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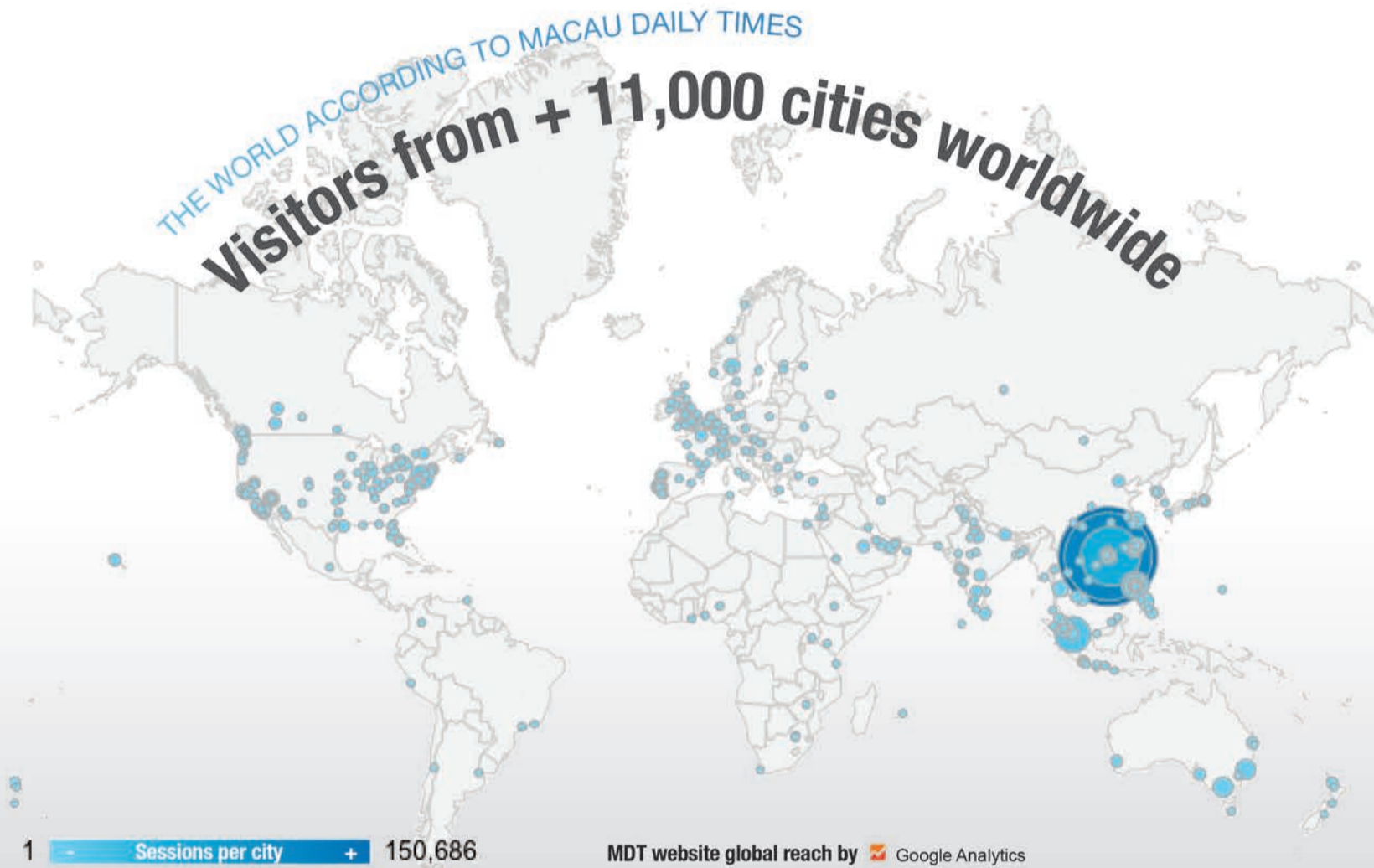
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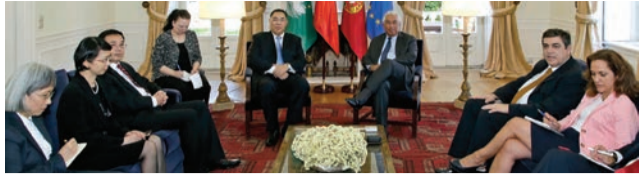
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TAIWAN Hundreds of Taiwanese workers in tourism-related businesses rallied in the capital yesterday to draw attention to a sharp decline in Chinese visitors that is putting their industry under heavy strain. More on p11

CHINA-NORTH KOREA — China responded to calls that it needs to do more to rein in North Korea's nuclear program by saying that American officials are truly to blame for inciting conflict on the Korean Peninsula. More on p13



NORTH KOREA is mobilizing to deal with a disastrous flood that killed at least 133 people, destroyed tens of thousands of homes and crippled infrastructure in its northern-most province. Brigades of soldiers from around the country have been enlisted to help victims of the flooding, caused by Typhoon Lionrock.



BANGLADESH The death toll from a boiler explosion and fire at a packaging factory over the weekend rises to 13 after more bodies are found in the debris.

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China's demand for pricey int'l schools 'insatiable' . P10



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Vocal Masterclass' at IPM



The Macao Polytechnic Institute's (IPM) music program has invited Shen Yang, the youngest Chinese singer to ever sign with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, to host a 'Vocal Masterclass' at the IPM September 14, according to a statement released by the institute. As the youngest contestant of the 2007 BBC Cardiff Singer of the World, Shen Yang won first prize in this prestigious singing contest. The "Vocal Masterclass by Shen Yang" is the first in a series of academic and art events to be offered by IPM in the 2016/2017 academic year. The event has free admission.

12 UM research projects receive national grants

The University of Macau's (UM) Zhuhai Research Institute (UMZRI) has received approval for research grants worth RMB 4.35 million from the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) for 12 research projects, according to a statement from UM. This year, UM submitted funding applications to the NSFC for 40 research projects, of which 12 applications, or 30 percent, have been approved. Five of these 12 research projects have been granted funding in the General Programs category and the remaining seven in the Young Scientists Fund category.

Three to five days paternity leave to be discussed

Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) director Wong Chi Hong has recently announced the government's plan to give men three to five days of paternity leave, according to a report by Cheng Pou. Wong revealed that the authority expects to push the issue forward for the necessary legal procedures as soon as possible, as the public is expressing an urgent demand for paternity leave. Currently, Macau's fathers are granted two days of unpaid paternity leave, and it is only males working as civil servants who are legally entitled to five days off work at the birth of their child.

CE co-presided over joint Macau-Portugal meeting in Lisbon

THE Chief Executive (CE), Chui Sai On co-presided, together with the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Augusto Santos Silva, a meeting of the Macau-Portugal Joint Committee, held yesterday in Lisbon at the Portuguese Foreign Affairs Ministry. In the meeting two subject matters were highlighted: Education and Economy. On the first, the Portuguese government reaffirmed the political support to the continuation of Portuguese language learning in the region, although no concrete measures were suggested.



Chui Sai On and António Costa

On economic cooperation, a new cooperation in scientific investigation was discussed, with a signing of an agreement expected between the Portuguese Science Fund and Macau's Science Development Fund in the near future.

After the meeting, the CE headed to a meeting where he was received by the Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa at S. Bento Palace. He was expected to conclude his day with another meeting, this time with the Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, who had initially invited the CE to visit Portugal. **RM**

Petition calls for support of Hong Kong

THE New Macau Association (ANM) is organizing an online petition to "support Hong Kong in opposing political violence." Lawmaker Ng Kuok Cheong, together with social activists Scott Chiang, Sulu Sou and Kin Long Wong, are among the organizers.

The group's decision to take action was influenced by recent issues regarding Hong Kong's newly elected lawmaker Eddie Chu Hoi-dick. Earlier, Chu received 84,121 votes in Hong Kong's Legislative Council elections. Since his election, Chu claims that he and his family have been facing death threats due to his intention to fight the collusion between Hong Kong's rural strongmen and the government.

"We feel angry from the death threats against Eddie Chu. This is not just an attack to Eddie Chu, but also an attack to democracy, to freedom and to the rule of law. It is the enemy of all people who embrace these values," the ANM petition reads.

Edward Leung Tin-Kei, Andy Chan Ho-tin, James Chan Kwok-keung, in addition to previous candidates for Hong Kong Legislative

Council election, were banned from the recent election campaign. The camp of another candidate, Wong Yeung-tat, was also attacked during a campaign activity on the streets during the election.

The above mentioned incidents are considered by the petition organizers as "covering tangibly physical violence, invisible spiritual violence, as well as institutional violence." The petition adds that "same as many people in Hong Kong, we will not tolerate [this]."

The petition also declares that any government has the responsibility to protect the basic rights and freedom of its residents. The organizers urge the government to "ensure the residents' safety and freedom regardless of its political stance."

Moreover, the organizers noted that Macau is facing a similar downward political situation, along with Hong Kong, under China's "one country, two systems." "Anyone who believes in democracy and freedom, besides fighting alone to the end, should help each other all along," the petition reads, adding that the organizers "oppose and condemn any



Radical activist candidate Eddie Chu Hoi-dick (right) celebrates after winning a seat at the legislative council elections in Hong Kong

kind of political violence."

