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US A commuter train from New York barreled into a New Jersey rail station without stopping and crashed during the morning rush hour yesterday, injuring more than 100 people, some of them critically. The train came to a halt in a covered area between the station's indoor waiting area and the platform, causing a metal structure to collapse. Authorities are investigating what might have caused the train to crash.



PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte says joint military exercises of Filipino and American troops next week will be the last such drills, although his foreign secretary quickly says the decision is not final.

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Miss Iran troubled at Macau border

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Yokohama loses Macau F3 tyre supply in 'last minute' deal with Pirelli

Renato Marques

JAPANESE tyre manufacturer Yokohama was dealt an unexpected surprise this week, losing the supply deal for the Macau Grand Prix Formula 3 (F3) event in an apparent "last minute" deal with another tyre brand—Pirelli.

ID SAYS CHANGE IS FIA'S RESPONSIBILITY

THE PRESIDENT of the Sports Bureau (ID), the entity that is organizing the Macau GP for the first time, responded yesterday to the last minute change on the tyre supplier, saying that it is the exclusive responsibility of FIA. "FIA as an international federation has its own procedures and we have to act accordingly," said Pun Weng Kun, explaining that the international organization opened a tender and a new tyre supplier won. The decision from FIA puts the two main events of the Macau GP schedule, the FIA GT World Cup and Formula 3 World Cup races, running exclusively on Pirelli tyres.

This will be the first time since the race adopted F3 regulations back in 1983 that the racers will not be using tyres from the Japanese giant. The announcement of the change made on Wednesday at the FIA World Motor Sport Council took Yokohama company by surprise.

The Times learned from sources close to the Japanese manufacturer that the tyres for the Macau event were in fact already in production and would be soon ready for shipment. The company was informed of the "change of plans" only through an announcement after the FIA meeting.

According to motorsport publication Autosport, three brands were in competition for the deal: Yokohama (official supplier for Japanese F3 Championship), Hankook (official supplier for European F3 Championship) and Pirelli (currently the tyre supplier for F1, GP2 and GP3 series and also the supplier for some F4 championships). According to the same source, eventually the FIA discounted South Korean Hankook, leaving the dispute between Pirelli and Yokohama only.

Sources close to FIA have



mentioned that it was expected that the final choice, at least for this year, would fall to the Japanese supplier since Pirelli has not supplied or tes-

ted recently in the F3 category. However, contrary to the "rumours" about who would be the FIA's first choice, it was in fact the Italian company - which,

since March 2015, is entirely owned by the Chinese state-owned enterprise China National Chemical Corporation (ChemChina) - that won the deal. ChemChina Company was founded by and is presided by Chinese businessman Ren Jianxin. Since the acquisition of Pirelli, he has taken on the role of Chairman of Pirelli.

The involvement of the FIA in the organization of this year's Macau race has already led to several delays, rescheduling and the pullout of the former race coordinator Barry Bland.

Formula E building up in 'good atmosphere,' 40,000 expected to attend

THE first Formula race event to be held in Hong Kong is expecting an attendance of 40,000 people who will fill the stands for the inaugural event of the 2016/2017 season.

According to the Chief Executive of the Formula Electric Racing (Hong Kong), Alan Fang, around 16,000 tickets have already sold for both the grandstands and eVillage access.

"I believe the public interest has been driven by the fact that the event appeals to a wide cross-section of interests with world-

class sport and entertainment throughout the weekend," said Fang to The Standard.

The event includes not only the Formula E race but also a touring car race featuring 16 Hong Kong celebrities.

A charity parade with supercars and a boxing event featuring Hong Kong's "The Wonder Kid" Rex Tso are also part of the extensive programme.

The events will take place during the weekend of October 8 and 9.

A 'cleaner' version of 'Turandot' opens Music Festival

Renato Marques

FROM October 1 to 4 the three act Opera "Turandot" by Giacomo Puccini will hit the stage of the Grand Auditorium of the Macao Cultural Centre (CCM). Conducted by the hand of Maestro Lu Jia leading the Macao Orchestra, and staging the production the world-renowned producer Giancarlo del Monaco and stage and costume designer William Orlandi, the production is set to be a great show.

