine.

"I don't think we will pass this final obstacle," Du said in an interview this week at his Beijing home. "In 25 years we've had differences and clashes with authorities, but we've always scraped by. Both sides talked and made earnest concessions.

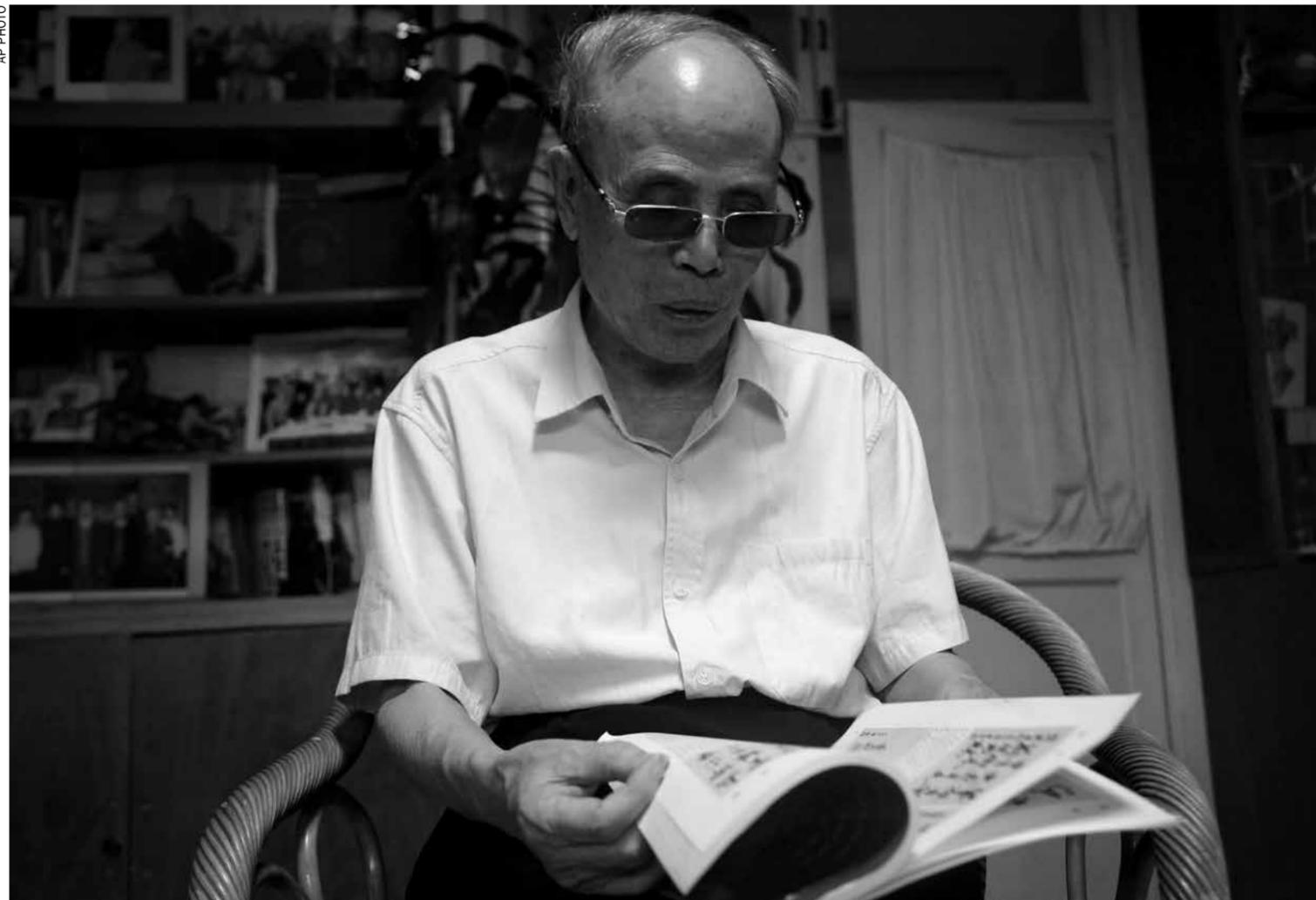
"This time it feels very different. It feels disrespectful of law. It feels crude. It feels violent."

In a notice posted on the magazine's website July 15, the Chinese National Academy of Arts, under the Ministry of Culture, said Du had been replaced under a loosely enforced regulation on officials serving into old age. The order came while Du was in the hospital suffering from high blood pressure following his wife's death.

The ministry did not immediately respond to a faxed request for comment yesterday.

Senior editors have pledged not to abandon the publication altogether. Still, party members and political observers say the magazine's likely closure marks the end of an era. While it lasted, the magazine served as a unifying force for liberals, they say.

"The reform-minded factions of the party have always converged under this magazine's



Du Daozheng browses his Yanhuang Chunqiu magazine during an interview at his home in Beijing

## Ouster of liberal Chinese magazine publisher marks era's end

banner," said Feng Chongyi, a professor in China studies at the University of Technology in Sydney. "It was their platform, perhaps their only platform in mainland China."

Du is among the last of a generation whose inclinations toward gradual, mild political reforms were bolstered by their revolutionary credentials.

He joined the Communist Party at 14, worked as a reporter for the official Xinhua News Agency and served in the 1980s as head of the state press and publications administration, or China's top censor. He was an aide to Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang, and was ousted with Zhao amid the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

Du founded the magazine with support from Xiao Ke, a former vice chairman of the Central Military Commission, and other top-ranking party officials who identified themselves with Deng Xiaoping's reform and opening movement and longed for greater political openness. The journal was known for its commitment to political and economic liberalization and unvarnished historical analyses.

Feng said the magazine's approach to examining history was not in line with Xi's emphasis on adhering to the party's official history, and that Xi's resolve is such that even someone with Du's connections and stature had "hit a dead end."

"They mostly wanted to examine history, the good and the bad," Feng said. "That to Xi is a distraction that he can't tolerate, and he's not scared to move because he is not scared of his elders."

Hours after being released from the hospital, Du took sympathetic calls at home. He flipped through two tattered notebooks containing the phone numbers of thousands of family friends, party luminaries and the magazine's numerous supporters, many of whom have passed away.

The old guard's influence has waned considerably, Du said. He reminisced about when he and his close friend Li Rui, Mao Zedong's former secretary, could write letters that reached top leaders.