Regarding the petition, Jason Chao, vice president of ANM, told the Times that "Hong Kong and Macau share the same faith."

Last week, Chao wrote a report calling "friends from Hong Kong" to not visit Macau, as several abnormal incidents have been happening to related groups, including a suspicious cyber-attack to his online news agency website, and he being stalked. **JZ**

THE suicide rate in the territory has hit the lowest level since 2005, the Health Bureau (SSM) informed in a statement.

According to data cited, the suicide rate amongst residents of Macau in 2015 has decreased by 15.8 percent year-on-year when compared to 2014. This result is not only the lowest in the last four years, but also the lowest since 2005- the year in which a monitoring system to register such occurrences was implemented.

The results were presented on Saturday, September 10, precisely on the day known as Wor-

HEALTH

Suicide rate hits the lowest in 10-years

ld Suicide Prevention Day by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Association for Suicide Prevention.

According to the data from SSM, there were a total of 62 cases of suicide, 53 of them involving Macau residents recorded in 2015. The phenomenon has a higher incidence on men (almost two-fold) compared

to those involving women. Considering the same data, the overall suicide rate in the territory was of 9.6 per 100,000 people, a value that gets lower if considered only the Macau residents (8.2 per 100,000 people).

Although Macau does not belong to the regions with a high prevalence of suicide, the SSM also noted that it is expected that in the future there will

be increasingly more people with mental health status considered in "sub-health," and this happens mostly due to rapid and successive changes of society and in particular to excess of stress in their daily lives.

According to the WHO, over 800,000 people commit suicide worldwide every year, bringing the worldwide suicide rate of 11.4 per 100,000 people. **RM**

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Winner of the 2016 World Press Photo of the Year, Warren Richardson's "Hope for a New Life"

World Press Photo returning to Macau

Daniel Beitler

THE annual World Press Photo (WPP) tour will be coming to Macau once again this year and will be held at Casa Garden between October 1 and 23.

The exhibition, which dis-

plays the winning pieces from various photography and multimedia categories, selected de Casa de Portugal (CPM) as its Macau-based partner back in 2008.

Organizers from the local association told the Times that the exhibit costs around MOP 150,000 to host each year and

is sponsored by the Macao Foundation, a government body. However, the prestigious cultural event is particularly notable for its absence of official representation.

According to CPM organizers, government ambassadors would not attend the exhibition's opening cere-

mony, which is an unusual occurrence as there has always been a faithful attendance history of Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) delegates to the inauguration ceremonies of almost every other cultural event in the city.

Queried about whether there is any censorship pressure coming from the local government regarding the content to be exhibited, organizers quickly refuted the suggestion of any censorship.

"There is no censorship, but no government representation either," said local organizer Diana Soeiro, adding, "I don't think that there is any pressure not to exhibit."

Although the WPP tour visits other locations in the Asia-Pacific region, namely Hong Kong, Taiwan and multiple cities across Australia and Japan, its historic relationship with CPM has given the local entity an edge over regional rivals.

For this reason, local organizer Soeiro told the Times yesterday that, this year, the exhibition will stop in Macau before heading to Hong Kong later in the year. This is crucial to the exhibition's success, she explained, because a large proportion of the attendees are tourists traveling to the MSAR from Hong Kong.

"Usually we have a lot of people come from Hong Kong, but recently they [WPP] have opened an exhibition in Hong Kong," said Soeiro. "This year [we have an agreement that] they will come to us before they visit Hong Kong," in order to reduce the impact of the drop in the number of visitors to the Macau event.

Organizers believe that, although the exhibition is very expensive to host, it is entirely worth it.

"The photographs all have a

lot of impact on people," said Soeiro, "[capturing] many of the problems around the world."

"These problems don't affect Macau so much [...] in Macau we don't have these [kinds of] problems. But we still need to be aware of what the rest of the world is facing," she added. "[For this reason] we will be presenting the photographs with captions in Portuguese, English and Chinese," she said, in an effort to maximize their reach to the public.

This year, the winner of the World Press Photo of the Year is Warren Richardson from Australia for his photograph, titled "Hope for a New Life" (pictured). It captures the moment that a baby is handed, through a hole in a razor wire fence, to a Syrian refugee who has already managed to cross the border from Serbia into Hungary.

Formed in 1955 by a group of Dutch photographers, the WPP has since grown into one of the most prestigious awards in photojournalism and multimedia storytelling. According to the organization's website, its traveling exhibition, which features 45 different countries and territories, reaches an audience of around 4 million people worldwide annually.

The rules of entry regarding photo manipulation were again revised for the 2016 competition, ruling out any digital change that "adds, rearranges, reverses, distorts or removes people or objects from within the frame." Original camera files are also required from competitors who wish to have their submissions considered.

The 2016 competition will be showcased in Macau between October 1 and 23, and will be open to the public every day except Monday.

CPM president to serve again

THE current president of Casa de Portugal (CPM), Maria Amélia António, has announced that she will again stand for the position this year, after earlier indicating that she would not be.

Speaking to the Times over the weekend, the 11-year association head explained her decision as two-fold. Firstly, nobody else has yet

stepped forward to lead the organization, and secondly, CPM has a mounting debt, which she says "must be resolved."

"The association has some [financial] problems [...] and we don't have time to recover these funds at the moment," she said. "So I feel like I cannot step down without solving the situation first, which can only be solved slowly."

THE Civil Aviation Authority of Macau (AACM) and the Transport and Housing Bureau of Hong Kong met in Macau yesterday, and together agreed to renew the bilateral air services arrangement between the two territories. According to a statement issued by AACM, the agreement will allow the designated airlines of both parties to enter an inter-modal code-sharing cooperation with the operators that provide sea, land and helicopter services between Hong Kong and Macau.

The "air services arrangement" is expected to facilitate the travel of both Hong Kong and Macau residents, as well

as of visitors coming to Hong Kong and Macau.

From this point forward, sea, land and helicopter transport services between Hong Kong and Macau can be connected with flight services operated by the designated airlines originating from Hong Kong or Macau, or services departing for Hong Kong and Macau.

The meeting was held in the conference room of the AACM office. Representing the two delegations were officials from the relevant government bodies and aviation industry representatives. The two delegations also discussed the development of the air transport agreements between Hong Kong

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Macau and HK agree on inter-modal code-sharing service

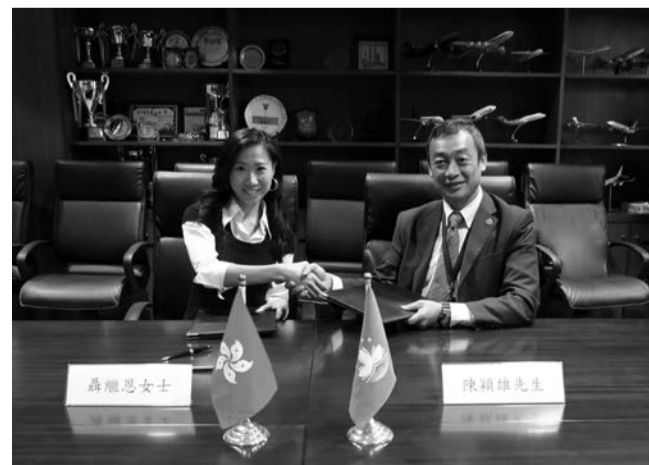
and Macau.

The president of AACM, Simon Chan Weng, and the principal assistant secretary of the Transport and Housing Bureau of the HK-SAR, signed the agreement on behalf of the two governments. It will now be submitted to the Central Government for approval.

"With the integrated development of the Pearl River Delta Region and the operation of the Hong Kong-

Zhuhai-Macau Bridge down the line, the traffic network in the region will be greatly enhanced, further increasing the accessibility to and from the different administrative zones," the AACM statement reads.

Since a few years ago, the airlines of Hong Kong and Macau have been considering the adoption of inter-modal code-sharing services with the objective of facilitating the public's travels.



AACM and the Transport and Housing Bureau of Hong Kong signs a Memorandum of Understanding in Macau

Renato Marques

CRIME

A horse strapper at the Macau Jockey Club has been accused by the company for giving an undisclosed substance to one of the horses, with the purpose of influencing the result of a race, the Judiciary Police (PJ) informed in a press conference held yesterday.

According to the information provided by the PJ, the case goes back to April 22, when one of the strappers tried to control the outcome

of a race by giving a performance enhancing substance to one of the horses. In reality, the strategy backfired and the horse eventually finished the race last.

Now, according to evidence presented to the company that manages the horse-racing event, the strapper is being accused of being the source of the incident. The

employee refuses to accept the accusation, claiming that he is innocent and that he only provided the normal care to the horse.

According to the results of the investigation, the employee is being accused of administering a substance capable of changing the animal's mental and physical condition during the race, which can lead to a punishment of up to three years imprisonment.

In a separate case reported by the police, a man has been accused of an unusual usury crime. Contrary to what usually happens in these cases, the suspect allegedly lent money to another man in order to buy air tickets to get back to his home country.