The opera tells the story of Turandot, a beautiful Chinese princess who tests her suitors using three riddles. Only the one who



Lu Jia, Giancarlo del Monaco and William Orlandi onstage

can answer the riddles correctly can marry her, those who fail will face death.

The producer Giancarlo del Monaco in a meeting yesterday with the press explained that the show, which will open the 30th

Macao International Music Festival, is a special version of the opera of Puccini "cleaned from the usual exaggeration of Chinese elements that we usually see in other productions of Turandot."

He added that most of the time this opera is presented with "too much Chinoiserie."

Del Monaco revealed that this story has a clear tribute moment to its original author, Giacomo Puccini, who died before being able to finish it.

"The moment will clearly be marked on stage with a blackout and the appearance of a photograph of Puccini together with white chrysanthemum flowers and an evocative message," he noted, explaining that the remainder of the show following the moment will be the section completed by Franco Alfano.

A confessed "long time friend" of Maestro Lu Jia,

Music Director and Principal Conductor of Macao Orchestra del Monaco remarked during the backstage tour, "conditions are gathered for a great show." Highlighting the cooperative efforts among the several parties involved, he added, "Maestro Lu Jia is responsible for what you will hear and I'm responsible for what you will see."

The stage design and the lighting are also important parts of the show, as del Monaco explained, "the light [in the show] will materialize and be part of the scenography." Big importance was given to the wardrobe and the use of colorful masks that will contrast with the black backgrou-

nd," del Monaco added. Stage and costume designer William Orlandi remarked that the idea of creating a "clean" version with only the essential elements on stage was developed to highlight the importance of these elements to the story: "The Stairway, Chinese art elements that resemble the main gate of the forbidden city, and the Chinese imperial throne are essential." Orlandi also revealed several details regarding the production of the costumes, all designed by him and produced locally in a Hong Kong atelier where he often works.

Tickets for the four Turandot performances are already sold out.

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Miss Iran faces two-hour investigation upon arrival

Lynzy Valles

SEVERAL tourists have recently claimed to face discrimination at immigration counters upon their arrival in the region. Following on from this, just this week, a recent beauty pageant participant was held for over two hours at the Macau International Airport after it was seen that she holds an Iranian passport.

The Immigration Bureau has previously remarked that discrimination for visitor arrivals does not exist, however Melika Razavi experienced the opposite.

The beauty queen, who lives in Cape Town, represented Iran in Miss Global 2016 held in the Philippines on Saturday, where she was crowned Miss Fitness.

According to her account to the Times, upon entering the region, an immigration officer took her to a room after seeing her Iranian passport, and she was interrogated about her purpose in visiting Macau.

Razavi, who introduced herself to the officers as a professional poker player, was asked to sign documents that would allow authorities to inspect her luggage, personal handbag, and even her mobile phone.

"He asked me to sign a paper to check my luggage. So he opened my luggage, he checked my luggage and he asked me to sign a paper [again] because he wanted to check my phone," explained Razavi to the Times.

"It was a male going through my stuff, and I was very uncomfortable [with] him searching my underclothing and asking me, what is this? Do I need to explain? It was just very uncomfortable. Very uneasy," she described.

After scrutinizing her perso-

It was a male going through my stuff, and I was very uncomfortable for him to be searching my underclothing and asking me, what is this?

MELIKA RAZAVI



Melika Razavi

nal belongings, she was asked to present some MOP5,000, which she did not have on hand as she was only carrying some credit cards and Philippine pesos.

The beauty pageant contestant said she has been to Macau before and was never asked to show money, stressing that Macau is the only region that has ever required her to show cash in order to enter the city.

"I showed them my credit cards. I do not carry cash with me because of the past experiences that I had. [...] I don't go to any country and show money," she explained.

