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JAPAN Two aides to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the nation is planning to bring in more overseas workers to bolster the shrinking labor force. Masahiko Shibayama, a lawmaker in Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party lawmaker who serves as a special adviser to the prime minister, said in an interview in Singapore on Friday that policies under consideration may result in a doubling of foreign workers in Japan.

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'Sports for All Day' held once more



The initiative "Sports for All Day" took place once again on Saturday at Tap Seac Square. According to information released by the Sports Bureau (ID), the activity attracted the participation of a large number of residents, especially families. At the site, members of local sports associations performed several sports demonstrations. The organizer of the event hopes to promote public and regular participation in sports as well as the improvement of quality of life.

Taiwanese suspect in prostitution ring connection

A Taiwanese woman who was filmed soliciting sex in a hotel room, has now been accused of being involved in a cross-border operation, allegedly arranging for three women to have sexual intercourse with men in Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore. According to The Coverage, Johanne Liou, or the "Sunflower Queen" charged patrons USD3,000 in Taiwan, or about USD4,000 outside of the island for her services. She also allegedly earned commissions of up to USD2,500 for arranging services with other women in different Southeast Asian locations. Liou rose to internet fame after being noticed at a student protest in Taiwan in 2014, when a public affairs commentator described her as very attractive.

Milk raises alarm, DSEJ suspends school distribution

Reports from Italian media have raised the alarm over a batch of milk produced by the Italian company "Arborea." The reports in Italy stated that a number of milk cartons may be contaminated with aflatoxin M1, a chemical product present in soil, decaying vegetation, hay and grains. Although it is not confirmed that contaminated milk cartons may be present in the region, the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) has decided to suspend the distribution of the aforementioned milk brand in the schools of the territory. The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau also issued a statement confirming that it is aware of reports of suspected contamination, and is clarifying that the existing regulation for the importation of such products demands a certification and quarantine inspection before being allowed for sale in the local market. Regarding the Arborea branded product, the IACM also informed that it has conducted a sample test of the product and no abnormality was found.

Baxter returns in the search for 'flexibility' and closer contact with Malacca

Renato Marques

SCHOLAR Alan Baxter has recently returned to the territory after being away to lecture at the Federal University of Bahia, Brazil for over five years. The former director (between 2007 and 2011) of the department of Portuguese at the University of Macau returned to the territory to lead the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Saint Joseph (USJ).

Baxter was attracted by the possibility of working in a "smaller dimension and more flexible institution," he said on the sidelines of a two-day conference on language contact in Asia and the Pacific held by the University of Macau (UM).

"I spent almost six years at the Federal University of Bahia which is an institution that I have been connected to since 1985, but to work in a university that has about 40,000 undergraduate students and may have between 15,000 and 20,000 of post-graduates with well established programs and lots of 'fixed' things that you can't move or change or any change is subjected to a lot of bureaucracy [that] is complicated," he said. According to the scholar, what brought him back to Macau



Alan Baxter

was "the possibility of working in a different environment; more flexible is very attractive." Baxter said. "But I won't deny that my return also has to do with the fact that I was longing for closer contact with the Malacca community," he said.

But those are not the only motives, as professor Baxter revealed that "there are other projects related with Patuá language," and also an interest regarding "East Timor that might be interesting in my research," he said.

Baxter was one of the presenters at the two-day conference held by UM last week, where he presented a paper address-

ing the current ecology of the surviving varieties of Asian Creole Portuguese.

In the paper, Baxter discusses the role of the non-gover-

mental (NGO) and governmental organizations working on the field that, he believes, has done little for the preservation of the creole languages.

DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF PATUÁ TO BE CREATED AT UM

ON THE sidelines of the two-day conference on language contact in Asia and the Pacific, one of the conference organizers, Professor Mário Pinharanda Nunes from the Department of Portuguese language of the University of Macau (UM) has announced that the university will create a digital archive of Patuá by the end of this year. Nunes

holds a PhD in Linguistics in Creole Studies which is related to the Patuá language. According to Nunes, the digital archive can be used for a number of functions, ranging from a heritage mark and memory to supporting post-graduation students' works. Help to create the archive will also from the local theater group "Dóci Papiçám di Macau."

IPM, SUS launch Physical Education Master

THE Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) and the Shanghai University of Sport (SUS), along with the support from the Ministry of Education of China and the local government, have officially launched the Master of Physical Education last week.

Professor Lei Heong Iok, president of IPM, and Dr Pei-Jie Chen, president of SUS, attended the program's opening ceremony.

IPM outlined in a statement that students who have obtained the required credits and who have completed the training program will be awarded the Master of Physical Education by SUS.

The two collaborating institutions believe that through this joint effort, the



program will cultivate more high-level sports professionals in the region.

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nes. According to the statement, SUS is China's first higher education institute in the field of sports science being granted the rights to award master's degrees and doctoral degrees. It is also China's only university being authorized to confer PhD degrees in all four second-category PhD programs under the sports discipline.

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Philippine Consulate commences Sunday operations

Lynzy Valles

THE Philippine Consulate General in the region has re-commenced its consular services on Sundays, after several Filipino associations demanded its service to operate on weekends.

The consulate, including its attached agencies, will operate on Sundays for a trial period lasting until the end of 2016.

Several associations in the region had called for the consulate to provide services on Sundays due to a majority of the community having time available at this point of the week.

Early this year, the consulate documented its dialogue with some members of Migrante Macau and sent it to Manila. The document requesting for the Consulate to open on Sundays included 2,832 signatures from Filipinos in the region.

The Times visited the embassy yesterday and several Filipinos said they are pleased that the con-



sulate had finally heeded to their long-time request.

"The opening of the consulate on Sundays is such a big help to our fellow. It's now similar to the [Filipino] consulate in Hong Kong which is also open on Sundays" said one resident.

"Sundays are the only chance for the [domestic] workers to seek services from the consulate. Most of the workers have no time

during weekdays," said another.

Although a few were unaware that the Sunday operation is only on trial, many hoped that the embassy would continue to serve the Filipino community during the weekend.

Meanwhile, Migrante Macau president Emerlina de Lina said the association is "very happy," however she noted that they are quite disappointed that the new arrangement is not permanent.

"We're really trying our best to prove that there are several workers that need their services on Sundays," she explained.

"People just kept coming, non-stop, from morning until afternoon so it's not true that the demand for their services is low on the weekend."

The Philippines' Consul General in the region, Lilybeth Deapera previously said that the consulate opened its doors on Sundays a few years ago, but only a few local Filipino migrants requested services over the weekend.

She also explained in a previous report that the green light to operate on Sundays is obtained from the Philippine's Department of

Foreign Affairs.

Depending on the outcome of the three-month trial period, Deapera told TDM they would consult with authorities from Manila to decide whether its operations on Sundays should be permanent.

However, de Lina said Macau-based Filipino associations would continually organize petitions and dialogues in the event that the consulate decides to end the arrangement this year.

ONE SHOT NEWS



English player Daryl Selby won the male competition of the Macau Squash Open following the no-show of his opponent, Max Lee (Hong Kong). Lee felt unwell after Saturday's semi-final and was taken to hospital suffering from dehydration. Doctors advised him not to play yesterday's final, that was replaced by an exhibition match. In the women's tournament, top seed Joelle King won the final. The New Zealander beat Annie Au, from Hong Kong. The Macau Squash Open 2016 was played at a court set up in Sai Van Square.

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Cash handout distribution completed



THE distribution of funds for the 2016 "Wealth Partaking Scheme," or cash handout system, was completed on Friday, according to a statement from the Finance Services Bureau (DSF).

The bureau stated that approximately 212,901 beneficiaries received the handout by bank transfer, totaling more than MOP1.87 billion. Meanwhile approximately 469,492 crossed

cheques have been mailed to residents amounting to more than MOP4.04 billion, according to the DSF.

The Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) is responsible for handling enquiries relating to the cash handout system. As of Friday, IACM announced that some 19,478 enquiries have been processed; of which the vast majority were personal visits (12,362).

469,492 crossed cheques have been mailed to residents

According to the IACM, personal visits to the center "were mainly for re-issuance of cheques," though in fact this only accounted for some 2,884 cases.

The second most popular channel, according to the statement, was telephone enquiry, which totaled 7,130 or 36.6 percent of the enquiries. However, the combined number of telephone enquiries and personal visits exceeds the number of total enquiries according to DSF statistics.

Although distribution has now been completed, residents in need of assistance can still go to the IACM's service center for enquiries regarding handouts for the current and past years.

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Vietnamese workers complain of issues in communication



Vietnamese workers meet outside St Lawrence Market

AVietnamese association has revealed that there have been several reported cases of Vietnamese domestic workers facing difficulties in communicating with their employers in the region.

The head of the Macau Vietnam Communal Association, Mon Peng, pointed out that the language barrier and cultural differences are two of the most common hurdles that Vietnamese domestic helpers are facing. The association has called for support in resolving problems that its members are experiencing.

As cited in TDM, Peng told reporters that it is a challenge for household workers to communicate with their employers, thus its association is offering

them assistance.

"The employers of Macau, maybe due to language or culture problems, have poor communication with the helpers. This causes our association to help them voluntarily. There are around 100 to 200 cases in a year," she said.

Peng noted that such conflicts are not difficult to solve as long as both parties are willing to resolve the issue.

According to the association, Vietnamese domestic workers earn an average monthly salary of MOP4,000, while meals and accommodation are provided by their employers.

As of May 2016, Vietnamese non-resident workers in the region totaled over 14,500.

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Film marketing lecture set for Saturday



CINEMATHEQUE Passion will organize a lecture titled "Film Marketing: How to Sell Your Story" on September 24, where the Secretary General of the Guangdong Film Industry Association, Zheng Dawei, will be invited to analyze the key elements of successful commercial films.