"Why can't they stand even the advice and grumbings of old cadres?" Du said. "These few years, our freedoms have regressed. We've regressed compared to previous leaders.

To run counter to the current of the times [...] is dangerous."

On an afternoon this week the magazine's editorial offices were locked and its building empty except for two people who sat in a reception area. A woman who identified herself as a Ministry of Culture employee said she could not answer questions, then closed the door.

Although staffers could not work, top editors have pledged to try to resume normal operations at another location, said deputy editor Wang Yanjun, speaking by telepho-

“The reform-minded factions of the party have always converged under this magazine's banner.”

FENG CHONGYI  
CHINA STUDIES PROFESSOR

ne from home.

He spoke optimistically about the lawsuit, saying: "We place more trust in Xi's vow to govern the country according to law."

Du emphasized that he and the magazine's supporters are party members and patriots first and foremost. Under a picture of Mao and former Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai on his bookshelf were placed awards he won for participation in the war against the Japanese, and a copy of the July issue that will likely be Yanhuang Chunqiu's last.

In the issue was calligraphy by Xi Zhongxun, the reform-minded father of the current president, who in his late years praised Du's magazine as "pretty decent" and urged Du to mentor his son, then a young city official in Hebei province, if the opportunity came.

"I never did," Du said with faint irony.

"We've had a lot of high-level official support, and the size of our subscription base shows how many people think we represent the right direction for the country," he said. "As an old Communist Party member, I've done my duty to my conscience. For that, I have no regrets." AP

# North Korea confirms it test-fired ballistic rockets

**N**ORTH Korea said yesterday it test-fired ballistic rockets as part of a simulated pre-emptive attack on ports and airfields in South Korea, in a likely reference to the three missile launches that Seoul says the North carried out a day earlier.

Leader Kim Jong Un guided the launches and expressed his satisfaction with them, the North's official Korean Central News Agency reported, without saying when the tests happened.

The KCNA said the launches "once again examined the operational features of the detonating devices of nuclear warheads mounted on the ballistic rockets the designated altitude over the target area."

Lee Chun-geun, a scientist at South Korea's Science and Technology Policy Institute, said that the North Korean missiles were believed to be carrying warheads, which contain trigger devices but not plutonium or uranium, to see whether those warheads could



People at a train station in Seoul watch the news that North Korea test-fired ballistic rockets

detonate properly.

The launches were the latest in a series of weapons tests North Korea has carried out since Kim in March ordered tests of a nuclear warhead explosion and ballistic missiles capable of carrying such warheads.

Pyongyang said it conducted a similar test of a warhead-detonating device when it fired a submarine-launched missile in April.

North Korea is pushing to manufacture a warhead small enough to be placed on a long-range missile that can reach the

continental U.S., but South Korean defense officials say the North doesn't yet have such a miniaturized warhead. Some civilian experts, however, believe the North has the technology to put warheads on shorter-range missiles that can strike South Korea and Japan.

The three reported launches came as North Korea loudly criticized the planned deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system in South Korea. Seoul officials said all three missiles landed in the waters off the North's east coast. **AP**

## VIETNAM

# Prime Minister warns economy may miss growth target

Nguyen Dieu Tu Uyen

**A**cripping drought in Vietnam will probably cause the government to miss its 6.7 percent growth target this year, adding to pressure on new Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc as he seeks to reassure investors of his economic reforms.

The economy will need to expand 7.6 percent in the second half of the year to achieve its full-year goal, Phuc said in a prepared speech he is due to deliver to lawmakers in Hanoi next week and obtained by Bloomberg News. The target "will be hard to reach," he said.

Phuc took office in Communist Party-ruled Vietnam in April amid the worst drought in 30 years and falling oil revenue. That's putting the brakes on an economy that's otherwise benefited from a booming export industry as companies such as Samsung Electronics Co. opened factories to build and ship smartphones.

Growth was little changed at 5.6 percent in the second quarter. Rising food prices are also pushing up inflation, which may exceed the government's 5 percent target this year, Phuc said in the speech. Exports may decline in some European markets after slowing to 5.9 percent in the first half of the year, according to the speech.

"There is still some chance" for the economy to reach its growth target this year if government ministries and provinces redouble efforts to boost output in industries from agriculture to manu-



Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc

facturing and construction, Phuc said in the speech.

Phuc's warning is a signal that Vietnam won't repeat past mistakes of growth at all costs that led to inflation soaring to 23 percent in 2011, said Trinh Nguyen, a senior economist for emerging Asia at Natix SA in Hong Kong.

"He accepts the impact of adverse weather events and subdued global demand for not achieving growth targets," she said. "This means that at least Vietnam is not returning to its fast growth at all costs approach, which caused inflation to spike massively, the currency to weaken, sharp economic slowdown and inefficient allocation of resources."

The government will intensify measures to help businesses, including steps to spur domestic demand, tourism and industries that provide inputs to manufacturers, according to the speech. Policy makers will also closely monitor the fallout from the U.K.'s vote to leave the EU, and make timely changes to monetary policy to limit the negative impact on Vietnam's money market, it said. **AP**

## JAPAN

# Wireless profits head to gain, skip Abenomics doldrums

Grace Huang

**J**APAN'S largest mobile phone carriers are poised to report the highest quarterly profit in at least a decade, a rare bright spot as aggregate earnings at the nation's largest companies slump under a stronger yen and weak consumer confidence.

Operating income at the three largest carriers will probably rise 6 percent in aggregate to 858 billion yen (USD8 billion) for the three months ended June 30, according to analyst estimates compiled by Bloomberg. That's the most since at least 2006, when SoftBank Group Corp. entered the mobile phone business by buying Vodafone Group Plc's Japan unit.



NTT Docomo Inc., KDDI Corp. and SoftBank are benefiting after the government prompted wireless carriers to eliminate handset subsidies, a marketing cost that had crimped profit as providers used cheap or free phones to lure new customers. The companies have also reversed a decline in per-user revenue as customers upgrade to smartphones and are spending less

on improving networks before beginning to upgrade to 5G, expected to be introduced after 2020.

"Profit at the Big Three carriers will continue to increase until 5G network investments occur around 2021 or 2022," said Jun Tanabe, an analyst at JPMorgan Securities Japan Co. Revenue from streaming video and other contents will keep increasing as

more customers use smartphones, he said.