"I showed them four different worldwide [credit/debit] cards, and I asked them, can I withdraw? They said no. [...] so I'm just trying to find out how am I going to have cash if [they] are not letting me use the ATM machine," the Iranian woman complained.

Eventually, the immigration officers informed her that she was refused entry to the city and would be deported back to the Philippines for failing to bring Patacas or Hong Kong dollars with her, even after checking her hotel booking and return ticket.

"The guy just looked at me and

a good cause," she said.

Miss Iran in Miss Global 2016 revealed that she had always given a percentage of her poker-playing winnings to different charities and on this trip to Macau, she intended to donate to local charities. Razavi revealed she was planning to visit two local charities in the region including a home for the aged and an orphanage.

After being told that she was being deported to a country she does not even have visa to, Razavi decided to introduce herself to the officers as Miss Iran and showed them videos of her performances during the pageant.

Razavi told the Times that she was only allowed to enter Macau after she showed the border police officers a video of her doing some magic tricks in front of the renowned Filipino boxer, Manny Pacquiao.

"[After they] saw the talent trick with Manny Pacquiao, one of the guys tried to help me," she said. "And at the end, the guy told me, we are giving you one chance to enter this country," she said.

Razavi expressed her disappointment after the alleged discrimination of her arrival in the peninsula, stressing that she was judged as someone who was participating in illegal activities.

"Am I a terrorist? Am I carrying drugs?" she questioned. "I love the people in this country [sic] that's why I came back, [but] it was a very bad experience," she explained.

After being hailed as Miss Fitness in Miss Global 2016, she revealed she would be participating in the upcoming poker tournament in the region this October. Razavi, who reached the Times through "her friend," lawmaker Pereira Coutinho, was only granted a ten-day visa. Coutinho argued that the case is another example of "overzealous behavior."

Although the Macao Government Tourism Office is significantly investing in promoting the city's tourism offerings, Razavi implied that it should also be outlined how Macau "welcomes" tourists.

INDIAN TOURISTS FACE 'HUMILIATING' WELCOME

THE TIMES previously reported that several tourists from India were also discriminated by allegedly having to queue in a different line and

were interrogated for up to three hours. The tourists have described such border inspections as "humiliating" and "discriminatory."

Li Keqiang confirmed to attend Ministerial Conference

Ye Dabo, the commissioner of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macau, has confirmed that the prime minister of the People's Republic of China, Li Keqiang, will attend the fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum of Economic and Trade Cooperation Between China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries, also known as Macau Forum, next month. This year's event will be held October 11 and 12 under the administration of a new Secretary-General of the Permanent Secretariat of Forum Macau, Xu Yingzhen. The previous Forum Macau's Ministerial Conferences took place in October 2003, September 2006, November 2010 and November 2013.

Construction workers to protest for minimum wage

Macau People Power (MPP) is calling the public to participate in a demonstration organized by the MPP for October 1 to urge the government to establish a minimum wage in the food, construction, and retail industries and to strictly control expat labour imports. Cheong Weng Fat, MPP's vice-chairman, while accompanied by local workers, informed the media of the intended demonstration. According to a letter sent to the Chief Executive and published by the MPP, the demonstration will call on the authority to set a minimum wage between MOP800 to MOP1,700 per day for construction site labourers and plumbers, among others. At least four other local associations are expected to organize demonstrations on the Chinese National Day.

Local wins senior swimming competition

A local swimmer, surnamed Mak, struck gold twice in the categories of 200-meter breaststroke and 100-meter butterfly stroke for 65-69 year-old women during the 19th National Adults Swimming Championship in Haining, Zhejiang Province. Earlier this week, supported by the Sports Bureau, the Swimming Association of Macao, China selected two swimmers to compete against athletes from Hong Kong and mainland China. Macau's other swimmer, surnamed Kuok, placed fourth among a group of 40-44 year-old competitors in the categories of 50-meter butterfly and 50-meter freestyle.