Zheng is also due to present the development of film production in mainland China, as well the selection procedures, analysis, approval and finally evaluation of film projects.

Having graduated in Film Literature at the Research Institute of the Arts of Television and Cinema of the National Academy of the Arts of China and having served in the industry for more than three decades, Zheng has experience working in the audiovisual industry as a producer, director and editor-in-chief.

According to a statement from the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the speaker has significant other experience working both behind the scenes and on the front lines of contemporary film production in China.

The lecture is organized for this Saturday between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Free online registration is now open for the 60 seats of the lecture, which will be assigned in order of registration.

MSAR gov't names panda cubs

THE government has named Macau's giant panda cubs "Jian Jian" and "Kang Kang", according to a statement from the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM). This decision came after IACM and the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding jointly selected public proposals from some 1,718 pairs of names collected from residents.

The competition attracted a total of 3,587 "qualified application forms," with 1,718 pairs of unique names, with IACM viewing this as an "enthusiastic response".

The selection criteria, according to the bureau, included residents' preference for name combinations, the meaning of the proposed names, level of pronunciation and readability, past naming patterns and the prevention of repeating names already announced by the Central Government for other pandas.

The selected pair, "Jian Jian" and "Kang Kang", which mean "strong" and "healthy" respec-



tively, had the largest number of proposals among residents, notes IACM, representing 4.3 times the number of proposals for the runner-up.

The names bestow blessings for the health of the panda cubs, but also match well with the names of the cubs' parents. According to the statement, the names represent the "sincere wishes, care and love [that] residents offered

to the cubs."

Two random winners, decided by a computer program, will be determined from the proposers of each of the names, and will be awarded MOP5,000 in cash and a souvenir each. A prize presentation ceremony will subsequently be held on October 3.

The decision comes only days after an unofficial poll conducted by online media outlet Macau

Concealer, appeared to opt for "Tam Tam" and "Wu Wu" as the cubs' "civil nicknames." Together, the Chinese nicknames mean "corruption"; "Tam" alone means "greedy and unsatisfied," while "Wu" has multiple meanings, including "dirty and corrupted."

The panda cubs were born in June, and are now in a good physical condition, weighing 4,115g and 3,335g respectively. **DB**



Six injured in vehicle collisions in Coloane

velling in a group behind the first motorcycle, failed to stop in time after the initial crash.

A total of four vehicles were involved in the accident which has resulted in three people (two of the motorcycle riders (one in a severe condition) and the van's driver) being transported to the hospital after sustaining injuries.

The police are still investigating the cause of the accident but the primary investigation indicated that one of the motorists failed to control their vehicle in the traffic lane and crossed the continuous line, crashing with the other vehicle that was travelling in the opposite direction.

Another collision also occurred in the early hours of yesterday morning. Around 3 a.m., a van and a light vehicle collided near the above mentioned location at Estrada de Hac Sa.

According to the police report, this accident resulted in three people sustaining injuries, two of them were reported as being in the car.

The driver was trapped in the vehicle and was only removed with the help of the fire services.

Both the driver and passenger have sustained serious injuries and are currently receiving treatment at the intensive care unit. **RM**

THREE people have sustained injuries in a multiple-vehicle collision in Coloane which occurred yesterday around 11 a.m., sources from the Public Security Police Force (PSP) told the Times.

According to the source, the accident occurred at Estrada de Cheoc Van near the Pousada de Coloane area, where there was a head-to-head collision between a motorcycle and a van travelling in the opposite direction.

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Unified exam to be held by four higher education institutions

A group of four higher-education institutions in the territory have agreed to hold a unified application exam for languages and mathematics, the Tertiary Education Services Office (GAES) advised in a statement on Saturday.

The group, comprised of the University of Macau (UM), the Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM), the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) and the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), is intending to implement this unified examination between March 30 and April 2 for the first time. The institutions held a debriefing session on Saturday to make a detailed presentation on the enrollment procedure and subjects to be examined. The session was attended by around 400 participants, amongst them representatives of secondary schools, as well as others from organizations in education and students' associations.

The "Unified Application Exam" will work as a first entry exam to be held for the subjects of Chinese, Portuguese and English languages as well as for mathematics.

Other examinations and personal interviews, will be undertaken by the institutions individually.

It was also clarified that the application to the institutions continues to be done in a decentralized manner, reaffirming that students that intend to apply to any of the institutions, or to all of them, need to register through an online application system for each of these institutions. This remains unchanged from the previous practice. RM

'Copycat brands' growing in strength

Daniel Beitler

EMERGING markets have been successful in recent decades in engineering their own, localized, "copycat brands", which emulate the success of similar organizations in developed markets.

The "copycat brands," often unassuming at first, find success in emerging markets by adapting a proven concept tested abroad and infusing it with local or market-specific attributes.

One of the most notable examples of "copycat success" is Guangzhou-based Miniso, a Chinese imitation of Japanese retail brands Uniqlo, Muji and Daiso.

Miniso has been under widespread criticism after it credited its Japanese origins to some designers who have subsequently denied involvement in the brand.

Moreover, its Japanese-language labels are often incomprehensible to Japanese native speakers, indicating inauthenticity. The Beijinger claimed earlier this year that its labels make "an interesting but incoherent bastardization of the



Japanese language."

The company, which has a handful of stores in Japan and is unheard of in its supposed "mother country", has opened more than 1,100 shops in China, and many more in other locations across Southeast Asia. The brand currently operates four shops in Macau and is growing in popularity in the MSAR.

Even more striking is that Miniso has accomplished its rapid rise within just three years, and has a

target of a fourfold expansion by 2020.

Regardless of its origins as a "copycat brand", Miniso is growing in strength, and is forging its own identity in key markets outside of Japan.

Other examples of successful copycat concepts exist in emerging markets.

In China, the recent ascendance of Uber-like Didi Chuxing and other ride-hailing apps have all but stolen the spotlight of their inspiration, particularly now that Uber has signaled its exit from the mainland.

Other examples include Brazil's highly successful Lojas Renner, modeled on Spain's international Zara brand, South Korea's The Face Shop, which drew its inspiration from The Body Shop in Britain, and China's Anta Sports Products.

The latter, which uses a similar logo to sports brand Nike – only turned upside-down – has grown in the last three years to become the third-largest sports footwear brand in China.

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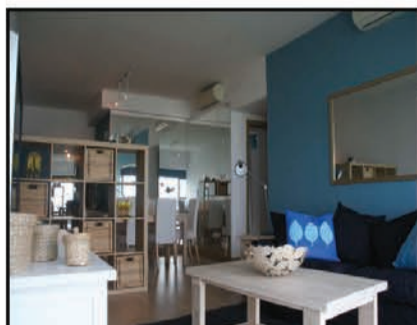
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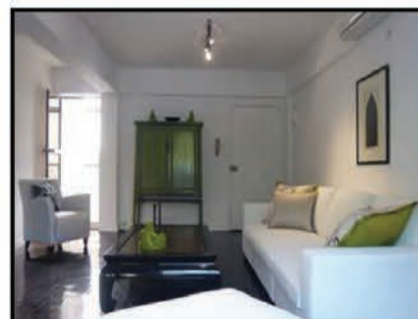
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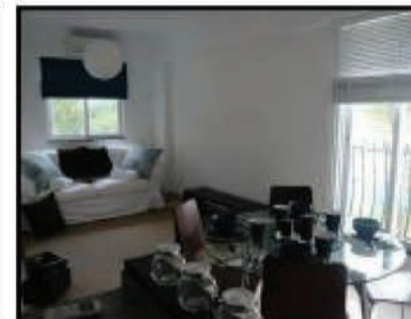
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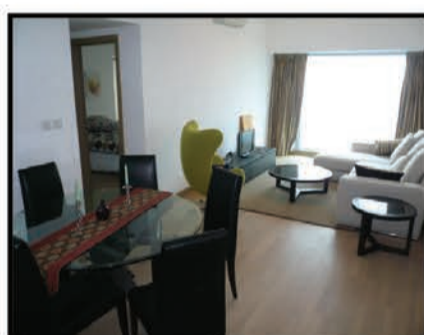
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THE NEW GLOBALIZATION IS SMASHING INTERNAL BORDERS

Trade agreements are stalled or collapsing. Brexit won. World trade volume is slowing down. Has globalization hit a wall?

Not exactly. Globalization isn't so much slowing as it is taking new forms. The most potent form of globalization today is occurring inside nations, notably China and India.

Globalization typically is defined as the movement of goods, services, ideas, labor and investment across national borders. But many nations lack integrated economic relations within their borders, and thus they could reap high gains from trade by opening up internally. This is happening, and its logic very much resembles that of globalization.

In China, for instance, there has been a long history of geographical fragmentation. The Chinese economy has had a tendency to cluster around megacities, such as the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, Shanghai-Nanjing, or Guangzhou/Shenzhen/Hong Kong clusters. In the past, a Chinese port might have had better trade connections to Korea or California than to many parts of the Chinese interior. But these days the story in China is the rise and extension of national brands. The internet is bringing the whole country's economy together through Alibaba, WeChat, and other services that ease the online purchase, shipping, and advertising of goods at the national level.

You might decline to call this globalization because economic integration does not fit the formal definition of crossing national borders. But in the recent past, different regions of China were often economically like distinct nations. Domestic integration is lowering costs, smoothing out price differences and allowing differing cultures and linguistic areas to exchange ideas. So these improved internal trade relations have the economic features of globalization, whether or not they merit that exact name.

Many barriers to trade across regions still remain in China. For instance state-owned firms, many controlled by provincial authorities, often favor local contractors. Some of these barriers are legal and regulatory, while others stem from lack of trust, physical distance, regional rivalries and missing social networks across regions. Still, the decline in these obstacles represents one of the world's most significant and rapid globalizations.