The amount of money lent, HKD 3,000, was subjected to an interest of HKD 100 per day. The borrower failed to return the money in total but claims, as at September 9, he had already paid HKD 2,500.

After failing to contact the borrower, on September 11 the lender eventually found him in a casino in Cotai and requested him to pay the debt that he claimed not to possess.

The suspect then hit him with his elbow leading the man to call for help from casino security.

Questioned by the police force, the suspect confessed to have lent the HKD 3,000 and to have received a total of HKD 700 as interest. He has been accused of usury.

Tourist accused of insult and disobedience

A tourist from mainland China (42) was accused of aggravated insults and disobedience to authorities, the Public Security Police Force revealed.

The incident occurred on Sunday around 3.10 p.m. when a manager from a hotel phoned the police requesting assistance due to a conflict that was taking place in one of the guest rooms.

According to the hotel manager, it was clear that the man was in an altered state, creating a lot of noise and carrying an intense smell of alcohol.

Police officers sent to the location found the man and tried to calm him but as soon as he saw them he started to address to them using rude language and hurling insults.

The man did not heed the police request and was subsequently taken into custody.

His attitude at the police station did not improve, and the man refused to fill in any forms or provide fingerprints.

He was accused of aggravated insults and disobedience and presented to the Public Prosecutions Office yesterday. **RM**

Chile in the spotlight at Latin American Cultural Festival



The Chilean capital Santiago

THE "2016 Latin American Cultural Festival," organized by the Macau Association for the Promotion of Exchange between Asia-Pacific and Latin America (MAPEAL), began on August 19 and will continue until September 15 in Macau.

Included in the festival is the second "Seminar on Latin American Literary World." The seminar will be held today from

11a.m. to 12:30p.m. at the University of Macau. The guest speaker is Edmundo Bustos Azócar, who is the Media and Culture Attaché of the Embassy of Chile in the People's Republic of China.

According to information provided by the organizers, Bustos has been the Attaché since last year. Before coming to China, he was in Chile working in the field of cultural re-

source management. He was the Director of Cultural Heritage at the Observatory of Cultural Policies from 2011 to 2014. Before that, from 2006 to 2010, he was the National Chief of the Consejo Nacional de la Cultura y las Artes (National Council for Culture and the Arts). He has also been a professor at various universities in Chile, such as the University of Chile,

University of Valparaíso, University of Miguel de Cervantes, among others.

For this seminar, Bustos will introduce Chile and present the cultural heritage diversity of the country, including the six places that were declared World Heritage sites by UNESCO. He will also introduce the two Nobel Prize winners of Chile, Gabriela Mistral and Pablo Neruda.

SPORTS

Chen Yu Chia ranks 17th in Rio Paralympics 200 meters freestyle

MACAU athlete Chen Yu Chia has gained the ranking of 17th place in the Men's 200 Meters Freestyle competition at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Paralympics.

Chen finished the Men's S14 class preliminary round with a time of two minutes and 12.11 seconds, a personal record that was not enough to gain a place in the finals.

The gold medal went to Hong Kong 19-year-old swimmer Tang Wai-lok, who won the competition with a record time of one minute and 56.32 seconds. The second and third place positions were taken by British Thomas Hamer and Australian Daniel Fox, respectively.

Chen is still set to compete in the Men's 200 Meters Individual Medley on September 17.



Chen Yu Chia (center)



France to bid adieu to plastic dishes with controversial ban

Samuel Petrequin, Paris

FRANCE'S latest efforts to reduce pollution will also affect nature lovers hitting the countryside for an outdoor meal: Under a controversial new ban, picnickers won't be able to buy plastic goblets to drink their beloved wine, or plastic knives to make ham and butter baguette sandwiches.

Life in the office will be different, too, as coffee machines will no longer cough out plastic cups, as part of the country's plans to be

more environmentally friendly.

The new measure, which took effect last month, gives producers until 2020 to ensure that all disposable dishes sold in France are made of biologically sourced materials and can be composted. It follows a ban on plastic bags, in place since July.

While several other countries and some U.S. states have also banned plastic bags, France appears to be the first country to introduce a blanket ban on plastic dishware. It comes after Paris

hosted a landmark conference last year on fighting global warming, and as the Socialist government tries to push France toward the forefront of environmental progress.

While ecologists' organizations lauded the French law and hope it sets an example for other countries, opponents argue that product bans hurt consumers, and that the French measures violate European Union rules on free movement of goods.

Worried that the French ban could extend to other countries, Pack2Go Europe, a Brussels-based organization representing European packaging manufacturers, says it will keep fighting it.

"We are urging the European Commission to do the right thing and to take legal action against

France for infringing European law," Pack2Go Europe secretary general Eamonn Bates told The Associated Press. "If they don't, we will."

The ban was initially proposed by the Europe Ecology-Greens Party and was adopted by French lawmakers with the aim of reducing the energy consumed and waste produced by the plastic processing industry, as well as the pollution caused by plastic litter.

The ecologists wanted the ban to be introduced as soon as 2017 but it was postponed until 2020 because of Environment Minister Segolene Royal's initial opposition to the law. Royal deemed it an "anti-social" measure, arguing that families struggling financially make regular use of disposable tableware.

The measures will ban sales of

single-use plastic cups, plates and glasses unless they are made of bio-sourced materials that can be composted in a domestic composting unit.

Bates argues that there is no proof that bio-sourced disposable cutlery is more environmentally beneficial, and that no products made from bio-sourced plastics will degrade in a domestic composting unit.

He also said the ban "will be understood by consumers to mean that it is OK to leave this packaging behind in the countryside after use because it's easily biodegradable in nature. That's nonsense! It may even make the litter problem worse."

Officials at the French Environment Ministry did not respond to requests by the AP for comment. **AP**

HP buying Samsung Electronics' printer business for USD1.05b

HP is buying Samsung Electronics Co.'s printer business in a transaction worth USD1.05 billion.

HP Inc. said yesterday that it is the largest print acquisition in the company's history and will help it go from traditional copiers to multifunction printers. HP also said the deal will strengthen its position in laser printing, which it established with Canon.

Samsung's printer business includes more than 6,500 printing patents.

The deal is expected to close within a year.

Last week Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Co. announced that it would spin off a big chunk of its business software line-up in an \$8.8 billion deal with Micro Focus International PLC. Last year CEO Meg Whitman split HP's operations focused on selling business technology products from its personal computer and printer operations. At its height, the combined HP generated more than \$100 billion annual revenue. **Bloomberg**

Samsung scion 'Jay Y.' to join board as Note 7 crisis worsens

SAMSUNG Electronics Co. heir apparent Lee Jae Yong has been nominated to the board, teeing him up for a bigger role as South Korea's largest company struggles with a widening recall of its Note 7 smartphone.

Lee, better known as Jay Y., has been helping run Samsung since his father suffered a heart attack in 2014. Now the scion will have to show if he has the mettle to help steer the company through its deepest crisis in years.

Regulators, airlines and Samsung have warned customers to stop using Note 7 phones, plagued by



Lee Jae Yong, better known as Jay Y

reports that the batteries catch fire while charging. Samsung has lost \$22 billion in market value over two days -- suggesting damage to the brand could go well beyond early

estimates of \$1 billion for the phone's recall. Samsung released the Note 7 in late August to get a jump on Apple Inc.'s new iPhone 7, due in stores later this month. That

advantage has now disappeared.

Jay Y.'s board nomination "is a signal that Samsung needs strong leadership in the midst of risk and uncertainty," said Park Ju Gun, president of corporate watchdog CEOSCORE in Seoul. "By showing the markets that he's assuming responsibility, Lee Jae Yong may be seeking to take a step forward in the succession."

Jay Y., 48, will become more involved in strategic decision-making, including mergers and acquisitions, the Suwon, South Korea-based company said in a statement Monday. Now co-vice chairman, he's expected to be formally elevated to the nine-person board after a shareholder vote in October. **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

CEM TO HOLD 4TH SOLAR CAR RACE



Companhia de Electricidade de Macau (CEM) will hold the 4th annual edition of its "Solar and Capacitance Model Car Races" competition at Coloane Power Station, with the goal of teaching local secondary students about renewable energy.

The competition will be held on September 25 and will involve the participation of nearly 500 students, representing 19 local schools, across 95 teams, according to a statement from CEM.

The event is co-organized by the Macau Youth Federa-

tion, the General Association of Chinese Students of Macau and the Youth Center of Macau Federation of Trade Unions.

In order to prepare the students for the competition and provide them with all the necessary information to build their cars, a half-day workshop was held on September 10.

The top five teams of the solar model car race will be awarded with MOP 3,000, MOP 2,000, MOP 1,000, MOP 800 and MOP 500 respectively, along with award certificates, plus a trophy for the top three teams. The teams that rank from 6th to 10th position will also receive award certificates.

GOOGLE'S FORMER CHINA CHIEF RAISES USD674M IN NEW FUNDS



Kai-Fu Lee

Sinovation Ventures, the venture capital firm founded by former Google Inc. executive Kai-Fu Lee, has raised more than USD674 million for two new funds that will seek out investments in China and the U.S.