Lynzy Valles

Bowie confident of MGM's revenue growth this Sept

MGM China's CEO and executive director Grant Bowie is optimistic over the gaming operator's revenue this September, after a slight increase in the sector's revenue last month.

"I think the month will be reasonably consistent. We're obviously hoping to see improvement year-on-year, he told the press on the sidelines of the event. "If we see that - particularly in the mass market - I think everyone will be happy," he added.

Similarly, Bowie said tourist arrivals this Golden Week are "looking quite strong" and occupancy is "positive." Yet he admitted that traditional holiday periods are not nearly as busy as they were in the past.

On the possibility of banning croupiers from gambling, Bowie argued that there is "never one solution to address those issues."

"I'm not personally a supporter of banning people because what then happens is that if they break the ban, they could be committing an offense and I don't think that issue of problem gaming [should be considered] a criminal offense," he explained. "I think it's a social issue. It needs to be managed,"



MGM hosted its "Local Talent Continuing Education Series" ceremony yesterday

he added.

Meanwhile, the executive director said it is challenging to hire local workers in a market

where the unemployment rate is low. However, he is confident they will achieve the quality and number of people needed

to open MGM's property in Cotai, revealing that some of its current employees would also transfer to the new casino resort.

"I think we're now getting back to a much healthier employment market," he said, adding that MGM has to be a place where the employees want to work.

Among the 6,000 employees needed for the upcoming resort, about half of the positions are for gaming.

'Continuing education series' kicks off

MGM Macau hosted its "Local Talent Continuing Education Series" ceremony yesterday, presenting its learning and development strategy, and long-term commitment to nurturing local talent. The presentation included a roadmap on diversifying skillsets through on-the-job training.

At the ceremony, the resort unveiled three talent development programs available to its employees. The three programs are held in

partnership with the Labor Affairs Bureau, the Macao Polytechnic Institute, the Macao Federation of Trade Unions, and Escola Secundária Luso-Chinesa de Luís Gonzaga Gomes.

The "Local Talent Continuing Education Series" will provide training programs including "Diploma in Gaming Management", "Gaming Industry Occupational Quality Training", and "MGM High School Diploma Program" with courses beginning in September.

TRADE

Surge in the imports of large passenger cars

THE value of merchandise imports in August registered an increase for the first time since August 2015, up by 1.8 percent year-on-year to MOP6.92 billion. According to information released yesterday by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), imports of large passenger cars surged by 722.9 percent and imports of watches and gold jewelry rose by 40.7 percent and 16.5 percent respectively. The merchandise trade deficit amounted to MOP5.94 billion.

In the first eight months of 2016, the total value of merchandise imports fell by 18.7 percent to MOP46.05 billion, and the merchandise trade deficit increased to MOP39.13 billion.

Regarding merchandise exports, in August the total value amounted to MOP973 million, up by 8.4 percent year-on-year.

Analyzed by destination, in the first eight months of 2016 merchandise imports from mainland China (MOP16.54 billion) and the EU (MOP11.35 billion) decreased by 21.1 percent and 11 percent respectively year-on-year.

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Wushu Masters continuation given green light

PUN Weng Kun, president of Macau Sports Development Board (ID), announced that the sports authority plans to "continue organizing the Wushu Masters Challenge in 2017." Pun revealed this yesterday during a press conference on a survey regarding the Wushu event. In Pun's words, "there has been a great upgrade in terms of space [of the Wushu Masters Challenge]." His department will now discuss with the Wushu General Association of Macau and other related departments about



Pun Weng Kun

how to improve the event. This year's initial edition of the Wushu Masters Challenge was widely criticized for the poor quality of some performers and poor attendance of events. Following the criticism, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam,

said that the event and the possibility of its continuation would be reevaluated.

The ID organized a survey, the results of which were presented yesterday. The survey interviewed 1,002 visitors from August 11 to 14 at several of the event's locations. Six hundred of them were residents while 402 were tourists.