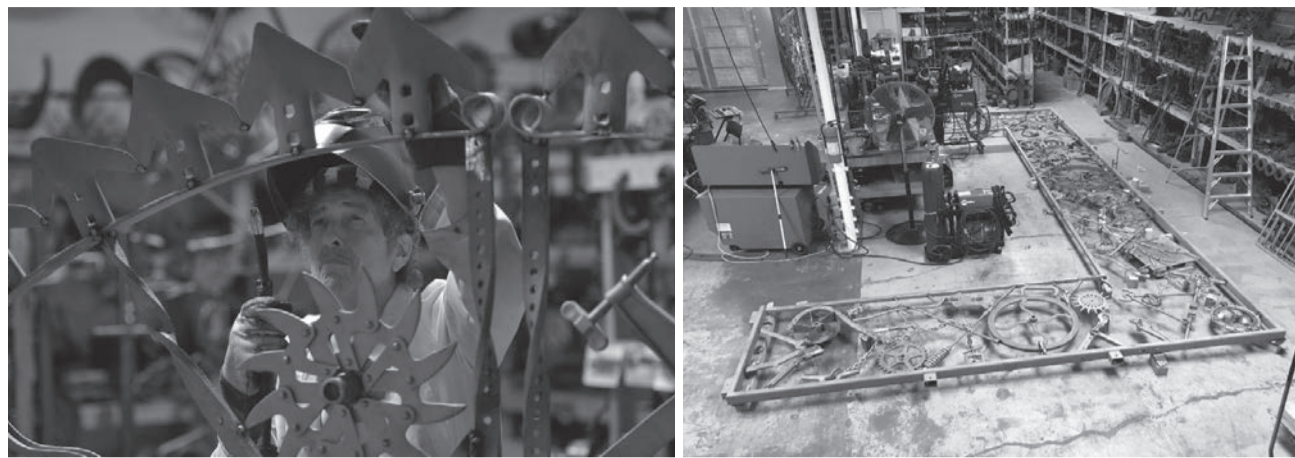
The more economically integrated China becomes, the more it may retreat from some kinds of global trade. If a Chinese customer can buy a smartphone or pharmaceutical from the domestic market, she may stop looking for foreign imports. That will register statistically as a decline in globalization, but actually it is an increase in efficient economic integration. Some parts of the Chinese economy were prematurely hyper-globalized at the same time domestic economic integration lagged, and now that state of affairs is being remedied.

India also is seeing its different states and regions being tied together through migration, trade, and investment. You can see this in the food: tandoori chicken and dosas have become national standards, available throughout the country, and less closely associated with their particular regions of origin. Hindi is becoming more of a national lingua franca, and the internet makes it possible to broadcast the same messages to the entire country at relatively low cost. Many these "globalizing" developments have spread expertise and capital from the more developed southern and western parts of India to the poorer eastern and landlocked regions. Labor, in turn, has migrated from the poorer states to the wealthier cities.

Significant barriers remain; for example, Indian trucks must pass through numerous checkpoints to carry goods around the country. Logistics costs remain high, at about 13 percent of gross domestic product. Fortunately, the recent move to a national goods-and-services tax will lower some of the state-level taxes on internal trade. Keep in mind that India's most populous states would be among the larger nations in the world. So if Uttar Pradesh (over 200 million people) and Bihar (over 100 million people) have closer economic relations, it is a major advance in trade relations and resembles globalization in its economic consequences.

Indonesia, with a population of over 250 million and thousands of islands, still has a long way to go in terms of economic integration, but there is more internal trade each year. The same is true in the Philippines, Pakistan and much of Africa, among other populous regions.

To be sure, the older cross-border form of globalization is by no means dead. But a lot of today's globalization-by-any-other-name is, counterintuitively, taking the form of nation-building. And just as we got both good and bad sides of globalization, so will this process of nation-building be a mixed bag. It may, for example, sometimes include too much nationalism. Nonetheless, these stronger and better integrated political units probably will grow in wealth and economic sophistication, and in due time that will give us more globalization yet. **Bloomberg**



"Portal," a sculpted iron archway designed by legendary folk artist Bob Dylan

MGM National Harbor to feature Bob Dylan exhibition

GMGM National Harbor will be ushered into the USD1.3 billion resort casino through "Portal," a sculpted iron archway designed by legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, when it opens its doors in Prince George's County, Maryland later this year.

The 26 by 15-foot custom piece will adorn the west entrance as part of the property's art collection. It is Dylan's first permanent work of art for a public space.

"Mr Dylan is undoubtedly one of the greatest musicians of our time, but his incredible me-

talwork sculptures are a testament to his creative genius and ability to transcend mediums," said Jim Murren, Chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts International. "As a company founded upon entertainment, we're truly inspired by artists who channel their energy into diverse paths."

Dylan has sculpted iron pieces for family and friends for the past 30 years, but it was not until 2013 - at London's Halcyon Gallery in an exhibition called Mood Swings - that his metal artwork was first viewed publicly.

His works feature found objects, vintage scrap metal and industrial artifacts collected from junkyards.

Although best known as a singer and songwriter, Dylan also is a prolific visual artist who has exhibited his paintings for two decades. His combined creative output has influenced American art and culture in immeasurable ways.

The MGM National Harbor Heritage Collection will feature pieces from more than a dozen artists working with a variety of mediums including aluminum, clay,

stainless steel, bronze, watercolors, photography and more. Objects will range from large-scale sculptures and paintings to photography and LED light boxes, with the aim of creating a rich visual experience.

Inspired by the heritage of the Capital Region, the MGM National Harbor Heritage Collection will showcase high-quality commissioned and procured works by visionary local and international sculptors, photographers and mixed-media artists, which will be seamlessly integrated into the resort's public spaces.

Chevron said to narrow bids for USD3b Asian geothermal sale

Vinicy Chan, Dinesh Nair and Fathiya Dahrul

CHINA General Nuclear Power Corp., the country's biggest nuclear power operator, has been invited to make a second-round bid for Chevron Corp.'s Asian geothermal energy assets, which could fetch USD3 billion, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

Jakarta-based PT Medco Power Indonesia is considering joining a separate shortlisted consortium that includes Japanese trading house Marubeni Corp. and Philippine energy producer Aboitiz Power Corp., said the people, who asked not to be identified because the information is private. Citigroup Inc., Chevron's adviser on the sale, will call for second-round bids later this month, the people said.

Chevron, the largest U.S. oil producer after Exxon Mobil Corp., has slashed jobs, canceled drilling projects and sought assets sales to counter a slump in energy prices. The San Ramon, California-based company is aiming to sell its main Asian geothermal holdings,

which generate energy from the earth's heat, in Indonesia and the Philippines.

Chevron's Indonesia Salak field, one of the world's largest geothermal operations, supplies a power plant that has 377 megawatts of total capacity, according to its website. It also has a 40 percent stake in Philippine Geothermal Production Co.

"Medco Group is considering partnering with a Japanese company and a Philippine company," Medco Power President Director Fazil Alfitri said by phone Friday. He declined to name the potential partners.

Representatives for Marubeni, Aboitiz and Citigroup declined to comment, while a representative for China General Nuclear didn't respond to a Bloomberg inquiry. A Singapore-based spokesman for Chevron said the company doesn't comment on market rumor or speculation concerning mergers, acquisitions, or divestitures of its assets.

Aboitiz said earlier this month that it partnered with Marubeni, while Medco said in August the Indonesian firm had submitted a



Chevron Corp.'s geothermal power plant operates in Salak, Indonesia

bid to buy a stake in the Chevron assets. Sovereign fund China Investment Corp., Malaysia's power producer Malakoff Corp., Japan's Mitsubishi Corp. and Ormat Technologies Inc. were among companies that considered making offers, people familiar with the situation said in April.

Chevron has said it plans to raise \$5 billion to \$10 billion through next year from sales including the geothermal unit and assets in Hawaii, Canada, Myanmar and South Africa.

In July, the company reported its third straight quarterly loss, the longest slump since at least 1989, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The industry is struggling with a persistent glut of oil that's sunk prices and forced companies to shrink drilling programs and cut spending. **Bloomberg**

Canadian man released by China treated 'based on law'

CHINA said Friday that a Canadian citizen it detained for two years over spying allegations was allowed to leave the country after a local court issued a verdict in his case, but it refused to say what the verdict was or why he was detained at all.

Kevin Garratt's return to Canada was announced last week by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who said he had pressed Garratt's case with top Chinese officials.

Garratt had been indicted by prosecutors in Dandong, a city on the North Korean border where he and his wife ran a popular coffee shop and conducted Christian aid work for North Koreans. He and his wife, Julia, were arrested in August 2014 by the state security bureau. While his wife was released on bail, Garratt remained in custody.

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in a faxed statement Friday, said Garratt had been treated "according to law." It said China "fully guaranteed all kinds of procedural rights of Kevin Garratt, and fully respected and implemented the consular rights of the Canadian side," the ministry said.

But the ministry declined to say what investigators found or what the outcome of the trial was. A person who answered the phone at the court on Friday, a Chinese state holiday, said officials were not available to discuss the case.

Chinese state media have previously reported that authorities found evidence that implicated Garratt in accepting tasks from Canadian espionage agencies to gather intelligence in China.

Courts in China are widely seen as a tool of the ruling Communist Party and issue decisions in line with the government's thinking on a case.

Garratt's release comes as both sides pledged to strengthen economic ties during Trudeau's visit to China earlier this month for the Group of 20 economic summit, and one week before Premier Li Ke-qiang is to visit Canada for talks with Trudeau. **AP**

BIS warning indicator for China banking stress climbs to record

Paul Panckhurst

A warning indicator for banking stress rose to a record in China in the first quarter, underscoring risks to the nation and the world from a rapid build-up of Chinese corporate debt.