Docomo shares rose 1.4 percent as of the close in Tokyo yesterday. KDDI added 2.3 percent, and SoftBank advanced 0.4 percent. The Topix fell 0.5 percent.

Investors have pushed up the operators' shares this fiscal year as well, while Japan Inc.'s biggest manufacturers have dropped as the Japanese currency's 5.8 percent surge versus the dollar has eroded the value of overseas income. Toyota Motor Corp., for example, has declined 3 percent, compared with a 14 percent gain for Docomo, which reports second-quarter earnings July 29. SoftBank is scheduled to announce its results a day earlier, while KDDI gives its earnings on Aug. 2. **Bloomberg**

# Asia-wide crackdown on illegal gambling

**I**NTERPOL says a crackdown on Asian gambling dens and websites during football's European Championship led to more than 4,100 people arrested and USD13.6 million seized.

Police raided nearly 4,000 illegal dens across Asia and Europe, including in China, Singapore, France, and Italy.

Two operations coordinated in Thailand targeted organized crime networks and transnational networks in Asia "behind illicit websites and call-center type operations running online scams," Interpol says.

Three Thai offices of illegal online gambling sites were shut down, and 15 people were arrested in Malaysia linked to payment card fraud.

Interpol's head of anti-corruption and financial crimes unit, Jim Anderson, says "illegal gambling generates massive profits for organized crime networks which are often linked to corruption, human trafficking, and money laundering." **AP**



Fedor Konyukhov floats at more than 6,000 meters above an area close to Northam in Western Australia



Russian adventurer Fedor Konyukhov

# Russian balloon more than halfway to circumnavigating globe

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

A 65-year-old Russian adventurer was battling sleep deprivation, freezing temperatures and ice in his oxygen mask but was ahead of schedule for his record attempt to fly solo in a balloon around the world nonstop, his son said yesterday.

Fedor Konyukhov has drifted more than halfway around the world since he lifted off from Northam in Western Australia state on July 12 in a carbon box 2 meters high, 2 meters long and 1.8 meters wide sus-

ended from a 56-meter-tall helium and hot-air balloon.

Oscar Konyukhov, who heads the support team based at Northam, said his father was on track to return to Earth somewhere in Australia on Sunday — 12 days after he started. The previous record of 13 days and eight hours was set by American adventurer Steve Fossett in 2002.

"Mentally, he's very strong," said Oscar, who usually communicates with his father by text message. "It's a boost to morale to be more than half way and he's looking forward to

seeing the Australian coast."

For all their meticulous planning ahead of the flight, mistakes have become apparent. The heating system is inadequate with temperatures in the gondola ranging from 5 degrees Celsius during the day to below freezing at night.

Flying at altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 meters, Fedor continually needs to use bottled oxygen. Because he only took two masks — one with a short hose for use inside the gondola and the other with a long hose for use outside — Fedor regularly needs to clear the mask of

**Fedor Konyukhov has drifted more than halfway around the world since he lifted off from Australia on July 12**

ice and condensation.

"We should've given him at least two or three sets so if one is full of ice, then throw it away and get a brand new one," the son said. "It's a minor thing, but it's also a big thing because there's nothing small in this project."

Fedor aimed to get four hours sleep a day in naps of 30 or 40 minutes between hours of checking and maintaining equipment and instruments.

His direction and altitude were constantly monitored by his ground crew, who look for signs that he might have overslept and are ready to make contact by satellite phone or radio.

"Sometimes when we see that he's descending and we don't know why, we call him and ask: What's going on?" Oscar said.

Oscar estimated the 1.6-metric ton balloon had flown 20,000 kilometers at speeds up to 250 kilometers per hour by yesterday and had 13,000 kilometers to go.

The balloon was expected to reach South Africa on Thursday before the final leg east across the Indian Ocean.

The pilot would attempt to navigate around a low pressure system over the Indian Ocean, which made the duration of the crossing difficult to predict, Oscar said.

"The last leg across the Indian Ocean will be very difficult," Oscar said, because of the weather system and challenges in steering a balloon at the mercy of winds toward Australia. **AP**

## INDIA

# Lawmakers in uproar over attacks on lower castes

Nirmala George

**INDIA'S** Parliament was in an uproar yesterday after four men belonging to the low-caste Dalit community were beaten while trying to skin a dead cow in western India.

Lawmakers from the opposition parties shouted slogans while accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government of failing to protect the Dalits, who belong to the lowest rung of Hinduism's caste hierarchy.

Videos of the four being stripped and beaten with sticks by men claiming to be cow protectors in Gujarat state last week have gone viral and have sparked protests by Dalit groups across the state.

Hindus consider cows to be sacred, and the slaughter of cows is banned in many parts of In-

**Dalits are being oppressed in Gujarat and we have to raise our voices to get the government to act.**

DEREK O'BRIEN  
LAWMAKER

dia. Slaughtering a cow carries a punishment of up to seven years in jail.

Attacks against Muslims and Dalits accused of eating or smuggling beef have risen since Modi's Hindu-nationalist party came to power two years ago.

Vigilante groups comprising mostly members of Hindu nationalist organizations have become active in small towns and cities across India over the past year. Last year, a Muslim man was lynched by a mob in northern Uttar Pradesh state over charges that his family had eaten beef for dinner.

Dalits usually carry out undesirable tasks such as skinning dead animals, and many work in tan-

neries and in the leather industry.

The four men who were attacked by vigilantes in Una town in Gujarat last week worked in a tannery. In the video, they were seen pleading that they were tannery workers who were only skinning the dead animal.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh told lawmakers in Parliament yesterday that the victims were attacked by a group of men who hit them with metal pipes and wooden rods.

Singh said nine people involved in the attack had been arrested.

On Tuesday, Gujarat's top elected official, Chief Minister Anandiben Patel, promised that her government would take

strict action against those involved in the attack. Four police officers who failed to take action have been suspended for dereliction of duty, she said.

Several towns in Gujarat have been rocked by protests since last week's beating incident, and at least 10 Dalit men have attempted suicide, lawmakers told Parliament.

The Dalit protests turned violent in some towns. In the state's Amreli district, a police constable was killed when angry mobs pelted police with stones.