The firm formerly known as Innovation Works recently

closed its second yuan-denominated fund and its third U.S.-dollar fund, taking the total amount under management to more than \$1.2 billion. The seven-year-old investment outfit now plans to add to a portfolio of almost 300 startups that include app store Wandoujia and Meitu, a

developer of selfie apps that's close to listing in Hong Kong.

"The new dual-currency funds will strengthen our investment capacity," Lee said in a statement. "Sinovation Ventures has investment teams both in China and in the United States, that could grasp pivotal investment opportunities in the two countries."

Lee's firm operates in a manner similar to Y Combinator Inc., the American startup incubator. Its successful fundraising comes as venture capital investment cools after 2015's record pace. Chinese-based venture capital firms raised just \$400 million in the second quarter, the lowest figure in almost three years, according to London consultancy Preqin Ltd.

Demand for pricey international schools 'insatiable'

Nomaan Merchant, Tianjin

THE school year at Haileybury College's campus outside Beijing began with three People's Liberation Army soldiers marching on a running track as the Chinese national anthem played over loudspeakers. Seven hundred students stood silently in single-file lines, their hands crossed, the international prep school's crest emblazoned on many of their coats and T-shirts.

Then they sang the school song in English before heading off to class in brick-facade buildings modeled on a British prep school.

For most Chinese students, attending a school like this remains unthinkable. But international schools from abroad are booming here thanks to growing demand from parents who are seeking different pathways for their children to attend college overseas, and who can increasingly afford more options. Top prep schools from around the world are opening campuses in the country, often charging higher fees than their flagships and catering to students who want to go to university in the West.

Attending Haileybury costs up to USD28,000 a year. But Haileybury, which opened the Chinese version of its century-old Australian prep school three years ago, nearly doubled its enrollment this year and is considering opening a second campus in China.

Getting into China's best public high schools can be monumentally difficult, but regardless of whether their child has the academic chops, many parents are opting to pay for what they see as a less stressful and more enriching experience at an international school.

"What they really care about is the happiness of their children," said Wang Dan, an education professor at the University of Hong Kong. "Their future return on the student's education is one concern, but equally important is the concern for the learning process."

The International School Consultancy, which monitors school trends worldwide, says the demand among Chinese for English-language schools like Haileybury is "insatiable." More than 150,000 Chinese students are currently enrolled in international schools, according to the consultancy, which says the number of Chinese who can afford to pay seemingly stratospheric fees for those schools — even if it's just a small percent-



Chinese students walk in line to attend the opening ceremony of the Haileybury College's Chinese campus in Tianjin

age of the country's population — will continue to grow, absent a dramatic downturn in China's economy.

China's top public high schools are intensely competitive and often criticized as excessively test-driven. Before their teenage years, children study long hours for entrance exams, often with high-priced private tutors. And at the end of high school, students take the notoriously difficult Chinese college entrance exam, the Gaokao, where a bad score can relegate a good student to a lesser university.

A massive government-ordered expansion of higher education over the last decade has produced many marginal colleges whose degrees count for little. That makes an overseas education even more attractive.

[Education consultant] William Vanbergen predicts many more Western schools will enter China in the coming years

Western prep schools in China advertise a smoother pathway to university overseas, with teaching that emphasizes critical thinking over memorization and classes based on the International Baccalaureate program or others recognized abroad.

Once limited mainly to foreign children, international schools have been allowed during the last two decades to open campuses for Chinese students jointly with local companies. And while the Chinese government has sought to tighten its ideological control over textbooks and limit perceived Western influences, the international schools offer a valuable infusion of new teaching methods and options for China's middle class.

That opening has brought in some of the world's biggest brand names, joining long-established international schools in Beijing and Shanghai. Britain's Dulwich College now runs schools for Chinese students in the eastern city of Suzhou and the southern city of Zhuhai; Britain's Hurtwood House operates in association with a school in eastern Ningbo.

William Vanbergen, managing director of the Shanghai school consulting firm BE Education, predicts many more Western schools will enter China in the coming years. Some schools are already struggling to maintain their enrollment, but for most,

China presents a "fantastic opportunity" to build a global profile, he said.

"Chinese parents are very smart," Vanbergen said. "They demand the very best, and it's going to become quite clear which operations are good and which are not."

Haileybury established its first program in China in 2001. Nick Dwyer, the school CEO, said the school's executives had long been seeking a local company with which to partner on its own campus.

"It's a tough ask for any student to go as a foreign student to another country," Dwyer said. "Here, we are offering the Australian product tailored in such a way that the Chinese students are at the center of the project, not off to one side."

Eventually, the school reached a deal with a state-owned development company to build a tree-lined campus between Beijing and the port city of Tianjin, featuring a towering administration building with two turrets that's a replica of London's Eton College prep school.

The campus anchors a development of high-rise residential towers and single-family homes. Haileybury leases the campus and charges higher tuition in China than in Australia.

Dwyer described the school as Australian in its traditions, presented "in Chinese dress." Teachers give lessons in both English and Chinese, and even-

ts like its opening ceremony are adaptations of Australian assemblies. Hallways are marked as "English-speaking zones." The school offers a modified version of the standard Chinese curriculum until high school levels, and then classes based on Australia's Victoria Certificate of Education.

Haileybury's first class of about 25 students graduates this fall. Their success will be a huge test for the school, Dwyer said. For the school to be successful, he said, every graduate must be admitted into college or a prep school en route to college.

"Most of them must get a pathway into university, and the rest of them must get a pathway that they will transition into university," Dwyer said.

But already, Haileybury is successfully recruiting new families and moving toward profitability. Dwyer said he expects to break even this year.

Cheng Rui, a marketing consultant in Beijing, was touring Haileybury last month with his 9-year-old son. Cheng had enrolled his son previously in a bilingual program sponsored by a top Chinese university. But he saw his son feeling constant pressure and not being able to communicate with foreigners on a family vacation to the United States and Canada, despite having taken English classes in school.

"It will be more enriching and distinctive for him in terms of developing his interests, and he will be under less pressure than students at traditional Chinese schools," Cheng said.

"I wish to see him develop at his own pace," he added.

While China's economic boom has allowed millions of families to afford options like Haileybury, international schools remain out of reach for the vast majority of Chinese.

Zeng Xiaodong, a professor at Beijing Normal University, said she understood that parents who could afford those schools were seeking a pathway for their children "to understand the future and be a member of the international world." But those options remain closed to rural families and don't solve the inequity of the overall system, she said.

Wang, the University of Hong Kong professor, said China's overall system may eventually benefit from the introduction of new teaching methods by international schools. But for now, particularly in rural areas, poor and even many middle-class children don't have access to better teaching, while upper-middle-class children are increasingly learning in a separate system.

"The inequality of China right now is really dividing the population, and each group is playing a different game," she said. **AP**

SOUTH CHINA SEA

China, Russia launch naval war games

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

THE Chinese and Russian navies launched eight days of war games in the South China Sea yesterday, in a sign of growing cooperation between their armed forces against the backdrop of regional territorial disputes.

The "Joint Sea-2016" maneuvers include ships, submarines, ship-borne helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, along with marines and amphibious armored vehicles who will conduct live-firing exercises, according to an earlier Defense Ministry statement.

Tasks will include defensive and rescue drills, anti-submarine exercises and the simulated seizure of an enemy island by marines from both sides.

The exercise is part of an annual program which "aims to consolidate and advance the Sino-Russian comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination, and deepen friendly and practical cooperation between the two militaries," Chinese

navy spokesman Liang Yang was quoted as saying.

"It will also improve coordination between the two navies on joint defense operations at sea," Liang said.

China's South Sea Fleet will make up the bulk of the forces, along with some elements from the North and East Sea fleets, Liang said.

The ministry didn't say exactly where the drills would be held in the South China Sea, the site of heated territorial disputes between China and its Southeast Asian neighbors. However, the official Xinhua News Agency said the Russian ships arrived early Monday in the Guangdong province port of Zhanjiang and the exercises would be held off the Guangdong coast, apparently in waters that are not in dispute.

Joint Chinese-Russian drills have become increasingly common in recent years — this week's exercises are the fifth between the two navies since 2012 — with the countries joined in their mutual suspicion of the U.S. and its allies. **AP**

Taiwan tourism workers call for help as Chinese numbers fall

HUNDREDS of Taiwanese workers in tourism-related businesses rallied in the capital yesterday to draw attention to a sharp decline in Chinese visitors that is putting their industry under heavy strain.

Workers marched down a central street in Taipei before gathering outside the Presidential Office Building. They called for the preservation of jobs and assistance to the industry, including allowing the owners of tour buses to delay their loan payments.

"We only want the right to work. If (Chinese tourists) do not come, we cannot work. This is just our need," said tour guide Debby Huang, 41.

Workers also urged the government to encourage domestic tourism and allow visa-free entry for travelers from the 10-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an inducement to visit.

The number of Chinese visitors has fallen since Beijing began discouraging travel to the island following the May inauguration of independence-leaning President Tsai Ing-wen.