China's credit-to-gross domestic product "gap" stood at 30.1 percent, the highest for the nation in data stretching back to 1995, according to the Basel-based Bank for International Settlements. Readings above 10 percent signal elevated risks of banking strains, according to the BIS, which released the latest data on Sunday.

The gap is the difference between the credit-to-GDP ratio and its long-term trend. A blow-out in the number can signal that credit growth is excessive and a financial bust may be looming.

Two-thirds of all readings above 10 percent have been followed by serious banking strains within the subsequent three years, according to the BIS. In China's case, though, the warning indicator has mostly been above that threshold since mid-2009. In the first quarter, the nation's gap exceeded the levels of 41 other nations and the euro area.

The data feed into debates about the outlook for the Chinese economy after a build-up in corporate leverage since the global financial crisis. The latest information was released by the BIS at the same time as its quarterly review. **Bloomberg**



Internet celebrity economy bigger than cinema

THE nascent "online influencer" industry is expected to embrace a boom, as self-made Internet celebrities, brokers and investors gather for new business opportunities at the ongoing World Influencer Forum in Beijing.

While venture capitalists seem to have less passion for technology startups amid a sluggish global economy, they are acting fast in the new battlefield of Internet celebrity chasing.

"Internet celebrities have attracted most of the Internet users' attention, which can translate into cash through online advertising and e-commerce," said Ding Chenling, founder of Redbang, an Internet celebrity consulting firm and sponsor of the summit.

The proliferation of social media platforms, including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Sina Weibo, as well as short-video sharing and live streaming platforms, have all contributed to the mass production of Internet celebrities, said Ding.

The World Influencer Forum, which kicked off on Friday, provides a sounding platform for Internet celebrities, investors and brokers from both home and abroad to com-

municate and learn from each other, he said.

Internet celebrities, or Wang Hong in Chinese, are usually regular people who go on to attract millions of fans by creating original content on the web and social media, often becoming key opinion formers and online broadcasters.

Internet celebrities are divided into three categories: eye-catching celebrities, typically with good looks, who appear on live broadcasting platforms; e-commerce Internet celebrities who recommend and sell goods; and those who create original content, said Cai Xiang of SAIF Partners, a private equity firm operating in China.

"The biggest opportunity lies in Internet celebrities with unique content," said Cai.

Papi Jiang, an Internet celebrity who became famous by posting satirical videos on social media sites, received RMB12 million (USD1.8 million) in venture capital this March for a 12 percent stake in her team.

Investors sold the first ad on Papi Jiang's videos at an auction on April 21 for RMB22 million, which was deemed a milestone for the Chinese Internet celebrities industry.

The best earning Inter-

net celebrity in the world is probably Felix Kjellberg, a 27-year-old Swedish game player better known by his online alias PewDiePie. He earned \$12 million last year by playing games and sharing ad revenue on his YouTube channel.

Like many of their counterparts on Western social media, a huge number of Chinese Internet celebrities use their platform to promote skincare and makeup products, behavior they are likely paid for.

Hundreds of Internet celebrities, mostly females, sell clothes and cosmetics on Taobao, the world's largest online shopping platform. If large enough numbers of followers are gained, business can be lucrative.

According to CBN Data, a commercial data company affiliated with Alibaba, the Internet celebrities economy is set to be worth RMB58 billion in 2016, more than China's cinema box office in 2015. The enormous earning potential has led to the rise of Internet celebrities incubators.

Treasure Hunter, the largest Internet celebrities agent in the Republic of Korea, has signed contracts with 100 Internet celebrities popular on online video platforms,

including one that teaches people how to make late-night snacks and one that makes funny comparisons between Korean and Vietnamese culture.

"We invest up to \$100,000 for a single Internet celebrity, together with technology and team support," Song Jae Yong, the company CEO, told Xinhua.

"With the capital, we can open restaurants and coffee bars," said Michael Zee, who takes pictures of his breakfast every morning to post on Instagram. Zee's SymmetryBreakfast account has 634,000 followers.

Zee said that British investors and Chinese advertisers have already contacted him for cooperation.

The Chinese version of Zee's cookbook, published in the U.K. in August, will come to China next year, he told Xinhua.

Brent Morgan, an Internet celebrity at American music streaming service YouNow, makes more than \$10,000 every month from tips and gifts from his fans, and told Xinhua that he is optimistic about business opportunities in China.

"The live streaming business is so huge in China. I'd be stupid not to work with somebody here," he said. **MDT/Xinhua**

28 dead, 15 missing after typhoon lashes eastern China



A waterlogged street is seen in Fuzhou, capital of southeast China's Fujian Province

THE strongest typhoon to hit China this year has left 28 people dead and 15 others missing in the east of the country.

Typhoon Meranti made landfall last week in Fujian province after winds and rains associated with it pounded Taiwan, leaving one person dead and more than 50 injured.

Authorities in Fujian said Saturday that the typhoon had left 18 people dead and 11 missing, damaged more than 18,300 houses and caused direct economic losses of more than 16.9 billion yuan (USD2.5 billion).

Authorities in neighboring Zhejiang province say that 10 people died and four remained unaccounted for following landslides and flash floods in rural areas.

Taiwan saw wind and rain from a second typhoon, Malakas, that caused no apparent deaths. That typhoon was also forecast to bring more storms and rains to Zhejiang and Fujian.

Xinhua reported yesterday that Typhoon Malakas and as-

Rising water levels forced Shanghai authorities to launch emergency response measures

tronomical tides have pushed the water level of Shanghai's Huangpu River above the warning line. Malakas, the 16th typhoon in 2016, entered the southern part of the East China Sea on Saturday afternoon, China's National Marine Environmental Forecasting Center said. According to statistics by Shanghai Flood Risk Information Center, water levels at the sections of Wusongkou, Suzhouhe and Mishidu all exceeded the warning line yesterday morning.

Rising water levels forced local authorities to launch emergency response measures and shut all tidal gates yesterday morning. The local flood control headquarters has urged all related departments to stay alert. **MDT/Agencies**



Local officials punished after grisly village killings

CHINA has punished six local officials for failing to take care of a family whose grisly murder-suicide case prompted heated national discussion about the plight of the poor.

The government of Gansu province in northwestern China said late Friday that three officials face possible dismissal and three others have been reprimanded over the case of Yang Gailan, a 28-year-old villager who axed her four young children to death and killed herself because she couldn't feed them. Yang's husband killed himself a

The family fell into extreme hardship after their rural community voted to cancel their low-income welfare payments

week later.

The case drew intense attention in the national press and on social media after details emerged about the family's dire circumstances. The family — including four children below 7 years old — barely managed to survive on subsistence farming for years and fell into extreme hardship after their rural community voted to cancel their low-income welfare payments, according to local reports.

No criminal proceedings will be filed against the punished officials, according to the Gansu gover-

ment statement. Local government had pledged to severely punish officials if an investigation into the case uncovered any wrongdoing.

Despite the grisly nature of the case and widespread criticism of the local government, China's central authorities have allowed the public to discuss — with a relative degree of freedom by Chinese standards — whether poverty relief has been carried out adequately. State media outlets, including the Communist Party flagship newspaper People's Daily, have also covered Yang's case closely.

The case comes at a time when Chinese President Xi Jinping has made rural poverty relief a signature domestic policy issue and is frequently shown on state television touring rural areas to stress correct implementation of his new programs. He faces a massive task, with an estimated 200 million people still living in poverty.

In a column on the web portal Sina.com, writer Jun Hongqiao questioned whether local county officials had been carrying out poverty relief measures evenly and appropriately or simply hyping

their progress in the media.

"If the entire village's roads have been widened, farmers' houses have been fixed beautifully, the tap water's running clear, then why was Yang Gailan still living in dilapidated, dangerous conditions?" Jun wrote.

By Saturday, however, authorities had begun to clamp down on social media discussion. Searches for Yang's name on the microblogging network Weibo showed a message saying that relevant posts had been removed according to government regulations. **AP**



Released Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad (right) watches Moro National Liberation Front Chairman Nur Misuari (second left), raising hands of the three released Indonesian hostages (center)

A Norwegian man freed by militants after a year of jungle captivity in the southern Philippines described the ordeal yesterday as “devastating,” carrying a backpack with a bullet hole as a reminder of a near-death experience that included the beheadings of the two Canadians kidnapped with him.

Kjartan Sekkingstad was freed by his Abu Sayyaf captors on Saturday to rebels from the larger Moro National Liberation Front, which has signed a peace deal with the Philippine government and helped negotiate his release. Yesterday, he was handed over to Philippine authorities, along with three Indonesian fishermen freed separately by the Abu Sayyaf.

Aside from the horror of constantly being warned he would be the next to be beheaded by the brutal extremists, Sekkingstad said he survived more than a dozen clashes between Philippine forces and his captors in the lush jungles of Sulu province.

In one intense battle, in which the forces opened fire from assault helicopters and from the ground, he said he felt a thud in his back and thought he was hit by gunfire. After the fighting eased, he discovered that he wasn't hit, and that his green, army-style backpack had been pierced by the gunfire instead.

Sekkingstad was carrying the damaged backpack when he walked to freedom Saturday somewhere in the thick jungle off Sulu's mountainous Patikul town.

Yesterday, the heavily bearded Sekkingstad, clad in a rebel

Norwegian says his Philippine kidnapping was ‘devastating’

camouflage uniform and muddy combat boots, was asked how he would describe his horrific experience. “Devastating, devastating,” he said, still clutching the backpack.

Philippine presidential adviser Jesus Dureza, who received Sekkingstad and the three freed Indonesians from Moro National Liberation Front rebel chief Nur Misuari in Misuari's rural stronghold near Sulu's Indanan town, accompanied the Norwegian on a flight to the southern city of Davao, where the ex-hostage was to meet President Rodrigo Duterte.