"Dalits are being oppressed in Gujarat and we have to raise our voices to get the government to act," said Derek O'Brien, a lawmaker

from West Bengal state. "This is an organized crime that is happening in Gujarat."

Although caste discrimination was banned soon after India's independence from Britain in 1947, the practice persists. Successive governments have set quotas for jobs and university spots to level out disadvantages faced by lower castes, but it has been difficult to change social attitudes.

In Parliament, Singh condemned the attacks and called on all political parties to help end discrimination against Dalits.

"Atrocities against Dalits are a social evil," he said. "I appeal to all political parties to take this as a challenge and wipe out this problem." **AP**

John McCormick, Mark Niquette  
and Justin Sink

**D**ONALD Trump, a real-estate developer, TV personality, and political novice, was formally nominated as the 2016 Republican presidential candidate yesterday [Macau time] in Cleveland after his campaign and party officials quashed the remnants of a movement to block his ascension.

The candidate's home state of New York cast the votes that put Trump over the 1,237 delegates needed to claim the nomination, with his son Donald Trump Jr. announcing the state's tally.

"It's not a campaign anymore; it's a movement," Trump's son said from the convention floor. "Speaking to real Americans, giving them a voice again, and it's my honor to be able to throw Donald Trump over the top in the delegate count tonight with 89 delegates. Congratulations, Dad, we love you!"

Trump's other adult children, Eric, Ivanka, and Tiffany, were standing nearby and they all swayed as "New York, New York" blared over the speakers and attendees celebrated. Giant screens in the arena played images of fireworks, along with the words "Over the Top."

"Such a great honor to be the Republican Nominee for President of the United States. I will work hard and never let you down! AMERICA FIRST!" the nominee wrote in a message to his nearly 10 million Twitter followers. He is set to formally accept the nomination in a speech on the final night of the convention today.

Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions, who was the first member of the Senate to endorse Trump even as other prominent Republicans kept their distance, spoke earlier on behalf of the nomination.

Sessions called Trump a "singular leader who can get the country back on track. He has the strength, the courage and the will to get it done."

Shortly after Trump's selection was made final, his chosen running mate, Indiana Governor Mike Pence was formally put on the Republican ticket by voice vote.

Eric Holcomb, Pence's lieutenant governor, put his name into nomination, citing the growth of the economy and technology sector in the Hoosier State and Pence's ability to eliminate red tape.

"It is exactly that type of leadership our country is lacking, and exactly the type of leadership Americans will send to White House this fall with Donald Trump and Mike Pence," Holcomb said. "These two leaders are not just prepared for winning, they are prepared to govern."

As the convention moved through a roll call of the state

AP PHOTO



Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump

# Trump formally seals Republican presidential nomination

delegations, with each reporting their allotment of delegates to the chair as a group, ballots also were cast for some of Trump's vanquished primary rivals, including Texas Senator Ted Cruz, Florida Senator Marco Rubio, Ohio Governor John Kasich, and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, though their names were never put in nomination.

Trump's nomination follows party dissension that was displayed Monday at the convention, when delegates reacted angrily and some walked out when they could not get a roll-call vote on the party's rules. They wanted the opportunity to voice their differences with the nominee and Republican National Committee guidelines that they say favor the party's leaders and power brokers.

A 70-year-old billionaire who had never run for elected office before, Trump announced his candidacy in June 2015 by promising to "make America great again."

Trump faced opposition inside and outside the party for calling for a temporary ban on Muslim immigration, for inflammatory comments about ethnic minorities and women, and for com-

plaints that he's unqualified for the job. Yet Trump outlasted a field of more than a dozen Republican rivals by garnering 13.3 million votes in primaries and caucuses. At the convention, he and party officials managed to brush aside long-shot challenges to his nomination.

Anti-Trump forces tried to change party rules to allow delegates to vote their consciences regardless of how their state voted, but fell far short of that goal. Trump had argued that millions of Republicans have spoken and selected him to be their standard-bearer in a race against presumptive nominee Hillary Clinton in November.

House Speaker Paul Ryan initiated the roll-call vote, then handed over the proceedings to Republican National Committee staff, partially out of concern that delegates opposed to Trump's nomination would use the vote to stage a protest, according to a Republican aide. RNC Chairman Reince Priebus was in the wings to assist with procedural maneuvering.

With the outcome never in doubt, the threat of a protest from anti-Trump factions dissipated as the state-by-state tallies were announced with no

## ■ Democrats gather at their national convention next Monday in Philadelphia, where Clinton is set to be formally nominated

noticeable disruptions. Confusion over the rules led to a last-minute challenge from delegates from Alaska, but that snafu only temporarily delayed the proceedings.

Ken Cope, a delegate from Midlothian, Texas, said an effort to protest Trump's nomination would have wasted time and strengthened Clinton's hand.

"We've got to come through this thing unified," said Cope, who was a Cruz supporter in the primary and now says he backs Trump emphatically.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, a one-time Trump rival

for the nomination who previously endorsed Cruz, announced his state's votes from the floor.

He said he pledged to support the nominee when the candidates debated in the same arena last August, and that Trump can win the Badger State - which hasn't voted for a Republican for president since 1984.

"It's always an uphill battle in our state, but if he clearly defines the difference between Hillary and him and how he'll make every-day Americans' lives better, he'll win," Walker said in an interview.

Democrats gather at their national convention next Monday in Philadelphia, where Clinton is set to be formally nominated. Both candidates have already engaged the general-election fight, exchanging barbs and focusing attacks on each other, as polls indicated a narrow lead for Clinton at this stage of the campaign.

The parade of speakers on the first night of the convention laced into Clinton as much as they lauded Trump. She and the Obama administration were expected to be the targets of many of the addresses on Tuesday night as well. **Bloomberg**

TURKEY

# Erdogan convenes security chiefs as purges widen

Isobel Finkel, Gregory Viscusi

**T**URKEY'S President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is convening a meeting of his top security officials for the first time since Friday night's thwarted coup, and has vowed to make an "important" announcement afterward.

Following the National Security Council meeting in Ankara, Erdogan will also gather with ruling AK Party government ministers as well as the full cabinet. A presidential official on Tuesday des-



Government supporters wave Turkish flags and hold a picture of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

cribed the impending statement as designed to boost social cohesion, without elaborating. Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Ali Simsek said on Twitter that policy steps taken will be "market friendly."