Tsai has refused to endorse



Tourism-related business workers shout slogans during a march in Taipei

Beijing's concept that Taiwan is part of a single Chinese nation, and reducing tourism is seen as one of the easiest and least risky ways of pressuring her government.

Accidents and an unwelcoming attitude among some Taiwanese are also blamed for contributing to the decline in Chinese visitors.

Government figures say the number of visitors from China has fallen by 22 percent since Tsai's election compared to the same period last year. Chinese made up about 40 percent of tourist arrivals last year.

The government has already offered almost USD960 million to bail out the industry. **AP**



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RELATIVES of some of the 239 passengers and crew on missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 called yesterday for more of its possible debris to be examined to define a new search area.

Malaysia, China and Australia agreed in July that the search in the southern Indian Ocean would be suspended after the current 120,000-square kilometer expanse has been thoroughly examined with deep sea sonar equipment in the absence of credible new evidence that identified the plane's location.

Eight relatives of lost passengers who met with Australian officials coordinating the search on behalf of Malaysia expressed frustration that they were not given a definition of what constituted credible new evidence that would result in a continuation of the search.

American wreckage hunter Blaine Gibson attended the meeting at the Australian Transport Safety Bureau headquarters with the relatives from Malaysia, China, Australia and Indonesia and handed over to investigators five pieces of potential debris that he found on beaches in Madagascar. Two of the pieces were burnt, which could indicate a disastrous fire on board, he said.

Gibson previously found a panel from Flight 370 in Mozambique. Malaysia has yet to collect other potential debris that Blaine has found washed up on Madagascar since June and handed to authorities there.

"I hope that the search will go on and in my amateur opinion this constitutes new, credible evidence that justifies continuing the search," Gibson told reporters of his unconfirmed debris find.

Some confirmed pieces of debris have washed ashore in the western Indian Ocean,



Grace Nathan (left), of Malaysia and Jiang Hui Be of China address the media yesterday

FLIGHT MH370

Relatives of victims want more possible debris studied

and the families believe other items yet to be examined may be clues to the plane's location.

Grace Nathan, a Malaysian whose mother was on the Boeing 777 that vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing on March 8, 2014, said governments should be coordinating a search for debris and using drift modeling to define a new area to search after the current search is to be completed in December.

"We want to call on the three nations — Australia, China and Malaysia — to make a

concerted effort to go out and look for this credible new information," Nathan said.

"It's very impressive that one private individual citizen, Blaine Alan Gibson, has managed to find up to 15 pieces of aircraft debris and we hope that these three nations do more than just hope by fluke people find more debris," she added.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau confirmed in a statement that it had received debris from Gibson and was seeking advice from Malaysia on how Australia should proceed.

Jennifer Chong, a Melbourne-based Malaysian-Australian dual citizen whose husband was aboard Flight 370, wondered why Malaysia had not sent diplomats to the five-hour meeting with Australian search officials. China and Indonesia both sent diplomats to support their citizens.

Oceanographers are analyzing the first piece of wreckage found, a wing flap known as a flaperon that washed up on Reunion Island off the African coast in July last year — 16 months after the plane went missing — in the hope of narrowing a possible next area

adjoining the current search boundary through drift modeling.

A wing flap found on Tanzania is also being examined at Australian Transport Safety Bureau headquarters for clues. Search officials expect more Flight 370 wreckage to wash up in the months ahead.

Sheryl Keen, chairwoman of Air Crash Support Group, which is supporting the relatives during their week in Australia, called on Malaysia to collect the debris found by Gibson on Madagascar and to consider handing responsibility for the search to Australia. **AP**

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Seoul says North Korea capable of next nuclear test anytime

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

NORTH Korea is capable of detonating another nuclear device at its main atomic test site any time it chooses, Seoul officials said yesterday, as the United States reportedly planned to send two nuclear-capable supersonic bombers to the South in a show of force against Pyongyang.

The speculation came three days after the North conducted its fifth atomic bomb explosion. Friday's test was the North's most powerful test to date, and its claim to have used "standardized" warheads has sparked worries it was making headway in its push to develop small and sophisticated warheads to be topped on missiles.

After the test, the North's nuclear weapons institute said it will take unspecified measures to further boost its nuclear capability, which analysts said hinted at a possible sixth nuclear test.

South Korea's Defense Ministry spokesman Moon Sang Gyun said yesterday that South Korea and U.S. intelligence authorities believe North Korea has the ability to detonate another atomic device anytime at one of its tunnels at its main Punggye-ri nuclear test site, where the five previous atomic ex-



A South Korean protester tramples a caricature of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during a rally denouncing North Korea's latest nuclear test in Seoul

plosions took place.

Moon refused to say what specific evidence pointed to another possible nuclear test. But Yonhap news agency, citing unidentified Seoul government sources, reported Monday there were signs the North had finished test preparations at one tunnel that has never been used. Yonhap did not elaborate.

Seoul, Washington and their allies vowed to apply more pressure and sanctions after the test, the second this

year.

Bad weather delayed for at least 24 hours a U.S. plan to send warplanes from Guam to South Korea, as it has done after past provocations by North Korea.

Yonhap said the U.S. military will try again today to fly two B-1 bombers, capable of carrying 24 atomic weapons, over its main air base near Seoul. The U.S. military said some aircraft will be deployed Tuesday but declined to disclose what type or how

many planes.

South Korea's military on Friday revealed it has reta-

liation plans involving precision-strike missiles and special operations forces for direct attacks on the North's leadership in the case of a North Korean nuclear attack.

Yonhap said Sunday that the plan would turn areas in Pyongyang, where the North's war commanders were likely to hide, into ashes and "eliminate those places from the map permanently." South Korea's Defense Ministry said it would not comment on the report.

South Korea has previously avoided harsh rhetoric against North Korea and its leader Kim Jong Un but after Friday's nuclear test, South Korean President Park Geun-hye said Kim's "mental state is spiraling out of control" and that his government has "fanatic recklessness."

North Korea's propaganda machine, for its part, has kept up its typical anti-Seoul threats and crude insults against Park, calling her "hideous confrontation manic" and "the Korean nation's biggest trouble-maker." It previously called Park a "prostitute." Park said Monday the "danger of war" and a possibility of North Korean provocations could loom on the Korean Peninsula. **AP**

NORTH KOREA'S FOREIGN MINISTER DEPARTS FOR UN MEETING

NORTH KOREA'S Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho departed Pyongyang yesterday for a pair of international meetings, including the U.N. General Assembly in New York, just days after North Korea's latest nuclear test. Ri plans to attend the summit of

the Non-Aligned Movement in Venezuela and then go on to the U.N. General Assembly in New York. It will be Ri's first time to attend the General Assembly as foreign minister. He was named to the post at a major ruling party congress held in May.

CHINA responded yesterday to calls that it needs to do more to rein in North Korea's nuclear program by saying that American officials were truly to blame for inciting conflict on the Korean Peninsula.

The detection Friday of North Korea's fifth nuclear test brought new pressure on China, Pyongyang's economic lifeline and the closest thing it has to a political ally. U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said China had an "important responsibility" in North Korea.

But Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters yesterday that Carter was "being too modest." She cited a Chinese saying — "Whoever started the trouble should end it" — in calling on the U.S. to "take on its due responsibility."

China says it can't end North Korea nuke program on its own



A South Korean protester shouts slogans during a rally denouncing the latest North Korea's nuclear test

"I think the U.S. should go over the process of the development of the nuclear issue and earnestly work on a tangible and

effective resolution," Hua said.

China has agreed to allow sanctions at the U.N. Security Council af-

ter previous tests by Pyongyang, and says it has restricted shipments of jet fuel and imports of certain minerals from North Korea, which otherwise remains in almost total isolation from the world. Critics, however, say China hasn't done enough to tighten economic pressure on North Korea as punishment for its nuclear tests, which the Chinese government has publicly opposed.

Since Friday, Chinese state media have repeatedly linked North Korea's latest nuclear test to the American deployment of a high-altitude missile defense system in South Korea, which

China has long opposed.

Hua did not mention the missile defense system, known as THAAD, yesterday. But she said all sides needed to resolve their concerns in a "balanced way."

Even if China wanted to rein in North Korea, analysts say it's not clear that it could.

North Korea has repeatedly rejected China's entreaties not to test nuclear warheads, and Pyongyang officials appear to be exploiting tensions between China and South Korea over THAAD, said Tong Zhao, an associate at the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center think tank.

"Beijing apparently has very little real leverage," Zhao said in an email.

One possibility is that China could try to broker a deal to freeze North Korea's development of new missiles and warheads as part of the U.S. and South Korea suspending joint military exercises, Tong said.

But Adam Mount, a senior fellow at the Washington-based Center for American Progress, said China has more leverage, and more reason to act, than its officials sometimes make it seem publicly.

"More and more, China treats North Korea as a threat to its national security and regional stability," Mount said. "Encouraging this transition should be at the top of the next (American) president's agenda with China." **AP**



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton walks from her daughter Chelsea's apartment building

USA ELECTIONS

Pneumonia diagnosis fuels questions about Clinton's health

Lisa Lerer & Julie Pace,
White Plains, N.Y.