Overall, the survey's results show that 59.4 percent of the locals and 83 percent of the tourists expressed their satisfaction towards the event. About 83 percent of locals would like to see it again.

ONE SHOT NEWS



The annual World Press Photo (WPP) exhibition was inaugurated yesterday at Casa Garden. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, a representative from the WPP Foundation highlighted that freedom of press has been decreasing in many parts of the world. Macau Daily Times is a media partner of the event, which is organized by the House of Portugal.

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HERITAGE

Taipa Houses-Museum open with free admission from Oct 1

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) announced completion of renovation and conservation works at the Taipa Houses-Museum at the end of August. According to a statement issued yesterday by the IC, the work undertaken included painting the exterior walls, repairing windows and door frames, and the installation of lighting in areas surrounding the buildings. The work is now complete and three of the houses will be open to the public from this Saturday, October 1, with free admission.



Built in 1921, the five Portuguese buildings of Taipa Houses-Museum were originally the residences of senior civil servants and Macanese families. In 1992, the five houses were recognized as buildings with architectural value. After restoration, the government transformed them into museums under the name of "Taipa Houses-Museum", which were opened to the pu-

blic in 1999. The renovation project for the houses was recently involved in controversy, when the plan to implement a Portuguese restaurant and other facilities in the site, previously announced by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, was dropped.

The decision taken by the interdepartmental group was based on "a significant num-

ber of opinions from concerned citizens about the possibility of such a project affecting the surrounding environment." As such it was decided to "suspend the plan keeping the original function of the building as a touristic interest house."

The Taipa Houses-Museum will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (closed on Mondays).

30 percent of complaints about taxis concern overcharging

FROM January to August this year, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) received over 1,540 complaints related to taxis, 467 of which were about taxi overcharging. This information was revealed by the DSAT during a press conference earlier this week.



The total number of complaints increased 20 percent year-on-year, with overcharging occurrences being 37.3 percent higher than in the first eight months of 2015.

Following overcharging are complaints regarding detours and refusals to take passengers, with 251 and 191 complaints recorded respectively.

Che Sai Wang, head of the Division of the Transport Management of DSAT, said that law enforcement officers from the transport authority are faced with disrespect from taxi drivers during inspection because their authority is not as far reaching as that of police officers.

Some taxi drivers do not cooperate with these officers

from the transport authority, even going so far as to physically attack them sometimes. This has led to some officers leaving the department and their job, according to Che. He informed that there are currently 50 to 60 officers from DSAT working as taxi inspectors.

Another concern revealed during the conference focused on taxi infraction. According to Leong Wa Chi, head of traffic police department of the Public Security Police Force, this year, the number of violations of the taxi regulation decreased in comparison to the first half of 2015. Approximately 2,000 infractions were recorded in the first half of this year.

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Hopefully you read last week's article about securing an apartment. Once you have paid the deposits, fees and rental as outlined in last weeks article, the process of moving in should be fairly straightforward. Firstly, you should receive a copy of the signed tenancy agreement, and this can be kept in a safe place for future reference. From the agency you should also receive a welcome letter giving useful information and tips for living in Macau. For example; 'How to cope with Humidity' and 'How to cope with an Insect Invasion' etc. On the contract the utility readings must be entered on the day that you check-in to the apart-

ment. As soon as you arrive at the property do double check these are the same or very similar to prevent any future disputes or incorrect payments. If there is a problem with the utility readings you can raise this with your property agent immediately. Modern technology can be handy, taking a photo on your phone is sometimes very useful. On move-in day you can follow the check-in process set out by your landlord or their property agent for the hand-over of the apartment to you. The usual practice is to walk around with the landlords representative and sign it immediately upon moving in. At JML the move in process is handled in a diffe-

rent way. Clients come to the office to receive the apartment keys so that they can move in at their own pace with minimum stress. They receive a copy of the apartment inventory to check, agree or raise any issues with and sign. JML's policy is to give tenants seven days to review the inventory and settle in. During this seven day period they can raise any queries on the inventory for resolution, a marked wall or missing cutlery for example. The inventory can then be altered or notes made on it as necessary. In part 4 of this series we will look at the first week in your new property.