The government's crackdown in reprisal for the coup attempt has been swift and severe. Turkey has detained, suspended, fired or stripped the professional accreditation of around 60,000 people, according to Bloomberg calculations. Erdogan has blamed the military intervention on su-

pporters of U.S.-based religious leader Fethullah Gulen. As that purge extended to the country's academic institutions on Tuesday evening, the lira weakened to within 1 percent of a record low.

Academics including university presidents yesterday were barred from traveling abroad until further notice, state-run Anadolu news agency reported, citing the Council of Higher Education. And 245 staff were fired at the Youth and Sports Ministry, it said.

The purges have unsettled Turkey's allies and investors by raising concerns that Erdogan's response may be an overreach that further destabilizes Turkish society and weakens its institutions. Erdogan has been seeking to consolidate power in the presidency since he was elected to that office two years ago, and has indicated he believes the attempted coup vindicates his policies. Late on Tuesday, U.S. President Barack Obama, in a phone call, urged his ally to act in a way that was "consistent with the

democratic" values of the Turkish constitution.

Moody's Investor Services said Monday that it's put Turkish debt on review for a possible downgrade from its Baa3 credit rating, already the lowest investment grade, because of the attempted coup and its potential impact on growth. JPMorgan analysts wrote in a note yesterday that Turkish sovereign bonds worth USD7.2 billion are at risk of forced selling if Turkey's ratings are cut to junk.

As the post-coup backlash gathers pace, European leaders have warned Turkey about re-instituting the death penalty, with French President Francois Hollande on Tuesday saying such a move would end Turkey's European Union membership talks. The last executions in Turkey were in the mid-1980s and capital punishment was formally abolished in 2004.

The U.S.-Turkish relationship has been tested by recent events, with officials trading barbs in the last few days about Turkey's request that the U.S. extradite Gulen, who has denied any involvement in the failed putsch. On Tuesday, the defense ministers of the two NATO countries spoke by phone and re-affirmed their commitment to fight Islamic State, the U.S. Defense Department said in a statement. **Bloomberg**

## Access to Wikileaks blocked

**A**CCESS to the Wikileaks website in Turkey has been blocked after the group announced, following a failed coup by Turkish military units, that it would release a trove of documents on the country's power structure.

The Turkish government has previously banned access to websites deemed to be carrying material critical of Turkey, including YouTube

and Twitter. Some opposition media websites were blocked following Friday night's coup attempt, which was quashed by security forces loyal to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Wikileaks said on Twitter that Turks who are blocked from accessing its website can "use a proxy or any of our IPs" to get access to the documents on Turkey's ruling party.

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## Offbeat

**INDONESIA'S PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BANS PLAYING OF 'POKEMON GO'**

Indonesian officials have banned the playing of "Pokemon Go" from the presidential palace.

Hastily printed warnings that say "Playing or hunting Pokemon prohibited in the palace area" were put up around the palace complex in Jakarta yesterday.

"This is the office of the president, not a playground," said Bey Machmuddin, chief of the palace's press bureau.

Last week, Cabinet Secretary Pramono Agung said he had captured a number of Pokemon at the palace. But some officials have expressed worry the game could be a security risk.

Police have been banned from playing the game while on duty, and local media reported that Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu had warned that the game might be used by foreign countries to detect sensitive information.

"Pokemon Go," which uses Google Maps and a smartphone to overlay reality with Pokemon creatures, has been a blockbuster hit in the U.S. and other countries where it is available. It has not been officially released in Indonesia but is already popular here.

On Monday, Indonesian police briefly detained a Frenchman after he trespassed on a military base in a West Java town while hunting for Pokemon creatures. **AP**

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## FINDING DORY

ROOM 1

2.15, 4.05, 5.55, 7.45 pm

Director: Andrew Stanton

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 97min

## COLD WAR 2

ROOM 1

9.30 pm

Director: Longman Leung, Sunny Luk

Starring: Aaron Kwok, Tony Leung Ka Fai, Chow Yun Fat

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 110min



## START TREK BEYOND

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Justin Lin

Starring: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana,

Simon Pegg

Language: English (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 120min



## GHOSTBUSTERS

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Paul Feig

Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig,

Kate McKinnon, Leslie Jones

Language: English (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 116min

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## START TREK BEYOND

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Justin Lin

Starring: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana,

Simon Pegg

Language: English (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 120min

## this day in history



## 1994 LABOUR CHOOSES BLAIR

The MP for Sedgefield, Tony Blair, has been confirmed as the new leader of the Labour Party.

The results of the Labour Party ballot - announced just after 1200 BST at the University of London - showed Mr Blair had gained 57% of the vote in the most democratic process ever used by a British political party.

The election followed the unexpected death of former Labour leader John Smith in May.

Mr Blair made clear his intentions in a passionate first speech as leader: "I shall not rest until, once again, the destinies of our people and our party are joined together again in victory at the next general election - Labour in its rightful place in government again."

After a cleanly fought campaign he beat off competition from John Prescott, MP for Hull East - with 24.1% of the votes - and Margaret Beckett - MP for Derby South - with an 18.9% share.

Mr Prescott will become deputy leader after taking 56.5% of the deputy leadership ballot, compared to the 43.5% achieved by Mrs Beckett.

At 41 Mr Blair is the youngest of the eight British Labour Party leaders since World War II.

It was the first time the party's leadership has been decided by a secret ballot of all four million Labour Party members and union levy payers - without block voting by the unions.

Although only one million voted for Mr Blair and his modernising agenda, he won the race in all three electoral colleges - members, MPs and trade unions.

Tony Blair trained as a lawyer and entered Parliament in June 1983 at the age of 30. John Smith appointed him Shadow Home Secretary after Labour lost the 1992 general election.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

In 1995 Tony Blair persuaded the Labour Party to remove the 77-year old Clause IV from their charter. This ended Labour's commitment to the nationalisation of industry.

He went on to lead the Labour Party to its biggest ever general election victory in May 1997, with a majority of 179.

The end of Tony Blair's first term as prime minister was beset with allegations of media manipulation and failure to deliver on key policy pledges.