FOR weeks, Hillary Clinton dismissed questions about her health as little more than a conspiracy theory, part of a “wacky strategy” cooked up by rival Donald Trump as he embraced an “alternative reality.”

Those concerns are now unavoidable, made real by Clinton's abrupt departure from a 9/11 anniversary ceremony and a video showing the Democratic nominee staggering and eventually slumping forward before being held up by three people as she was helped into a van.

The damage was compounded by the nearly eight hours of silence from Clinton and her team about the health scare, as well as the Sunday evening disclosure she had been diagnosed on Friday with pneumonia.

Clinton's doctor said the 68-year-old former secretary of state “became overheated and dehydrated” at the 9/11 ceremony in Manhattan. Dr. Lisa R. Bardack said Clinton was examined at her home in suburban New York and “is now rehydrated and recove-

ring nicely.”

But less than two months from Election Day, it was a problematic visual for Clinton as she tries to project the vigor needed for one of the world's most demanding jobs. Late Sunday, she canceled plans to travel to California for two days of fundraising, campaign events and an appearance on Ellen DeGeneres' talk show.

No longer can Trump's questions about Clinton's physical stamina be summarily dismissed. The episode was also sure to fuel a vocal group of online conspiracy theorists, deemed “healthers” by some Clinton supporters, who point to videos and photos of Clinton as evidence of her poor health.

In phone-in television interviews yesterday, Trump was uncharacteristically subdued about Clinton's health issues. On CNBC, he said he takes no satisfaction from her problems. On Fox News, he said he hopes “she gets well and gets back on the trail and we'll be seeing her at the debate.” The first of three debates is scheduled for Sept. 26.

Trump also said he had a physical last week and will release detailed health informa-

tion when he gets the results, which are expected in coming days. “I think they're going to be good. I feel great,” he said on “Fox and Friends.”

Both candidates have so far released only limited health records.

The incident compounds a difficult time for Clinton as the race enters its final stretch. Despite Trump's numerous missteps, the race remains close and many Americans view Clinton as untrustworthy.

On Friday, Clinton told donors that “half” of Trump's supporters are in a “basket of deplorables” — a comment that drew sharp criticism from Republicans. Clinton later said she regretted applying that description to “half” of Trump's backers, but stuck by her assertion that the he has given a platform to “hateful views and voices.”

Trump called Clinton's remarks “the biggest mistake of the political season.” On Fox, he said that being elected to the White House means: “You're the president of all the people.”

On Sunday, Clinton left the 9/11 memorial an hour earlier than planned. She had spent

about 90 minutes standing with other dignitaries in the sun on a warm and humid day.

Her departure was not witnessed by the reporters who travel with her campaign. Aides provided no information about why she left or her whereabouts for nearly two hours. Clinton's spokesman Nick Merrill eventually said Clinton had gone to her daughter's nearby apartment, but refused to say whether she had required medical attention.

Clinton exited the apartment on her own, wearing sunglasses and carrying a handbag. She waved to reporters and said, “I'm feeling great. It's a beautiful day in New York.” She

■ No longer can Trump's questions about Clinton's physical stamina be summarily dismissed

was then driven to her home in Chappaqua, New York.

Bardack said in the statement that Clinton has had an allergy-related cough, and that during an exam on Friday, was diagnosed with pneumonia, put on antibiotics, and advised to rest and modify her schedule.

Unlikely previous presidential candidates, both Clinton and Trump have opted not to travel with what's known as the “protective pool” — a small group of journalists that follow the candidate everywhere.

The goal is to keep the public informed about their condition, whereabouts and official interactions at all times. For a president, who always travels with a protective pool, an hours-long gap without knowledge of their whereabouts could spark unrest in the financial markets and international concern.

Trump and his supporters have hinted at Clinton's potential health issues for months, questioning her energy when she takes routine days off the campaign trail and reviving questions about a concussion she sustained in 2012 after fainting. Her doctor attributed that episode to a stomach virus and dehydration.

Doctors said Sunday that pneumonia is commonly treated quickly and effectively with antibiotics. Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease expert at Vanderbilt University, said that based on the available information, “this should not in any way impede her function going forward.” AP

Deb Riechmann, Washington

Russian influence feared in US election hacks

RECENT hacks of election data systems in at least two states have raised fear among lawmakers and intelligence officials that a foreign government is trying to seed doubt about — or even manipulate — the presidential race, renewing debate over when cyberattacks cross red lines and warrant a U.S. response.

Federal officials already are investigating cyberattacks at the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, believed to be the work of hackers tied to the Russian government. Trolling a private organization's emails is one thing, cyberexperts say, but breaching state election systems to undermine the integrity of the November ballot would be quite another.

"The mere access to those systems is incredibly concerning to me," said Sean Kanuck, former national intelligence officer for cyber issues at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. "I think that the manipulation of election data or voting systems would warrant a national security response."

No one has yet confirmed that data was actually manipulated. Law enforcement and



Russian President Vladimir Putin

intelligence officials are investigating the election-related breaches, but also are looking at the extent to which Russia could be involved in a disinformation campaign to diminish U.S. clout worldwide. Russian President Vladimir Putin says Moscow wasn't involved in the

hacking of emails of the Democratic Party.

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump said last week he thinks it's unlikely that Russia is trying to influence the election. "I think maybe the Democrats are putting that out," he said on RT America, the U.S.

partner of Kremlin-backed network Russia Today.

But Defense Secretary Ash Carter issued a public warning to Moscow last week while in Europe. "We will not ignore attempts to interfere with our democratic processes," Carter said. Asked later to elaborate, Carter said he was referring to Russia's use of hybrid warfare — "interference in the internal affairs of nations, short of war" — which he said is a concern across Europe.

Late last month, the FBI sent a "flash alert" to warn state officials to strengthen their election systems in light of evidence that hackers targeted data systems in two states. The FBI described a "compromise" of one elections board website and "attempted intrusion activities" in another state's system. The FBI didn't name the states, but state election websites in Illinois and Arizona experienced hack-related shutdowns in the parts of the websites that handle online voter registration.

Manipulating an election in the United States would be difficult, officials say, because there are thousands of electoral jurisdictions across the 50 states.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said that the election system is "so decentralized, so vast ... it would very difficult to alter the count."

FBI Director James Comey agrees.

"The vote counting in this country tends to be kind of clunky," which is a blessing because it makes harder for hackers to infiltrate, Comey said. "It makes it more resilient and farther away from an actor who might be looking to crawl down a fiber-optic cable, and find there actually is no fiber optic cable — that it's actually some woman named Sally and a guy named Joe and they roll the thing (voting machine) over and pull out the punch cards," Comey said.

Such reassurances have not eased concern on Capitol Hill, yet reaction has been mixed. **AP**

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Offbeat

THOUSANDS OF NAKED BICYCLISTS SWARM CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

Thousands of bicyclists dared to be bare for the city's annual nude ride promoting positive body image, cycling advocacy and fuel conservation.

About 3,000 people gathered Saturday for the eighth annual Philly Naked Bike Ride through the city's streets. They set off from a park near the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where Sylvester Stallone ran up the steps in the "Rocky" movies.

The annual ride featured people sporting underwear, body paint, glitter or nothing at all. Some riders concerned about being recognized by their parents or co-workers wore masks while others wore just their shoes.

"It's a really open and fun way of destigmatizing nudity," said Oren Eisenberg, who was riding nude for the fifth time.

The 12-mile ride through the City of Brotherly Love is among many related to the World Naked Bike Ride movement. The riders pedal through the City of Brotherly Love past popular spots such as Independence Hall and Rittenhouse Square, where crowds cheer them on.

The Philly Naked Bike Ride, or PNBR, is a clothing optional bare-as-you-dare event, meaning participants can wear as much or as little as they want. Organizers say it's an invitation to be naked but they want people to be comfortable and have fun no matter how much skin they expose.

Lots of the riders sprayed or splashed on body paint or let artists, led by Matt Deifer, do it for them. Deifer said he painted hundreds of them in Wildfire Visible Luminescent Paint colors including brilliant yellow, bright orange and deep blue.

Some riders held signs with slogans promoting their causes — or painted them on their breasts and backs.

"Nude not crude! Born this way," was the message on Ben Heidari's back.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:45	RTPi Live
18:50	TDM Sport (Repeated)
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Interview
21:40	Once Upon A Time S1
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23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
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00:40	RTPi Live
02:45	UEFA Champions League 2016/2017: Benfica - Besiktas (Live)

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CINETEATRO

08 SEP - 14 SEP

TRAIN TO BUSAN

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Yeon Sang-ho

Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, Ma Dong-seok

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min



AT CAFE 6

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Neal Wu

Starring: Zijian Dong, Cherry Ngan, Lin Bohong, Ouyang Nini

Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 103min



NERVE

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman

Starring: Emma Roberts, Dave Franco, Emily Meade, Miles Heizer

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

MACAU TOWER

01 SEP - 14 SEP

WAR DOGS

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Todd Phillips

Starring: Jonah Hill, Miles Teller, Steve Lantz

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 106min



this day in history



1993 RABIN AND ARAFAT SHAKE ON PEACE DEAL

The Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, and the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, have shaken hands before cheering crowds on the White House lawn in Washington.