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BILLION-DOLLAR BUSINESS

Prosecutors work on global sex trafficking cases in Hawaii

PROSECUTORS are calling the scourge of sex trafficking a form of modern-day slavery that touches every state in the nation, and they're working to draw connections between active investigations around the globe at a summit in Hawaii.

Representatives from eight countries more than a dozen U.S. states met to share details about cases of victims forced into the sex industry, hoping to collaborate on strategies to bring traffickers to justice.

"Sex trafficking internationally is somewhere between a USD7 billion and \$23 billion business," said Cyrus Vance Jr., district attorney for New York County. "And it's in every community in America — whether we like to acknowledge it or not — and every country around the world."

Prosecutors from Canada, China, Japan, Palau, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand attended the summit, along with American prosecutors from states spanning the coasts and the Midwest.

In New York City, where there's a special court to handle cases involving prostitution or sex trafficking, many young men and women are brought in from



Honolulu Prosecutor Keith Kaneshiro

other states and forced to work in the sex industry, Vance said.

California law enforcement officers have encountered victims forced into the sex trade from Mexico, Taiwan and China, but most of the victims were born in the United States, said Michael Ramos, district attorney for San Bernardino County and president of the National District Attorneys Association.

"Yes we have a problem in-

ternationally [...] but we really have a homegrown problem, and we need to take care of that," Ramos said.

Prosecutors in Hawaii have found sex-trafficking victims brought to the U.S. from China, the Philippines, Taiwan, Korea and Thailand, Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Keith Kaneshiro said. In the past year, the prosecutor's office has closed down three massage par-

Prosecutors have found sex-trafficking victims brought to the US from China, the Philippines, Taiwan, Korea and Thailand

lors in Honolulu that involved Asian sex-trafficking victims, including one case where sex workers from China were flown to New York and then Hawaii, he said.

"There are a lot of massage parlors proliferating in our community," Kaneshiro said.

The conference, which began yesterday [Macau time], is being held in Hawaii, the last

state to formally ban sex trafficking. American prosecutors attended from Arkansas, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Nevada, Oregon, Virginia, Washington and Washington D.C.

Kaneshiro, who co-sponsored the summit, said they intend to send a clear message that sex trafficking will not be tolerated.

Most of the law enforcement conference is closed to the media because prosecutors will be discussing ongoing cases and sharing intelligence, Kaneshiro said.

"We have international investigations ongoing, but we have not built those cases to indictment yet," Vance said. "I know that there's international traffic coming in from Europe and from Asia. But we need to have the relationships with those governments to help us understand what they're seeing and then build the cases." **AP**

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SMOG FREE TOWER

Beijing's latest answer to pollution

Nomaan Merchant, Beijing

IN a city where smog routinely blankets the streets, a Dutch artist has offered an eccentric solution: a 7-meter metal structure that takes in smog and expels cleaner air.

Daan Roosegaarde's Smog Free Tower opened yesterday on a small, grassy lot in Beijing's famed 798 arts district. Comprised of 45 silver plates resembling partially open window blinds, the tower contains an air-purifying machine that runs continuously with a low hum.

"That is not noise!" Roosegaarde told a visitor standing next to the tower. "That is the beautiful sound of clean air moving toward you!"

There's hardly a more scarce resource than clean air in Beijing on a high-pollution day, particularly in wintertime when the region's coal-fired electrical plants are running at full capacity. The levels of dust and harmful particles in Beijing's air are among the highest in the world.

Government researchers have linked the pollution to higher rates of lung cancer and on particularly bad days, schools keep children inside during playtimes and many pedestrians don masks designed for hospitals or construction zones.

Roosegaarde, whose projects focus on connecting people with nature and energy, came up with the idea for the tower after a



Dutch artist Daan Roosegaarde holds a packet containing smog particles collected by the Smog Free Tower as he presents his machine at D-751art district in Beijing

visit to Beijing three years ago during which he saw the view outside his window blocked by the thick gray haze.