In June 2001 Mr Blair and the Labour Party secured a second term in Government, with another landslide majority of 167.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Keep both feet firmly planted on the ground today -- it's not a good time for fantasies or for too much ambition.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Your ideals are tested today -- but your great energy ensures that you find the right way to deal with this.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Someone isn't revealing their true intentions -- is it you? This could be a bad problem or it could be a silly romantic misunderstanding.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 A work problem is causing you headaches today, but not so much that you can't deal with them forcefully.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 This is a better time for listening than for talking -- though you may need to ask some big questions to get the conversational ball rolling.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 It's a good time for you to step up and try to get your people to see things your way.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You're feeling weirder than you have in a long time -- so indulge this side of yourself while it lasts!

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 A conflict arises out of two opposing ideas. You are firmly in one camp, but you may not be able to see a way out of this tussle.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your energy is a bit out of sync today, but you can correct it by pinching off your cash flow.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Something big and wonderful comes your way, and you can tell that it's totally justified.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't struggle against anything but tyranny today -- the normal roadblocks and whatnot that life presents just aren't worth your energy.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You can see that a group you're part of is going in a bad direction -- but can you articulate the reason why?

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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Table listing weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

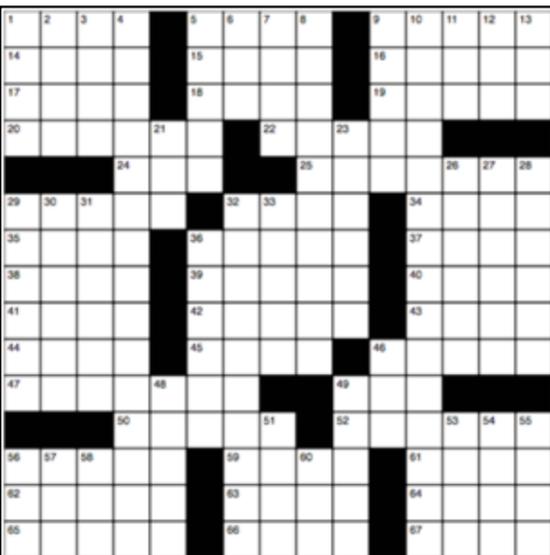
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Table listing weather conditions for various world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- \_\_\_ impasse; 5- Aleutian island; 9- Yoga posture; 14- Gusto; 15- Trendy; 16- March honoree, briefly; 17- Low-quality diamond; 18- Evict; 19- Basic monetary unit of Denmark; 20- Reply; 22- Cassette half; 24- Roadside stop; 25- In sequence; 29- Class of Indian society; 32- Injectable diazepam, in military lingo; 34- "\_\_\_ grip!"; 35- Literary collection; Abbr.; 36- Woman in charge of a household; 37- Injure; 38-Sun. speeches; 39- Low life?; 40- It transforms carbon dioxide into oxygen; 41- Amo, amas, \_\_\_; 42- October birthstones; 43- Own (up); 44- Director Wertmuller; 45- Prefix with conference; 46- Artery that feeds the trunk; 47- Sorrow; 49- It's cold!; 50- Songs for two; 52- Leader's exhortation; 56- Light \_\_\_; 59- Wife of a rajah; 61- Toward shelter; 62- Game of chance; 63- Turkish titles; 64- Cad; 65- Male deer; 66- Without full use of a leg; 67- "Pirates of the Caribbean" star;

DOWN: 1- Swedish pop band whose hits include "Waterloo"; 2- 1982 Disney film; 3- Broadcasts; 4- In spite of; 5- Squirrel stash; 6- Calendar abbr.; 7- Join lips; 8- Capable of being acted on; 9- Inquired; 10- Direct; 11- GI mail drop; 12- A Bobbsey twin; 13- Consumed, usually food; 21- Opposite of WSW; 23- Stage plays; 26- Closer; 27- Still; 28- San Diego suburb; 29- Cellist Pablo; 30- Hemoglobin deficiency; 31- Leave high and dry; 32- Pertaining to open country; 33- Let's Make \_\_\_; 36- \_\_\_-tung; 46- Prince Valiant's son; 48- Continental cash; 49- Idaho capital; 51- Long tale; 53- Moisturizer ingredient; 54- Enlist again; 55- Profound; 56- Bodybuilder's pride; 57- Harden; 58- Battery type; 60- "Miss Saigon" setting;



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FOOTBALL

# English Premier League says players' bad behavior damaging its image

Rob Harris, London

**FINGER-JABBING** players aggressively challenging referees. Rival teams in mass brawls. Touchline confrontations between managers. They all feature in a show-reel of shame produced by English soccer authorities.

And the video is being shown to players at the Premier League's 20 clubs ahead of the new season as part of the latest crackdown on bad behavior that damages the image of the league.

"We're looking to make a step change in the way our participants behave and how they are seen around the world," Premier League chairman Richard Scudamore said after showing the compilation of incidents of indiscipline at a former London courthouse yesterday.

It's a delicate balancing act for the league, which doesn't want to see the intense com-



Referee Mark Clattenburg talks with Chelsea and Tottenham players during an English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge stadium on May 2

petitiveness disappear from its competition. Even Scudamore acknowledged it was a "guilty pleasure" watching the fiery and engrossing game between Chelsea and Tottenham last season that led to both teams being fined over a fracas.

"I felt an element of it was not right," Scudamore said. "But you couldn't go away from that game thinking it wasn't compelling."

The Premier League is already the world's wealthiest soccer competition, raising 8.3

billion pounds (USD12 billion) from television rights for the next three seasons.

"People look to us to set the example across the world," Scudamore said.

"When you discuss what's holding it back from being absolutely universally popular, one of the things that comes back time and time again is, 'Wouldn't it be nice if the participants didn't quite display some of those behavioral tendencies that just stepped over the edge?'"

Rather than introducing new laws, competition organizers instead want existing regulations enforced with a renewed vigor in five areas: dissent toward referees and their assistants by players (yellow card); offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures toward match officials (red card); physical contact with match officials (yellow card if it's not aggressive; red card for

a confrontation); surrounding officials (yellow card and team sanctions); misconduct in the technical area by players and managers.

The initiative has been produced by the Premier League in conjunction with the English Football League, which runs the three leagues below the top flight, and the Football Association governing body.

The conduct of referees also comes under the microscope, with officials now under orders to refrain from physical conduct with players or risk their impartiality being questioned by seemingly to be overly friendly.