The handshake - the first ever in public between the two former arch enemies - marked the signing of a Declaration of Principles for peace between the Arabs and Israelis.

Under the terms of the deal, Israel has agreed to withdraw its troops from Gaza Strip and West Bank by April 1994. Elections will be held in the territories to allow the Palestinians some form of self-government.

A deadline for a final settlement has been set for February 1999.

The deal has only been made possible by talks brokered by the Norwegians earlier in the year - and by the election of Mr Rabin's Labour government which includes the pro-peace campaigners Shimon Peres and Yossi Beilin.

President Bill Clinton introduced the two leaders to the crowd of invited guests in front of the White House. By his side, were former Presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush who had vigorously campaigned for peace during their terms in office.

Mr Clinton said: "The peace of the brave is within our reach. Throughout the Middle East there is a great yearning for the quiet miracle of a normal life."

"We know a difficult road lies ahead. Every peace has its enemies."

The leaders did not sign the declaration themselves. Instead, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his Palestinian counterpart did the signing.

Mr Rabin then addressed the crowd: "We who have fought against you the Palestinians, we say to you today in a loud and clear voice, enough of blood and tears, enough."

Mr Arafat said: "The difficult decision we reached together was one that required great courage."

The BBC's correspondent John Simpson said Mr Arafat had undoubtedly put his life on the line for this agreement.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Declaration of Principles paved the way for Israel's first withdrawals from occupied territory and Yasser Arafat's triumphant return to Palestinian territory in July 1994.

He was elected president of the Palestinian National Authority in 1996.

Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a Jewish extremist wanting to prevent further Israeli withdrawals on 4 November 1995.

Binyamin Netanyahu of Likud won Israeli elections in 1996.

He agreed to a withdrawal from Hebron in the West Bank but talks on further peace moves with the Palestinians stalled.

His successor Ehud Barak was equally unsuccessful and in the impasse veteran right-winger Ariel Sharon toured the al Aqsa mosque/Temple Mount complex in what was seen as a provocative move by the Palestinians.

Demonstrations soon turned into another uprising or intifada.

Arafat died on November 11, 2004 of natural causes.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Think about what that person in front of you really wants before taking action...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You can spice up almost any activity - your very presence is all it takes to perk people up...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your big brain is keeping up a steady stream of great ideas, and you are sure to be able to get others to see their value...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Expect trouble with family or roommates - though it's nothing serious. You may just be at cross purposes regarding a financial decision...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You find people more agreeable today, so much so that you may wonder if they're just humoring you. They're not!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Try something new, wild and different today. Things are sure to feel right if you can just shake up your expectations...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You see something early today that catches your eye and maybe sets your heart aflame. Your great personal energy can help you change course...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Your conscious mind is not in total control today - but you're fine. It's one of those days when you just need to make sure that you're willing to act on impulse...

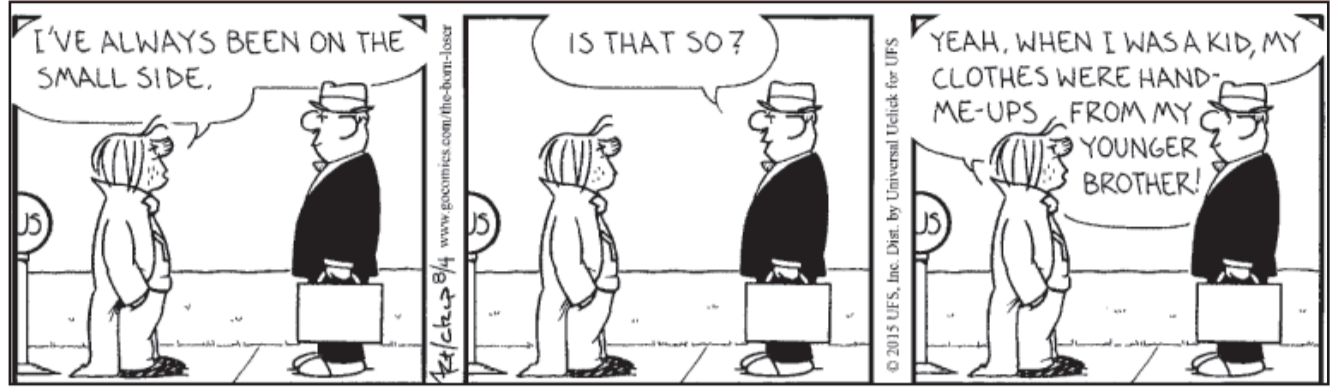
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's all about group activities today, so make sure that you're paying attention to those around you. If you're working, make sure you can collaborate...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You've got something big to think through - and you may be the first one in your group to have this idea. That means it's hard to get advice...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You need to reach out socially - otherwise, you're sure to find yourself in a rut. And you hate ruts! All you need to do is say hi to someone you'd usually just walk by...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You've had a hard time letting go of some old feelings - until today, anyway! Somehow you feel free to liberate yourself from your old baggage...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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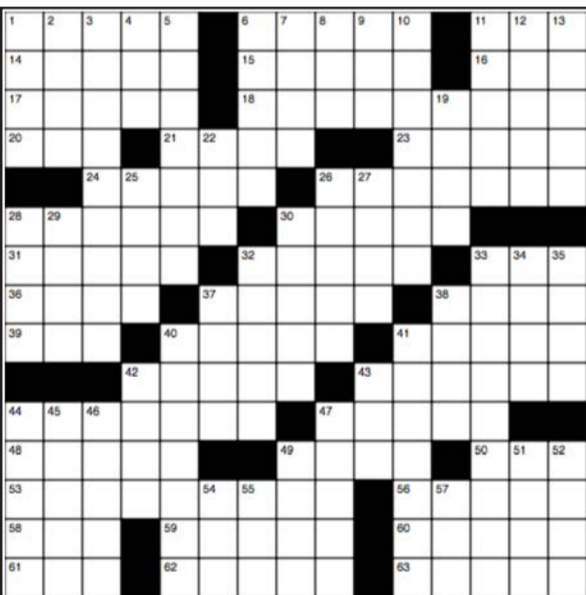
WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION for various cities in CHINA and WORLD.

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ACROSS: 1- Songwriters' org.; 6- You ___ mouthful; 11- They appear before U; 14- Large marine mammal; 15- Belgian painter James; 16- Vane dir.; 17- Swarm; 18- Schooling; 20- Baseball's Mel; 21- Disencumbers; 23- Intolerant person; 24- Leaden; 26- Pals; 28- Dull plodder; 30- Bellowing; 31- Big; 32- Severe; 33- Siesta; 36- Otherwise; 37- Saline; 38- ___ Bell; 39- Gidget portrayer Sandra; 40- Assumed name; 41- Wards (off); 42- Ph.D. hurdles; 43- Soak; 44- Snappy comebacks; 47- Destitute; 48- 1985 Kate Nelligan film; 49- Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"; 50- Student stat; 53- Denial; 56- Twilight; 58- Court fig.; 59- Concerning; 60- Soul mate?; 61- PBS supporter; 62- Flat shelf; 63- French beans?;

DOWN: 1- Horton Hears ___; 2- Ammo; 3- Shire, Breton, or Irish Draught; 4- City official; Abbr.; 5- Nobility; 6- Squalid; 7- No ifs, ___; 8- Terre Haute sch.; 9- Dwarf with glasses; 10- High-spirited horse; 11- Prevail; 12- Hair net; 13- Camp sights; 19- A wedding cake may have three of these; 22- "___ had it!"; 25- Boundary, WWE wrestler; 26- Worries; 27- Actor Calhoun; 28- Dog-powered snow vehicle; 29- Story; 30- World book; 32- Leaves port; 33- Female goat; 34- Electrically versatile; 35- Fancy-schmancy; 37- Bed support; 38- Prepared to drive; 40- Showing up; 41- Cargo; 42- A Chaplin; 43- Lair; 44- V-shaped fortification; 45- Select group; 46- Seed covering; 47- Nick of "Cape Fear"; 49- Singer k.d.; 51- Trim; 52- Tsp. and tbsp.; 54- The loneliest number; 55- Marry; 57- Shelter;



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ONE is a veteran of nearly 20 years at his club, the other started his new job only months ago. Both share the same goal: delivering European glory with teams lacking a Champions League title.

Paris Saint-Germain coach Unai Emery and Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger are on opposite trajectories when the Champions League resumes for their teams at the Parc des Princes. It will be Emery's first Champions League game as PSG's coach, while Wenger is starting a 19th consecutive campaign in Europe's most prestigious competition.

On the Champions League opening day, five-time winners Barcelona hosts Celtic — a team it inflicted six goals on the last time they played in the group stage — and Bayern Munich takes on Russian newcomers Rostov.

Here is a look at today's matches [2:45am, Wednesday]:

Wednesday, 2:45am
PSG v Arsenal
H 1.98, D 3.75, A 4.6

Group A - Unlike his former great rival Alex Ferguson, who turned Manchester United into a European powerhouse, Wenger has not tasted Champions League success since he was appointed Arsenal's manager 20 years ago. Despite qualifying for the lucrative tour-

PSG, Arsenal in search of elusive Champions League title

namment for an English record 19 consecutive seasons, Arsenal has never won Europe's biggest prize, losing to Barcelona in the 2006 final. The Gunners, who have won their last seven Champions League games in France, are looking to get beyond the last 16 for the first time since 2010.