Sekkingstad was kidnapped from a yacht club he helped managed on southern Samal Island on Sept. 21, 2015, along with Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall and Hall's Filipino girlfriend, Marites Flor, sparking a massive land and sea search by Philippine forces.

The Abu Sayyaf demanded a huge ransom for the release of the foreigners, and released videos in which they threatened the captives in a jungle clearing where they displayed Islamic State group-style black flags.

Ridsdel was beheaded in April and Hall was decapitated in June after ransom deadlines lapsed. When Flor was freed in June, she recounted in horror how the militants rejoiced whi-

le watching the beheadings.

Sekkingstad said he and his fellow captives were forced to carry the militants' belongings and were kept in the dark on what was happening around them. At one point, he said, their heavily armed captors numbered more than 300. “We were treated like slaves,” he said.

After the militants decapitated Ridsdel, Sekkingstad was threatened by the militants, who repeatedly told him, “You're next.”

When the negotiations for his release began in recent months, Sekkingstad said the rebels began treating him better.

It was not immediately clear whether Sekkingstad had been ransomed off. Duterte suggested at a news conference last month that 50 million pesos (USD1 million) had been paid to the militants, but that they continued to hold on to him. The military said Saturday that relentless assaults forced the extremists to release the hostage.

Heavy rains prevented Misuari's rebel group from immediately turning over Sekkingstad to Dureza on Saturday. The freed hostage stayed overnight in Misuari's rebel camp, where he was given clothes with the rebel group's insignia.

In Norway, Prime Minister Erna Solberg confirmed that

Sekkingstad had been “brought to safety” after his release.

Solberg said the Norwegian Foreign Ministry, police and diplomats “have done a great deal of work” to have Sekkingstad released, and thanked Duterte and Dureza.

In a statement posted on the Norwegian government website, Solberg said Norway supports the Philippines “in their fight against terrorism and for peaceful outcome in the south” of the country. Solberg told national news agency NTB that “Norwegian officials had not participated in any payment of ransom or made any concessions in the matter.”

Philippine forces launched a major offensive against the Abu Sayyaf after the beheadin-

gs of the Canadians sparked condemnations from then-Philippine President Benigno Aquino III and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who called on other nations not to pay ransoms if their citizens are abducted to discourage the militants from carrying out more kidnappings.

The three Indonesian fishermen freed by the Abu Sayyaf were kidnapped in July off Lahad Datu district in Malaysia's Sabah state, according to regional Philippine military spokesman Maj. Filemon Tan. Their release came as Indonesian Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu was visiting the Philippines to meet with his Philippine counterpart and top military commanders.

Five Indonesians, five Malaysians and a Dutch bird watcher, along with five Filipinos, remain in Abu Sayyaf custody, the Philippine military said.

The Abu Sayyaf has been blacklisted as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and the Philippines for deadly bombings, kidnappings and beheadings. Without any known foreign funding, the extremists have relied on ransom kidnappings, extortion and other acts of banditry, and some commanders have pledged loyalty to the Islamic State group partly in the hope of obtaining funds. AP

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17 soldiers killed in attack at Indian army base in Kashmir

Aijaz Hussain, Srinagar

SUSPECTED rebels using guns and grenades sneaked into a crucial army base in Indian-controlled Kashmir early yesterday and killed at least 17 soldiers in the deadliest attack on a military base in the disputed Himalayan region in recent years, the army said.

Four rebels were killed as the soldiers returned gunfire after the surprise assault before dawn on the base close to the highly militarized Line of Control dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

Loud explosions were heard and several barracks caught fire in the initial hours of the attack. Afterward, military helicopters hovered over the base as the army conducted what it described as "mopping up" operations.

The casualties were high because a large number of soldiers were turning over the base to new units and were stationed in tents and temporary shelters that caught fire in the attack, the army said in a statement.



Indian army soldiers arrive at the army base which was attacked by suspected rebels in the town of Uri, west of Srinagar

The base, located in the town of Uri, west of Indian-controlled Kashmir's main city of Srinagar, houses the Indian army's brigade headquarters in the region along the de facto border.

Soldiers were conducting searches in the area, but army officials said it appeared that no more than four rebels were involved in the attack.

Army officials said the rebels had infiltrated into the Indian

side of Kashmir from the Pakistani-controlled part.

The officials said the rebels entered the sprawling camp after crossing a stream and breaching the fencing Saturday night.

What made yesterday's attack different from other attacks in the region was that instead of storming into the camp, the rebels quietly entered the base and later launched their attack, said a senior army officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

Officials said at least 30 soldiers were wounded in the attack, including about a dozen who were in critical condition.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemned the attack and tweeted, "I assure the nation that those behind this despicable attack will not go unpunished."

Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh called an emergency meeting of top defense officials and blamed Pakistan for the attack. "I am deeply disappointed with Pakistan's continued and direct support to terrorism and terro-

rist groups," he tweeted.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, but is claimed by both in its entirety. Most people in the Indian-controlled portion favor independence or a merger with Pakistan. A militant uprising and subsequent army crackdown since 1989 have killed more than 68,000 people.

India accuses Pakistan of training the militants in its territory then helping them to infiltrate into the Indian side. Islamabad denies the charge, saying it only gives political and diplomatic support to the rebels.

The attack came with Kashmir in middle of the largest anti-India protests against Indian rule in recent years since the July 8 killing of a popular rebel commander by Indian troops. A sweeping military crackdown and near-constant curfew have followed.

Protesters throwing rocks have clashed with troops firing live ammunition and shotgun pellets, and more than 80 people have been killed.

The last major attack on an Indian military installation was in January, when six gunmen entered an air force base in the town of Pathankot in the state of Punjab. The rebels managed to paralyze the massive base for nearly four days, killing seven soldiers. That base also is close to India's border with Pakistan. **AP**

Aung San Suu Kyi gets humanitarian award

Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been honored as the 2016 humanitarian of the year by students and faculty at the Harvard Foundation. The Nobel Peace Prize laureate gained international prominence as the General Secretary of the newly formed National League for Democracy in Myanmar in 1990. She became one of the world's most well-known political prisoners during her 15 years of house arrest for participating in anti-government protests.

Gunmen kill 3 army soldiers in Pakistan

Two gunmen on a motorcycle killed three soldiers Sunday near the northwestern city of Peshawar, police said. The gunmen struck in Garhi Sohbat Khan on the outskirts of Peshawar, the capital of northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, attacking a private vehicle carrying the three soldiers, said Shaukat Khan, a senior police officer.

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Karen Matthews, New York

AN explosion rocked a crowded Manhattan neighborhood and injured 29 people, and a suspicious device discovered blocks away was safely removed early yesterday. Mayor Bill de Blasio ruled out any terror connections, but called the blast an “intentional act.”

“Tonight, New York City experienced a very bad incident,” de Blasio said at a news conference near the scene in Chelsea. “We have no credible and specific threat at this moment.”

De Blasio tried to calm any fears among nervous New Yorkers, saying the explosion had no terrorist connection and wasn’t related to a pipe bomb explosion earlier Saturday in New Jersey that forced the cancellation of a charity run.

“Now, I want to be clear whatever the cause, whatever the intention here, New Yorkers will not be intimidated,” the mayor said. “We are not going to let anyone change who we are or how we go about our lives.”

It was unclear who was behind the blast and what motivated it. A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that a second device that officers investigated four blocks from the scene appeared to be a pressure cooker attached to wiring and a cellphone. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak about an ongoing investigation, said the device was found inside a plastic bag on West 27th Street. The device was removed with a robot and taken to a department firing range in the Bronx.

The law enforcement official also said that the explosion that rocked a bustling Chelsea neighborhood appeared to have come from a construction toolbox in front of a building. Photos from the scene show a twisted and crumpled black metal box.

The blast happened on West

Probe underway in Manhattan explosion that left 29 injured



Police and firefighters work near the scene of an apparent explosion in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood

23rd street, in front of a residence for the blind, near a major thoroughfare with many restaurants and a Trader Joe’s supermarket. Witnesses say the explosion at about 8:30 p.m. blew out the windows of businesses and scattered debris in the area. Officials said no evacuations were necessary.

Fire Department Commissioner Daniel Nigro said several people were taken to hospitals with injuries. One of the injured suffered a puncture wound that was considered serious. He said the other injuries were minor, described as scrapes and bruises.

While police investigated the second site, spokesman J. Peter Donald tweeted a warning to some residents to stay away from windows facing 27th Street.

A number of New York City

subway routes were affected by the explosion, which rattled some New Yorkers and visitors on the heels of the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks.

Chris Gonzalez, visiting from Dallas, was having dinner with friends at a restaurant in the area.

“We felt it, we heard it, the restaurant went real quiet, the 26-year-old Gonzalez said. “It wasn’t like jolting or anything, everyone just went quiet.”

Rudy Alcide, a bouncer at Vanity Nightclub at 21st Street and 6th Avenue, said he, at first, thought something large had fallen.

“It was an extremely loud noise, everything was shaking, the windows were shaking, it was crazy,” he said. “It was extremely loud, almost like thunder, but louder.”

The FBI and Homeland Security officials, along with the ATF arson and explosive task force were also at the scene.

The White House said President Barack Obama has been apprised of the explosion in New York City and will be updated as additional information becomes available.

In St. Cloud, Minnesota, police said multiple people were injured at a shopping mall Saturday evening in an attack that possibly

■ It was unclear who was behind the blast and what motivated it.

involved both a shooting and stabbing. The suspect was believed to be dead.

Hillary Clinton says she has been briefed “about the bombings in New York and New Jersey and the attack in Minnesota.”