"Referees are just as guilty of putting their arms about players and invading their personal space — we are asking referees not to do that," said Mike Riley, who runs refereeing in England. "What we are talking about is actions that are intrusive." AP

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## TENNIS | CITI OPEN

## Stephens upset, Querrey advances

Stephen Whyno, Washington

**S**AM Querrey advanced despite not having his giant-slaying best. Sloane Stephens didn't have any of her best and is going home.

The eighth-seeded Querrey beat Bjorn Fratangelo 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-4 at the Citi Open on Tuesday, while the second-seeded Stephens was upset by Japan's Risa Ozaki 6-2, 6-1. Querrey was feeling confident coming off a trip to the Wimbledon quarterfinals that featured a victory against world No. 1 Novak Djokovic.

Center court under the lights at the Rock Creek Park Tennis Center was a little different, but Querrey battled back from losing a first-set tiebreak to beat Fratangelo and avenge a defeat at the French Open.

"Even without the Novak win and just coming out it would've been tough," Querrey said. "It was one of those matches I just had to fight my way through, and I think regardless of what happened at Wimbledon, it would've been tough and I did a good job of getting through it."

Querrey will next face 11th-seeded Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine.

Stephens' tournament is done a year after she won the Citi Open. The 23-year-old American said it was just one of those matches for her and took all



Sam Querrey, of the U.S., returns to Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, during their men's singles match on day six of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London

the blame for her defeat.

"I just played real bad. Nothing more, nothing less," Stephens said. "Just one of those days I was really bad. Obviously I'm not the first person to have a bad day and I won't be the last."

Earlier in the day, fifth-seeded Eugenie Bouchard was upset by Italy's Camila Giorgi, 7-5, 6-4, marking the fourth

time in the Canadian's past 10 tournaments that she lost her opening match. She most recently reached the round of 32 at Wimbledon before losing to Dominika Cibulkova.

Bouchard said she felt kind of out of it from the beginning Tuesday, when temperatures were in the 90s, but she put no blame on the heat and instead credited Giorgi for keeping

her off balance.

"She kind of plays not like any other player, really: absolutely no rhythm, not long points at all," Bouchard said. "I found it hard to get my feeling and get into points and stuff."

Bouchard repeated that she was unsure about playing in the Rio Olympics, citing the Zika virus. The Montreal nati-

ve called herself a "last-minute person" and said she would wake up and decide next week.

Bouchard has seen fellow Canadian Milos Raonic and other high-profile tennis players and golfers pull out and conceded that has made her think.

"I'm truly undecided, and you see more and more people pulling out as kind of the deadline gets closer," Bouchard said. "It's just unfortunate because it would be my first games, and to have a problem like this kind of dampening the excitement of potentially your first Olympic Games, it really sucks, to be honest."

In other women's play, American Christina McHale upset eighth-seeded Monica Niculescu of Romania 6-3, 6-4. The New Jersey native will next face Jessica Pegula, daughter of Buffalo Bills and Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula.

McHale continued a strong year that has included pushing world No. 1 Serena Williams to three sets twice.

"I'm putting myself more in matches to have opportunities to win," McHale said. "I want to stop meeting [Williams] so early in tournaments. It's nice to see against the No. 1 player in the world that I can hold my own and have chances."

On the men's side, 12th-seeded Grigor Dimitrov lost 6-4, 6-4 to Great Britain's Daniel Evans. **AP**

## DOPING

## Skier Johnsrud Sundby loses titles after infringement

**N**ORWEGIAN cross-country skier Martin Johnsrud Sundby is losing his 2015 overall World Cup and Tour de Ski titles over a doping infringement.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport said yesterday it has suspended Johnsrud Sundby for two months as it upheld an appeal by WADA against the FIS Doping Panel, which had initially cleared the 2014 Olympic bronze medalist of wrongdoing.

According to the International Ski Federation, Dario Cologna of Switzerland takes over the 2014-15 overall championship title, and Pet-

ter Northug of Norway has been awarded the 2015 Tour de Ski title. Johnsrud Sundby still holds the overall titles for 2013-14 and 2015-16.

In a statement released by the Norwegian ski federation, Johnsrud Sundby said his situation is "an athlete's worst nightmare."

"I have always competed on clean and honest terms," he said. "I hope and believe that this case will not have major consequences for my further career, nor for the preparations of the upcoming season."

Johnsrud Sundby failed two tests for salbutamol, a medication he used to

treat asthma. The tests took place during World Cup events in Davos, Switzerland, in December 2014 and in Toblach, Italy, the following month.

While the medication is normally applied by a handheld metric dose inhaler, Johnsrud Sundby used a nebulizer and exceeded the allowed maximum dose of salbutamol. The doping panel of FIS ruled the athlete didn't breach anti-doping rules and refrained from further action.

Following the appeal by the World Anti-Doping Agency, CAS overturned the decision as Johnsrud Sundby had not obtained an exemption to

use a higher dose. As a consequence, Johnsrud Sundby's results in the Davos and Toblach events have been disqualified.

However, CAS handed him a suspension shorter than usual as "there was medical justification for the athlete's use of salbutamol" and "that his degree of fault was light." The ban started on July 11.

"The CAS award is difficult to understand," Johnsrud Sundby said. "CAS finds the rule to be unclear and the degree of fault is light. Still I am severely punished. I have always been careful with my medication and



In this February 15, 2014 file photo the shadow of a man is cast on the Olympic rings as he smokes at the Rosa Khutor Alpine Center, at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia

followed the [Norwegian ski federation's] regulations and the doctor's recommendations exactly [...] I had no reason to doubt their understanding of the regulations." The Norwegian federation said it assumed full responsibility for the matter, adding it would compensate Johnsrud Sundby for the prize money of around

USD130,000 which he loses.

In a statement, FIS said it "fully shares the view of the CAS that Martin Johnsrud Sundby is not to be considered as an intentional doping offender" and that the sanctions result from "his reliance on questionable medical advice to administer salbutamol outside a hospital." **AP**

opinion

Girl About Globe

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IF THE SHOE FITS

A high-heeled fight is on the horizon. Between Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

At stake: becoming THE destination for female tourists in Asia. Get it on. The fight, the shoe, the both of them.