Emery's record in the Champions League is quite disappointing compared to what he achieved with Sevilla in the Europa League.

Arsenal, a team that has long had a heavy French influence, could be spearheaded by a France international for its trip to Paris with striker Olivier Giroud pushing for his first start of the season.

Wednesday, 2:45am
Benfica v Besiktas
H 1.77, D 3.9, A 5.5

Group B - Benfica and Besiktas meet for the first time in European competition with the group looking wide open. Benfica lost to Bayern Munich in the quarter-finals last season and Besiktas is

looking to make it to the knockout round for the first time.

Benfica coach Rui Vitoria will likely be without several important players.

Jonas, who led Benfica in scoring last season, has been sidelined with a right foot injury since August. Fellow strikers Kostas Mitroglou and Raul Jimenez, along with defender Jardel, all missed practice on Monday morning because of physical problems.

Besiktas midfielder Talisca joined the Turkish club on loan last month after playing two seasons with Benfica.

Wednesday, 2:45am
Barcelona v Celtic
H 1.1, D 13.5, A 41

Group C - Barcelona and Manchester City, two of the top candidates for the European Cup, start their respective campaigns against more accessible opponents before their highly anticipated clash in the group stage.

Barcelona hosts Celtic, while City

welcomes Borussia Moenchengladbach.

The good news for Celtic is that, despite its star power, Barcelona is beatable, as seen when recently promoted Alaves pulled off a 2-1 shocker at Camp Nou on Saturday. The bad news is that Barcelona was playing without Lionel Messi, Andres Iniesta and Luis Suarez until the last half hour. Expect all three back in the starting lineup.

Wednesday, 2:45am
Bayern M v Rostov
H 1.1, D 13.5, A 41

Group D - Five-time champion Bayern Munich survived a scare on Friday to maintain coach Carlo Ancelotti's perfect start before turning attention to Champions League debutant Rostov.

Bayern dug deep with two late goals to overcome Schalke 2-0, taking its tally to 15 goals scored and none conceded in four wins in four games thus far.

"We're completely on target," goalkeeper Manuel Neuer said.



Alexis Sanchez

Ancelotti was able to call upon substitutes Arturo Vidal, Douglas Costa and rising star Joshua Kimmich to make the difference against Schalke, and his squad is well-equipped for the rigors of Europe's premier competition.

The Champions League is uncharted territory for Russian runner-up Rostov, which has never before played in the group stage of a UEFA competition.

Dmitri Kirichenko's side will be counting on its defense — Rostov conceded only 20 goals in 30 games last season, a Russian league best — to keep the likes of Robert Lewandowski, Thomas Mueller and Franck Ribery at bay.

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THINGS I'VE LEARNED FROM THE VISIT OF CHINA'S OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

A delegation of China's Olympic medalists recently toured the two special administrative regions. In the case of Macau, the delegation stayed in the territory for four days.

Although neither the event nor its purpose represented anything really new or special - similar events have been held in previous editions of the Olympic Games - there were a few highlights of this year's edition that got my attention.

Firstly, I would like to say that - contrary to what happens in other places in the world, where similar events also happen - the delegation that toured Macau did not "show" any "medals" because they did not have any with them to show. This somewhat reduced the significance of the event, given that we were told they were coming to tour the territory exactly because they earned the "special" precious metal pendant.

A second point I must address is the issue of the ticketing. The government mentioned that there were some considerable differences in the budgets of the tours to Hong Kong and Macau, which led to the fact that, contrary to what happened in the neighboring region where the events had free tickets, in Macau tickets were issued by the Sports Bureau (ID) and were catered to the Macau residents.

So, what happened is that apparently Macau residents were not that interested in meeting with China's Rio Olympic champions but, instead, saw a good opportunity to make some extra pocket money. Several cases of the tickets being resold for up to RMB500 on Taobao shopping website were reported.

The incident that ID said to be "aware of" apparently did not result in any outcome, although the responsible ID person, Cheang Kuok Wai, said the bureau was working together with the Judiciary Police and the Economic Services regarding issues involving scalpers.

Maybe the incident is not that important and we can include this as an opportunity for local residents to enroll in entrepreneurship activities for economy diversification, but still from where I'm sitting, it looks like an activity as illegal as Uber (or more) which is easier to target the offenders.

But let's leave the negative points behind and focus on the good things that I've learned from this visit.

For example, I've learned that Ms Leong Lai, the Director of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, not only possesses an extremely good Mandarin proficiency, but she also possesses amazing skills as Master of Ceremonies (MC) and debate moderator.

Her performance as presenter and moderator during the meeting of the medalists with the local youngsters was definitely impressive at all levels. A performance deserving of a "gold medal."

Another of the good points is that I learned that local entrepreneurs, associations and foundations are always open to give a helping hand to those in need.

I'm referring to the MOP 14 million that Macau offered to the Olympic medalists that visited the region (not sure why or who asked for that) but that it is a fact that Henry Fok Foundation contributed with the larger slice of the cake, offering MOP5 million to the athletes. The Association of Chinese Enterprises of Macau came next on the donations list offering MOP 3 million and the "bronze medal" went to the relatives of the late entrepreneur Ma Man Kei who handed another MOP 2 million.

Legislators Chan Meng Kam and Fong Chi Keong, Tai Fung Bank and Lei Chi Keong also provided a few 'tips' of MOP 1 million each.

And then two things crossed my mind: certainly for the coming year none of these generous people will need any funding from Macao Foundation; imagine if they give MOP 14 million to promote local sports, we might even get to have our own athletes in the Olympics.

THE BUZZ BARCELONA STRIKER NEYMAR TO RELEASE HIS FIRST SONG TOMORROW

Barcelona striker Neymar is making a leap into the world of music.

The Brazilian says he will post his first song on his Facebook account tomorrow.

Neymar tweeted in Portuguese: "Wednesday I start my music career." He referred to his debut as

"Neymusico."

The 24-year-old Neymar is an extremely popular figure in Brazil and around the world, and several times he has appeared on stage with singers at concerts, including joining Michel Telo to sing his hit "Ai se eu te peço."



China's highest court overturned a death sentence for Wu Ying (pictured), a 31-year-old billionaire convicted of "fundraising fraud"

Beijing says executes 'very small number' of criminals

CHINA, which is believed to execute more convicted people than the rest of the world combined, said that it uses the death penalty only on "a very small number of extremely serious criminal offenders."

In a report published yesterday, China's government says authorities "strictly control the death penalty and employ it with prudence."

Although China no longer executes people for most nonviolent crimes, its law allows for the death penalty for dozens of offenses, including treason, separatism, spying, arson,

murder, rape, robbery and human trafficking.

A legal revision last year removed a number of offenses from the list of those punishable by death, included smuggling arms and ammunition, counterfeiting currency, forcing others into prostitution and obstructing military personnel in the performance of their duties.

The number of executions in China is not known because such data is considered a state secret. Amnesty International estimates that it executes more people than the rest of the world's countries put together,

which totaled 1,634 in 2015.

Human rights groups say death sentences are often issued after unfair trials and that too much weight is given to confessions that are often obtained through torture.

President Xi Jinping has made a priority of reducing wrongful convictions and reforming the justice system to restore public confidence in the ruling Communist Party. However, the party refuses to consider a Western-style separation of powers that would allow for a completely independent judiciary. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



War and peace. This recent photo shows two portraits Carolina, one of her holding a weapon while in her uniform for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) 49th front, and in civilian clothing at a guerrilla camp in the southern jungle of Putumayo. Carolina, 18, said she has spent three years in the FARC and would like to study engineering after demobilizing as part of a peace deal.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	60-80 Moderate
Ambient	55-75 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS



MALAYSIA Relatives of some of the 239 passengers and crew on missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 called for more of its possible debris to be examined to define a new search area. More on p12



INDIA's top court ordered the southern state of Karnataka to release water from a disputed river to neighboring Tamil Nadu after violence erupted in both states over water sharing.

CHINA-RUSSIA The Chinese and Russian navies launch eight days of war games in the South China Sea, in a sign of growing cooperation between their armed forces against the backdrop of regional territorial disputes. More on p11

VIETNAM A Vietnamese court approved a Malaysian request for the extradition of eight Indonesians suspected of hijacking a Malaysian oil tanker more than a year ago, and rejects a similar request from Indonesia.

JAPAN A government official is under fire for riding on a colleague's back to get through a big water puddle during his recent visit to a town devastated by a deadly storm.

NEPAL An American who has been a frequent visitor to Nepal has been arrested in the capital's tourist district on charges of sexually abusing children.



USA Recent hacks of election data systems in at least two states have raised fear among lawmakers and intelligence officials that the Russian government is trying to seed doubt about — or even manipulate — the presidential race, renewing debate over when cyberattacks cross red lines and warrant a U.S. response. More on p15