She says the nation needs to support its first responders and “pray for the victims.”

“We have to let this investigation unfold,” she said.

Donald Trump moved ahead of New York City officials when he declared a “bomb went off” in the city before officials had released details. He made the announcement minutes after stepping off his plane during a rally at an airport hangar in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

“I must tell you that just before I got off the plane a bomb went off in New York and nobody knows what’s going on,” Trump said.

He continued, “But boy we are living in a time - we better get very tough, folks. We better get very, very tough. It’s a terrible thing that’s going on in our world, in our country and we are going to get tough and smart and vigilant.”

The Republican presidential nominee made the comments around 9:10 p.m., shortly after the explosion and as emergency officials responded to the blast. A spokeswoman for Trump did not respond to an email asking whether he was briefed about the incident before taking the stage.

The reports of the blast came hours after a pipe bomb exploded in Seaside Park, New Jersey, shortly before thousands of runners participated in a charity 5K race to benefit Marines and sailors. The run was cancelled and no injuries were reported. **AP**

SYRIA

In Aleppo, besieged residents convinced truce will not last

RESIDENTS in the rebel-held districts of Aleppo now have a reprieve from the incessant bombings by Syrian government warplanes. They have a promise of an end to the crippling siege that has left produce stalls bare.

For nearly a week under the cease-fire brokered by the U.S. and Russia, families have been able to leave their homes and visit each other. Children play on swing-sets in the streets. Hospitals have gone to a normal routine of treating the sick and helping preg-



Boys dive into a hole filled with water that was caused by a missile attack in the rebel-held neighborhood of Sheikh Saeed in Aleppo province

nant mothers, rather than struggling with those wounded by war.

Still, war-hardened residents of Aleppo’s eastern districts — one of the last large urban centers defying President Bashar Assad — are skeptical the cease-fire will hold.

Many of them say the truce, which began last week, is a trap aimed at forcing them and rebel fighters to surrender. Some urge rebel fighters to rest and regroup, then resume fighting that they say is the only way to freedom.

Once Syria’s largest city, Aleppo has been a horrific battleground since 2012, divided between government and rebel-held areas. Over the summer, the 250,000 people living in the opposition districts endured more than 40 days under complete blockade after government forces captured all roads out of the area.

Rebel reinforcements broke a hole in the blockade in August. But in heavy bombardment over the following weeks, more than 700 civilians were killed. Syrian troops backed by Russian airstrikes retook the roads and clamped the siege back on. Then the truce came into effect, sealing both sides’ positions in place. **AP**



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what's ON



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UNTIL: September 24
ADMISSION: free
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ENQUIRIES: (853) 6375 3464

FORMER HOME OF REVOLUTIONARY LEADER YE TING
TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Except Wednesdays, open on public holidays)
VENUE: 76, Rua Almirante Costa Cabral
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MACAU GRAND PRIX MUSEUM & WINE MUSEUM
TIME: 10am-8pm daily (Except Tuesdays)
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MACAU SCIENCE CENTRE
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TIME: 2pm-7pm (Closed on Sundays)
UNTIL: September 30, 2016
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TIME: 11am-9pm
UNTIL: September 30, 2016
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Offbeat

PHILADELPHIA TRANSIT AGENCY TO TEST URINE-REPELLING PAINT

The city's main transit agency plans to try urine-repelling paint to combat smells and complaints about cleanliness.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority will run a trial this fall of a product called Ultra-Ever Dry, a surface coating that makes urine spray back on the offender.

SEPTA spokesman Andrew Busch said complaints are common for any large transit system. SEPTA's maintenance crews are always looking for new ways to tackle cleanup issues aside from their regular cleaning routines, he said.

The coating has been used in public spaces in San Francisco and Hamburg, Germany.

"From what we've understood, it seems like there's been some success [with the coating] so we are certainly willing to give this a try," Busch said.

San Francisco's public works department used the clear, liquid repellent on some of its city walls to fight a chronic public urination problem. A light pole corroded by urine fell on a car in San Francisco last year.

Public urination in Philadelphia, as in San Francisco, is illegal. The offense carries a USD300 fine.

SEPTA officials haven't decided whether they'll coat elevators, which San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit agency did to 80 elevators last month, or try the repellent on walkways or walls.

The news website Billy Penn first reported the agency's plans. Busch said trial costs are minimal. **AP**

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15 SEP - 21 SEP

S STORM

ROOM 1

2.15, 4.00, 5.45, 9.45 pm

Director: David Lam

Starring: Louis Koo, Julian Cheung, vic Chou, Ada Choi

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min

TRAIN TO BUSAN

ROOM 1

7.30 pm

Director: Yeon Sang-ho

Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, ma Domng-Seok

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min



SULLY

ROOM 2

2.15, 4.00, 5.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Clint Eastwood, Aaron Eckhart

Starring: Tom Hanks

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

AT CAFE 6

ROOM 2

7.30 pm

Director: Neal Wu

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

Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 103min

NINE LIVES

ROOM 3

2.15, 6.00, 7.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Barry Sonnenfeld

Starring: Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Garner, Christopher Walken

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

TRAIN TO BUSAN

ROOM 3

3.50 pm

Director: Yeon Sang-ho

Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, ma Domng-Seok

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min

MACAU TOWER

15 SEP - 28 SEP

SULLY

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Clint Eastwood, Aaron Eckhart

Starring: Tom Hanks

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

this day in history



1952 US IMMIGRATION SLAMS DOOR ON CHAPLIN

The United States is to prevent the film legend, Charlie Chaplin, from returning to his Hollywood home until he has been investigated by the Immigration Services.

The Attorney-General, Thomas McGranery, has ordered the Immigration Service to hold Mr Chaplin "for hearings" if he returns to the United States, despite issuing him with a re-entry permit only a few months ago.

He gave no reason for his instructions. Mr Chaplin is currently sailing to England on board the Queen Elizabeth with his wife and four children. His friend, the writer Harry Crocker, who is travelling with the family, said Mr Chaplin would probably talk to his lawyers before making any comment. He added that Mr Chaplin intends to return to the US in about six months.

Mr Chaplin is still a British citizen, despite living in America for almost 40 years, and has no automatic right to re-enter the country.

Under US law, grounds for denying a foreigner admission include "moral turpitude" and "political affiliations".

Charlie Chaplin has been under severe pressure in the US over accusations from Senator Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee that he is associated with left-wing causes.

Mr Chaplin has been on the FBI's Security Index since 1948, and he was one of over 300 people blacklisted by Hollywood film studios and unable to work after he refused to cooperate when he appeared before the Committee.

When questioned about his membership of the Communist Party, Mr Chaplin answered, "I do not want to create any revolution, all I want to do is create a few more films. I might amuse people. I hope so."

He has also been attacked over his colorful private life: he has married four times, twice to girls of 16, and in 1943 was the subject of a paternity suit which he fought and lost.

Mr Chaplin's lawyer in Hollywood, Lloyd Wright, said the re-entry permit was valid for a year.

"The immigration was so nice about issuing Chaplin his permit and even told him to hurry back," he said.

"Now the minute he gets on the high seas this comes up."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

When Charlie Chaplin arrived in the UK, he quickly realized it would be impossible for him to return to the United States. He turned against his erstwhile home, saying, "I would not go back there even if Jesus Christ was the president." After the highly successful premiere of his film, "Limelight", in London, he settled in Vevey, in Switzerland, where he lived until his death in 1977.

He continued to make films, although public opinion in the US had turned so strongly against him that his first European film, "A King in New York", was not released in America for 16 years.

He did return to the United States one more time, in 1972, when his talent was finally recognized and he was awarded a Special Academy Award.

Three years later, he received a knighthood from the Queen. After his death, Charlie Chaplin's body was stolen from his grave and was missing for 11 weeks, until it was recovered in May 1978.

Two men were convicted of the theft and for trying to extort money from the Chaplin family.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Ambition is a driving force — and you've got more than most!

Taurus April 20-May 20 The whole world seems to be breathing down your neck, trying to get you to speed up faster than you really want to go.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 How do you feel about your plans? Now is the time to shift gears if you think something is unrealistic or just inadvisable.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 An authority figure looms large today and may cause problems for you — especially if you fight back.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You're not exactly set in your ways, but you do have some habits and beliefs that have stood the test of time.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You're fighting against something or someone — and you may not understand exactly why you're so upset.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Business arrangements are simpler than ever, so make sure that you're really paying attention to the details.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 It's a great day to take care of your health. That could mean almost anything from taking the stairs instead of the elevator to purging your house of all refined sugar.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may find that you're getting even more done than you had expected — and with energy this potent, it's no wonder!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Try not to alienate anyone today — but you may have to make a stark choice.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Something new and cool blows your mind today — so get ready for some amazing times!