But let's start at the beginning. Think Taiwan, and chances are you don't immediately arrive at 'foot fetishist and fashion trailblazer'. Think again. Taiwan now has an immense high-heeled shoe. It's 17 metres tall and made of glass. It's blue, a tricky colour for most outfits, but I guess it goes nicely with the sky. It's in the southwest of the island, and it dominates the horizon.

You look and think: what IS that? CinderellaLand, a theme park for women?

Or a sculpture thrown up to mark the election of Tsai Ing-Wen? With additional sponsorship from The Philippines to finally offload that Imelda Marcos shoe association?

Or the studio of a shoemaker all Western women should know about, because it's really hard to get big sizes in Asia?

Enough pondering. It's a statue – shall we say statshoe? – to honour local women who suffered from gangrenous foot disease. Yes really. And it's a venue, aiming at the wedding market. Yes, still really, which seems odd. Aside from foot fetishists, would anyone want to wed inside a homage to diseased-feet? A union inside a bunion? I think not.

But let's face it: not many places put up sculptures to honour women. Most statues recognize bloke travails.

So, well done on that front, Taiwan – one day you may be as known for your feminism as your street-food. But that's not where it ends.

The potential for this shoe is enormous, which is usually how most women justify buying a new pair, but such optimism should here be felt by cities. Like Macau. Like Hong Kong. Can our city mothers – city fathers just won't get the shoe thing – think out of the box, shoe-nap the concept and become the city for female shoppers in Asia? Let's kick this concept around a bit – gently, to avoid scuffing.

There was a recent survey, reported in this newspaper, about online shopping challenging local retailers. At the same time, we are frequently told that sister shopping SAR Hong Kong is no longer cool, because the stores there are not enough fun for mainlanders with money to spend.

Here, then, Taiwan's architectural foot fetishism starts to suggest real possibilities. There are world famous structures in Macau which dominate the skyline – why not add a shoe? Beside the Macau Tower, The Stiletto? 17 metres, I concede, isn't enough for serious retail space, but enlarge the design. Make it big enough and the shoe-shape could rival L'Arc de Triomphe, or McDonald's as the world's most famous arch. Or there could even be several of these shoes. Some standing, some lying askew on their side: the entire retail complex known as The Shoe Cupboard.

Imagine going shopping IN A SHOE! Women love shoe-shopping. Oh my. It would engender huge excitement – enough to get people to actually visit, hang out under the arch, meet each other by the pointy toe bit – thereby undermining online shopping.

Or, Hong Kong? Not cool, you say? What could get mainland women more excited than a lift going up a heel? And an MTR station inside a platform, rather than just having one.

More obvious yet, take the basic concept, lower the heel height and turn the whole shoe/retail emporium into A Hello Kitten Heel Retail Plaza. Hello Chinese mainland visitors.

Which city will become the talked-about destination for women in Asia? It's a case of 'if the shoe fits...'

THE BUZZ VENEZUELA: UN RIGHTS CHIEF AIRS WORRY ABOUT FOOD SHORTAGES

The U.N. human rights office is expressing concern about deteriorating human rights, growing violence and "severe shortages" of food, medicine and basic goods in Venezuela.

The office of human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad al-Husseini points to reports of rising protests demanding access to food, the arrest of hundreds of demonstrators and excessive use of force against protesters in recent weeks.

The Geneva-based office on Tuesday urged Ve-

nezuelan authorities to ensure the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and "to consider accepting humanitarian aid" to ensure food and medicine supplies are distributed.

Venezuela's government opened its long-closed border with Colombia over the weekend, prompting more than 100,000 Venezuelans to cross to buy as many basic goods as possible amid an economic crisis and 700-percent inflation in Venezuela.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	10-30 Good	
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	
Ambient	10-30 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**UAE** The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority says it is committed to a long-term investment strategy despite a slump in oil prices and concerns about slower economic growth worldwide. ADIA is based in the capital of OPEC member United Arab Emirates and is one of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds.



**TURKEY** Asserting that "all the evidence" points to a U.S.-based Muslim cleric as the mastermind of last week's failed coup, Turkey's government on Tuesday fired tens of thousands of teachers, university deans and others accused of ties to the plot and demanded the cleric's extradition. More on p15



**UKRAINE** A prominent journalist was killed in a car bombing in Ukraine's capital, Kiev, yesterday, sending shockwaves through the Ukrainian journalist community that was shaped by the gruesome killing of the publication's founder 16 years ago. The country's top online news website Ukrainska Pravda said its journalist Pavel Sheremet died in an explosion yesterday as he got into his car to drive to work to anchor a talk show on a local radio station.

**UGANDA** A Ugandan-led rebel group operating in Central Africa abducted 498 civilians and killed 17 others in the first half of this year, a watchdog organization said yesterday, suggesting a resurgence of the group whose leader is the target of an international manhunt.



Group photo of the members of the jury in front of the awarded works

IC announces winners of 32nd Collective Exhibition

**T**he 32nd Collective Exhibition of Macau Artists, organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has received 260 works, which includes 78 Chinese paintings, 84 Western paintings and 98 pieces of Chinese calligraphy.

The judging was held this month at the Macau Forum, and a total of 56 works have been selected and awarded, including 19 Chinese and 19 Western paintings and 18 Chinese calligraphy pieces.

According to the IC's

statement, the judging focused on the Chinese and Western painting techniques and Chinese calligraphy categories.

The jury selected one winner for the "Best Work" in each category. Amongst the three winning works, Lam Wun Keng, who was selected to win the Western painting category, received the "Best Creation Special Prize."

The selected winner will be invited to hold an individual exhibition.

"Best Work" for the Chi-

nese painting and Chinese calligraphy categories were awarded to Tam Chon Kit and Leong Lampo respectively.

This year, two young artists, Un Ka Ian and Guan Seng Lok, were awarded the "New Talent Prize" in the Chinese calligraphy category.

Winners of the "New Talent Prize" in the Chinese and Western painting category were Chan Chong Hei and Chan In Iong respectively. These winners will also be invited to hold a collective exhibition.

The selected and awarded works in this edition will be showcased in the 32nd Collective Exhibition of Macau Artists, which will be held at the beginning of September, at the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau Temporary Exhibitions Gallery. All non-selected works will be available for collection from August 5 to 8 at the Macau Forum.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Luo Xiaoguang



Tourists visit the Forbidden City during heavy rain. Beijing's meteorological bureau issued an orange alert for rainstorm yesterday noon.