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Something that seems totally real is actually illusory — but you may not figure that out until a few days have passed.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

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

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Bridge; 5- ___ worse than death; 10- Go out with; 14- Man, in Milan; 15- It beats rock; 16- Wait ___!; 17- Crazy as a ___; 18- Web-footed mammal; 19- Ho Chi ___ City; 20- Maintenance; 22- Violent whirlwind; 24- Biblical verb ending; 25- Drive-___ window; 26- Limitation; 30- Weaving machines; 35- ___ we there yet?; 36- Hockey goal part; 37- Tennessee ___ Ford; 38- Farewell; 41- Hardy horse; 43- Affectation of sophisticates; 44- Long, long time; 45- Vanilla ___, American rap star; 46- Very much; 47- Vagrant; 50- Congers; 53- Contend; 54- Parched; 58- Blue; 62- Sat on the back of a horse; 63- Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"; 66- ___ Camera; 67- Arrow poison; 68- Skin openings; 69- North Carolina university; 70- Approved; 71- Evade; 72- Hazard; DOWN: 1- "Star Trek" role; 2- Inside info; 3- In a frenzy; 4- Don't bother; 5- Ablaut; 6- Blubber; 7- Quick on the uptake; 8- Molars, e.g.; 9- Diamond flaw?; 10- Ruin; 11- China setting; 12- Look after; 13- Bounce back; 21- Airport abbr.; 23- Governs; 25- Explosive inits.; 26- Broadway actress Uta; 27- Maine college town; 28- Sierra ___; 29- Minuscule; 31- Scrap; 32- Broadcasting; 33- Chop into small pieces; 34- Rocker Bob; 39- Press for payment; 40- Waits; 41- Cattle call; 42- Cosmos; 44- Golfer Ernie; 48- Acapulco aunt; 49- More spine-tingling; 51- Military camp; 52- Disinfectant brand; 54- Small jazz combo; 55- Cry of a goose; 56- ___ fixe; 57- Oboe, e.g.; 59- Anklebones; 60- Med. care providers; 61- Pull abruptly; 64- Capote, to friends; 65- Brit. lexicon;

Friday's solution crossword grid with filled-in letters.

A large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions.

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Nico Hulkenberg of Germany walks from his car after crashing at the start of the Singapore F1 Grand Prix

Rosberg holds on to win Singapore GP, reclaim F1 lead

Chris Lines

MERCEDES driver Nico Rosberg celebrated his 200th Formula One start by taking victory in the Singapore Grand Prix yesterday and regaining the championship lead from teammate Lewis Hamilton.

Rosberg held on to beat a fast-finishing Daniel Ricciardo of Red Bull by just four tenths of a second at the Marina Bay street circuit while Hamilton took third place, narrowly in front of Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen. Rosberg's third successive win has taken him back to

the top of the drivers' championship, eight points ahead of Hamilton with six races left. Ricciardo, on fresher tires, cut Rosberg's lead from 25 seconds with 13 laps left to under a second but fell just short of preventing Rosberg from taking his first victory in Singapore. **AP**

EPL

De Bruyne earns high praise after inspiring another City win

KEVIN De Bruyne scored a clever free kick and played a part in the other three goals as Manchester City beat Bournemouth 4-0 with another scintillating attacking display, maintaining its 100 percent start to the English Premier League on Saturday.



Kevin De Bruyne

City manager Pep Guardiola labeled De Bruyne as one of the best players he has managed after seeing the Belgium midfielder inspire the team to a fifth straight league win and a club-record eighth victory to open the season.

"When we talk about [Lionel] Messi, maybe he can sit alone in the table, with no one else allowed," said Guardiola, a former Barcelona and Bayern Munich coach. "But in the table beside, Kevin can sit there."

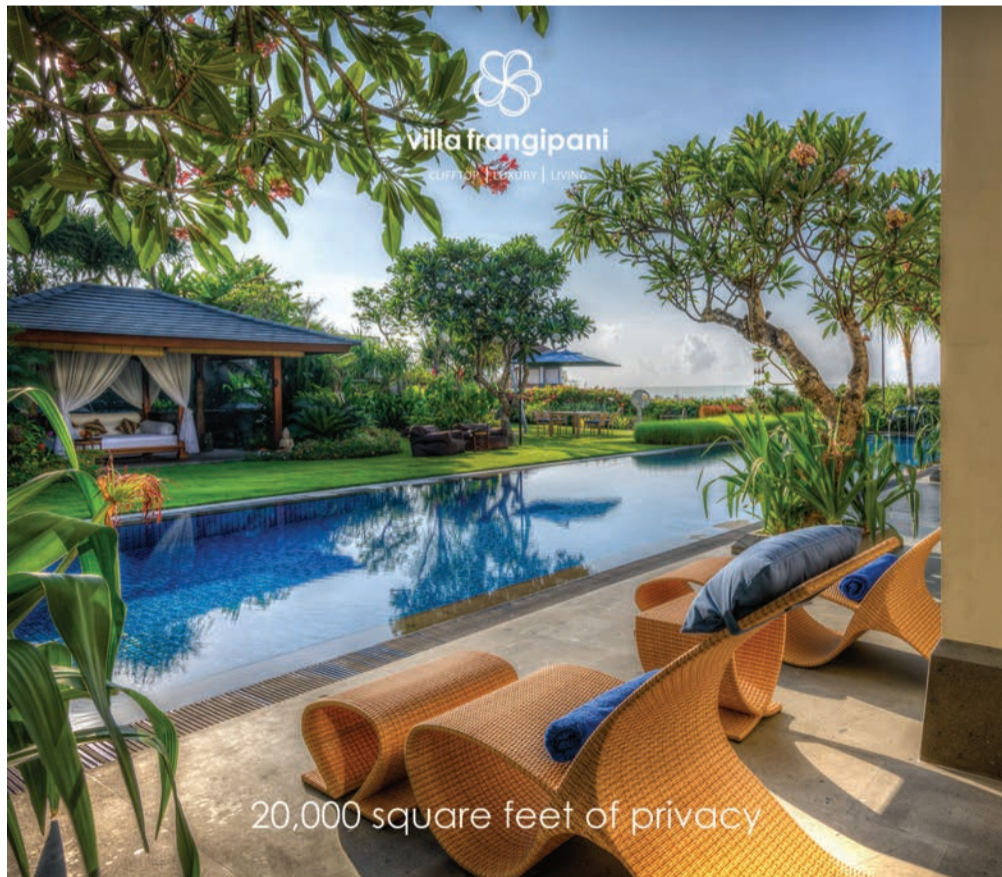
The creative force behind City's 2-1 win at Manchester United last weekend, De Bruyne ran the game at Etihad Stadium, too, opening the scoring by shooting a free kick underneath a jumping wall in the 15th minute.

But possibly his moment of the match came in the 66th when he found space to thread a perfect angled through-ball to Ilkay Gundogan, who ran into the area to meet the pass with a first-time low finish that outfoxed goalkeeper Artur Boruc.

No wonder De Bruyne was afforded a standing ovation by City fans when he was substituted late on.

City has 15 goals in five league games so far, and started a second successive league campaign with five wins in a row. This was also the first clean sheet in the league under Guardiola. **AP**

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Technology at Paralympics sparks advances and controversy

HERE'S how good technology for prosthetic running blades has become. Greek runner Michail Seitis set a world record for his division with a time of 49.66 seconds in the men's 400-meter final on Thursday. He came in sixth place out of eight runners. The five who finished ahead of him were double amputees.

"Oh, to be bilateral," said U.S. sprinter David Prince, a friend and training partner of Seitis', as he watched the race unfold.

Technology for prosthetics has improved so much that it is actually better to be a double amputee in track and field than a single amputee, says Prince, who lost his right leg in a motorcycle accident.

That pace of development has accented a trend within Paralympic sports. Sometimes better technology has created a gap between athletes within the same division — or classification, as it's known at the Paralympics — who have distinctly different levels of disability.

"Last year and this year were really hard for me to stay motivated to actually continue training, because I go into the race knowing that they [double amputees] run faster times and I know I'll get beat," Prince said.

Technology plays a prominent role at the Paralympics, with athletes across a variety of events utilizing different equipment to perform at the top of their discipline.

Tatyana McFadden, the top wheelchair racer at this year's games, is sponsored by BMW Racing and uses a specially designed chair to perform at her peak.

"The technology is amazing," McFadden said after one of her races on Thursday. She added: "It's important in this sport to



Tatyana McFadden is sponsored by BMW Racing

In order for the sport to stay legitimate, something has to be done.

DAVID PRINCE

have that little extra edge."

And more gear is always coming down the pipeline, like a swim cap that alerts a swimmer when a wall is approaching, which is being developed for athletes with visual im-

pairments. Such swimmers are currently tapped on the head by a guide with a long pole.

The athlete-technology partnership was acknowledged in the opening ceremony for the Rio Paralympics when a dancer performed a routine with a human-sized robotic arm as a partner, a piece called "Harmonious Relationship."

The developments are both exciting, and — to Prince — somewhat concerning. He worries that some athletes, such as single amputees like himself, will be left behind.

At the same time, he does not begrudge double amputees for availing themselves of what-

ever is within the rules.

"I support them going tall," said Prince, referring to the fact that newer blades are longer and can increase the height of runners. "Because if they go tall and start running these ridiculous times, guess what, the IPC has pressure now to address it."

Craig Spence, spokesman for the International Paralympic Committee, said the Rio Games have shown him an increased level of athletic performance. However, he was hesitant to attribute all of it to advances in technology. Training for disabled athletes also is improving.

"I've noticed that our athletes are getting faster, stronger and more agile in every single sport," Spence said. "Whether I put that down to technology, well you've got to look at the facts that our visually impaired athletes are getting faster as well. As are athletes with coordination impairments and they don't use any piece of technology."

Spence said the only stipulation in terms of access to blades or any other piece of technology is that it must be available on the public market.

Prices for running blades vary, but the top-of-the-line options can reach tens of thousands of dollars.

Prince, who won a bronze medal in the 400 in London and finished sixth in the 200 meters in Rio, said the biggest difference that he has seen between the 2012 Paralympics and this year has not been a new piece of technology, but rather the number of competitors who are using the best equipment available.

He also has had conversations with members of the IPC about figuring out competition between single amputees and double amputees. The main question that Prince is concerned with is whether double amputees and single amputees should compete against each other at all.

"The data is inconclusive, but if you have eyes, you can see," Prince said. "It doesn't take a doctorate degree to look at that and say, 'Huh, maybe a bilateral does have an advantage over a unilateral amputee.'"

While Prince acknowledges that it is still possible for a unilateral like himself to beat double amputees, he said when he lines up in a lane and sees a top level double amputee competitor, he knows what is most likely to follow.

With the number of competitors using the top blades on the market larger than ever, and many of those being under the age 25, what could happen over the next four years is a sharp dropoff in the number of single amputees competing in events against bilaterals, the 33-year-old Prince said.

That would be a shame, he feels, and would go against the spirit of the Paralympics. "If things progress and we're kept together," he said, "there's not going to be any unilateral amputees running because we won't have a chance. "In order for the sport to stay legitimate, something has to be done." **AP**

Iranian cyclist dies after crash in road race

AN Iranian cyclist died after crashing in a road race at the Rio de Janeiro Paralympics on Saturday. He was Bahman Golbarnezhad, aged 48, the International Paralympics Committee said.

It said he received emergency treatment on the course and was transported to a Rio hospital where officials said he died. "This is truly heart-breaking news, and the thoughts and condolences of the whole Paralympic Movement are with Bahman's family, friends, and teammates, as well as the whole of the National Paralympic Committee of Iran," IPC President Philip Craven said in a statement.

The IPC said it believes this is the first death in a Paralympics. The IPC said Golbarnezhad crashed about 10:40 a.m. local time on a mountainous stretch of the road cycling course. The IPC said he suffered cardiac arrest on the way to the hospital.

The cause of the crash was not clear, and officials said it was being investigated.

"The Paralympic family is united in grief at this horrendous tragedy, which casts a shadow over what have been great Paralympic Games," Craven added.

The Iranian flag was lowered to half-staff in the Paralympic Village, and at the venue where Iran faced Bosnia and Herzegovina in a men's sitting volleyball final yesterday.

A moment of silence was held at yesterday's closing ceremony in Maracana Stadium. "This is very sad news for sport and for the Paralympic movement," Carlos Nuzman, head of the Rio Olympic organizing committee, said in a statement. "Our hearts and prayers are with Bahman's family, his teammates and all the people of Iran."

A Paralympic biography said Golbarnezhad was born in Shiraz, Iran. He also com-



Iranian cyclist Bahman Golbarnezhad

peted in the London Paralympics but didn't medal. He was competing in the C4-5 races for athletes with lower limb impairments or amputations.

This was his second race in Rio. On Wednesday, he finished 14th in a time trial. **AP**

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SPECIAL DIVIDEND

Out of the blue, or at least through an unannounced decision made quietly and carefully, Chui Sai On changed the policy of making any MSAR Chief Executive official visit a small scale national embassy, with one or two policy Secretaries (who are equivalent to portfolio ministers) high-ranking civil servants, and a lot of business and corporate officials and the relevant "impresarios."

We have to admit that the habit was more than justified within the Special Administrative Region's constitutional framework, on grounds of the Basic Law's relevant provisions that completely limit foreign relations to the Central Government. As a matter of fact, China gave MSAR a special role in the Portuguese-speaking countries, so much so that direct contact between Macau and Portugal and the other Lusophone countries would always be the highlight of the agenda of the year...not yearly, indeed. Chui, and his predecessor, made sure they were followed by substantive delegations whenever abroad...within the special role circle: Portugal, Brazil and Portuguese-speaking Africa. It used to be like this.

Chui was the first to make the reading of the "zeitgeist" and adjust the MSAR Executive to the new realities of cooperation with the countries within the special role circle, and pardon us for repeating it. Now that we know something about Chui's main talking points during his high-profile meetings with Portugal's President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, Prime-Minister António Costa and the Macau-Portugal Joint Committee, that was co-chaired by Foreign Minister Augusto Santos Silva, the decision to leave behind his Secretary for the areas of education and culture and related entourage looks a bit puzzling... since the strengthening of the cooperation between the two sides happens to be around areas like Portuguese language teaching, education and culture. Now we also know that, contrary to the old spin, the economy is no longer the hard currency for cooperation, making the absence of the Secretary for Finance, Lionel Leong, perfectly understandable, as well as the usual business scions. It is pure speculation, but we would heavily underline the silent treatment Chui gave to the idea of an IPIM (Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute) office in Lisbon, Portugal.

The thing is... Mainland China's corporate investment in Portugal is up to a quantitative and qualitative level which dwarfs the importance of Macau in the equation of Lisbon-Beijing. And the trend seems to be growing and expanding into other areas of the Portuguese economy which is resulting in some small-size or fully fuzzy brand of projects made in Macau feel risible and unwelcome.

Now we have to address the consequences of this reality of heavy and direct Chinese investment in Portugal, and one comes immediately from the fact, or the other way around, that Macau has a one and only policy persona where Chui takes care of the tools- education, culture- of the bilateral cooperation between Portugal and Macau. And all three sides, China, Macau and Portugal, have come together at the Forum for Economic Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. Portuguese's Prime-Minister will be present at the 5th Ministerial Conference with some "goods" to show: the web summit in Lisbon.

PS. One final note to worry about is the excessive vigilance, persecution-cum-hacker raid the New Democrats claim to be receiving. Anyway, the New Macau Association has put up an open media vote to select what they take as "Civil Nicknames" for the panda cubs born in Taipa. The winners are Tam Tam and Wu Wu. Together the Chinese names mean corruption.

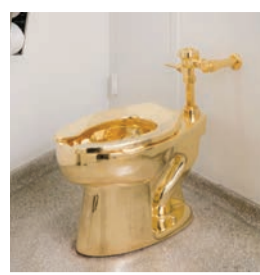
THE BUZZ NYC MUSEUM INVITES VIEWERS TO USE 18-KARAT GOLD TOILET

A New York City museum is offering visitors a chance to sit on a golden throne, but only in private.

As part of his "America" exhibit at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan replaced the toilet in the museum's fourth-floor restroom with a fully functional replica cast in 18-karat gold.

Viewers are invited to use the solid gold toilet just as they would any other facility. It's the first piece Cattelan has exhibited since his 2011 retrospective at the Guggenheim.

The museum says on its website that the exhibit "offers a wink to the excesses of the art market but also evokes the American dream of opportunity for all."



Station	Air quality
Roadside	50-70 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

SOURCE: D5IMG

Paralympics could help remake Tokyo's narrow roads, doorways

Stephen Wade, Rio de Janeiro

TOKYO Governor Yuriko Koike expects the 2020 Paralympics to make Japan's capital more accessible to people with disabilities.

Narrow roadways and doorways will be widened. More ramps and railing can be installed, and other physical changes can be made.

But she's also advocating for another type of "fix."

"Barrier-free facilities are by all means important, but I believe that a barrier-free mind is equally vital," Koike said in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday, a day before she receives the Paralympic flag — and four weeks after she took possession of the Olympic flag.

Tokyo's first female governor, Koike was elected two months ago and is pushing several Olympic-related agendas: Keeping down soaring costs, focusing on the environment, and talking up a women's rights agenda.

Add a Paralympic agenda to that list: Making Tokyo easier to navigate for people in wheelchairs, on crutches or with vision problems. Any improvement here could also make life easier for Japan's 75-and-over popula-



Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike waves the Olympic flag upon arrival of the flag at Haneda international airport in Tokyo

tion, which is predicted to reach 25 percent of the population in 2025.

"We have developed roads that are too narrow," she said. "This is a legacy of Tokyo. Furthermore, the doorways are not wide, the ceilings are low in some typical housing. As we welcome athletes as well as spectators from all over the world at the venues, we must overcome these challenges."

Koike said expanding some of Tokyo's narrow roads, often shared by cars and pedestrians and without sidewalks, means removing utility poles and placing the power lines underground.

"Going toward the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, I'd like to expand the

width of the roads by doing away with the utility poles so we can provide accessibility to everyone," Koike said.

Paralympic organizers are expecting big things from Tokyo, although, on the field in Rio, Japan had failed to win a gold medal through competition on Friday. The games closed yesterday.

Japanese broadcaster NHK has a long-term deal to telecast the Paralympics through 2024, which will drive interest.

"I think there's going to be a huge awareness level of the games coming to Japan in four years," International Paralympic Committee spokesman Craig Spence said.

IPC President Philip Craven four years ago called London "the best games ever." "From what I've seen from Tokyo so far, Tokyo has a very, very good chance of surpassing London and becoming the best Paralympics ever," Spence said. "I've never come across an organizing committee so committed, so dedicated and enthusiastic about the Paralympic movement." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Chinese and Russian fleets fire main guns during a China-Russia naval joint drill at sea off Guangdong Province. Chinese and Russian fleets conducted the "Joint Sea 2016" drill on an area east of Zhanjiang yesterday.

WORLD BRIEFS



THAILAND at least 13 people were killed when a double-decker passenger boat carrying more than 100 people capsized in the Chao Phraya River north of Bangkok. Some people were still missing after the accident, which occurred when the boat was involved in a collision yesterday afternoon, but it was not immediately clear how many. No foreigners were reported to be among the victims.

FRANCE Officials say former French President Jacques Chirac has been hospitalized with a lung infection. Jocelyne Gastellu of the Paris Hospitals Foundation confirmed yesterday that the 83-year-old was admitted to a hospital in Paris but could not confirm local media reports that it followed a visit to Morocco.



SERBIA Thousands riot police cordoned off central Belgrade yesterday for a gay pride march which was held amid fears of attacks from extremists in the predominantly conservative Balkan country. Holding banners and flags, several hundred people marched in the downtown area as helicopters flew above. Police with dogs secured the zone that was sealed off for traffic for hours before the planned start of the event.



SOMALIA A powerful car bomb killed a Somali military general and five of his bodyguards in the capital yesterday, according to a Somali police officer. Gen. Mohamed Roble Jimale Gobanle and his bodyguards were killed when a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden vehicle next to the general's car near Somalia's defense ministry compound in Mogadishu, said Capt. Ali Nur. Gobanle was the commander of the Somali army's 3rd Brigade, a combat team fighting the al-Shabab Islamic extremists in southern Somalia.