"I couldn't even see the next street," he said. "That image changed me."

At his studio in the Netherlands, Roosegaarde and a team of designers began working on a project that would respond to Beijing's pollution and highlight the benefits of fighting it, in however limited a way. They raised more than USD120,000 online to help pay for the tower by selling metal rings with a clear cube that includes a bit of black carbon from smog.

The tower began running in Beijing one week ahead of its formal unveiling. The tower will also be shown in other Chinese cities, including the central city of He-

bei and the southern commercial center of Shenzhen. Roosegaarde wants to eventually build more towers, perhaps with funding from the Chinese government, which has publicly made reducing pollution a priority.

He also said he hopes the

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DAAN ROOSEGAARDE
ARTIST

tower will inspire creative thinking and innovation among people in China and other countries that are grappling with heavy pollution. He's planning to meet with inventors of projects like a bicycle that purifies air as it is pedaled.

"We shouldn't wait for the government to tell us what to do," he said. "I want to start a movement, a community, which does not accept pollution anymore. We should use the energy of creative thinking to create cities where ultimately in 10-15 years, these beauties are not necessary anymore."

The tower was unveiled on a relatively good day by Beijing standards, with a bright sky and a cool early fall breeze. Standing next to dignitaries with red roses pinned to their lapels, Roosegaarde used a remote control to raise part of the tower's panels into the air to show the machine inside.

Whether the air was actually cleaner was hard to say. An unscientific test using a handheld monitoring device throughout the day showed the air next to the tower was slightly cleaner than further away.

The tower did draw visitors walking through the district who stopped to stare at it and take pictures.

Ma Zhongqing, an information technology worker, said she was reminded of a larger version of the air purifiers many Beijing residents keep running in their homes during winter.

Ma and others were cautiously optimistic that it would make a difference, albeit a small one.

"It being exhibited here makes people feel that they need to pay attention to this kind of thing," Ma said. "But a lot of problems need to be solved while it's being put into use." **AP**

Man arrested after bodies of 16 found in Yunnan village



The bodies were found in a village in Yunnan province

Chinese state media say a man has been arrested after 16 people were found dead in six village homes. The bodies of the dead, including women and three children, were found yesterday in Huize county in Yunnan province in the country's southwest. The official Xinhua News Agency said a suspect was arrested in the provincial capital of Kunming, about 200 kilometers from where the bodies were found. An officer at the Daibu branch of the Huize police confirmed the deaths, but said he had no further details. Xinhua did not identify the suspect. It described the deaths as a killing spree but provided no details. If they were murders, the deaths would be one of the bloodiest mass slayings in China's recent history.

Thailand suspends seahorse trade to greater China



Thailand, the world's biggest exporter of seahorses, is suspending trade in the animal because of concern about threats to its wild population. The decision was announced at a meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, or CITES. Dr. Amanda Vincent, a seahorse expert at The University of British Columbia, said that Thailand ended its seahorse trade earlier this year until it can make exports "sustainable." Vincent is director of Project Seahorse, a group working with Thai authorities on seahorse conservation. The group's partner is the Zoological Society of London. Seahorses are mainly used in dried form for traditional medicine in mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Twin pandas to say bye-bye to Atlanta as they head to Chengdu



Panda twins born three years ago at Atlanta's zoo are set to leave for China later this year. Zoo Atlanta says Mei Lun and Mei Huan are expected to leave for the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in November. The zoo says the pair were the first surviving giant panda twins ever born in the U.S. Their mother, Lun Lun, gave birth earlier this month to another set of twins. She and her partner, Yang Yang, have had a total of seven offspring, all conceived by artificial insemination. Like at the other three U.S. zoos that have giant pandas, the bears are on loan from China. As part of the loan agreement, all adult offspring are sent to China when they're of age.

SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER

32 people missing in landslides following typhoon

AT least 32 people were reported missing yesterday after rain-saturated hillsides collapsed onto villages in southeastern China following a typhoon.

A rescue operation was underway in Sucun village in China's Zhejiang province, south of the financial hub of Shanghai, after it was hit by a landslide on Wednesday evening, leaving 26 missing, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

Another six people are missing in Baofeng village, also in Zhejiang, after a landslide destroyed their homes.

The landslides were triggered by torrential rain brought by Typhoon Megi, which lashed southeastern China on Wednesday. The storm had already killed at least five people in China

and Taiwan, and forced the closure of schools and offices and the cancellation of hundreds of flights.

State broadcaster CCTV showed rescue crews, accompanied by sniffer dogs, combing through piles of mud and rock in the mountainous, forested areas.

Megi caused more than USD10 million in damage as it swept across Taiwan before weakening into a tropical storm after hitting the coastal city of Quanzhou in China's Fujian province. At its height, it was packing winds of up to 118 kilometers per hour, China's National Meteorological Center said.

In Fuzhou, Fujian's capital, people were shown on state television walking through knee-deep waters

that had swamped major roads. Rescue workers were seen pulling stranded residents through the streets on inflatable boats.

Taiwan's Central Emergency Operations Center reported that 625 people were injured by Megi, including eight Japanese tourists whose tour bus flipped on its side. Three people suffered fatal falls and a fourth person died in a truck crash, Taiwan's Central Emergency Operations Center said.

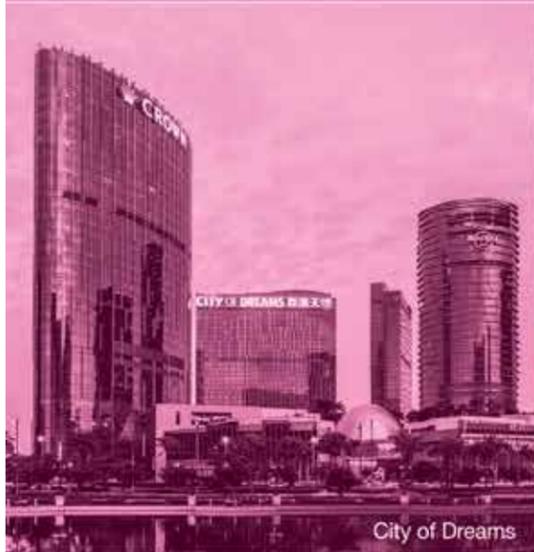
Megi dropped 300 millimeters of rain in the south and eastern mountains of Taiwan, and more than 220 flights were canceled at Taiwan's Taoyuan International Airport.

It was the fourth typhoon to hit Taiwan this year and the third in two weeks. **AP**



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UNITED NATIONS ALERTS

75,000 could starve to death in Nigeria after Boko Haram

As many as 75,000 children will die over the next year in famine-like conditions created by Boko Haram if donors don't respond quickly, the U.N. Children's Fund is warning. That's far more than the 20,000 people killed in the seven-year Islamic uprising.

The severity of malnutrition levels and high number of children facing death make the humanitarian crisis confronting northeastern Nigeria perhaps the worst in the world, according to Arjan de Wagt, nutrition chief for UNICEF in Nigeria. He said children already are dying but donors are not responding.

Most severely malnourished children die of secondary illnesses like diarrhea and respiratory infections, de Wagt told The Associated Press. "But with famine, you actually die of hunger," and that is what is happening, he said.

Severe malnutrition is being found in 20, 30 and even 50 percent of children in pockets of the region, he said.

"Globally, you just don't see this. You have to go back to places like Somalia five years ago to see these kinds of levels," de Wagt said. Nearly 260,000 people died in Somalia between 2010 and 2012 from severe drought aggravated by war. At the time, the United Nations said aid needed to be provided more quickly.

UNICEF yesterday doubled the amount of its appeal for Nigeria, saying USD115 million is needed to save children whose "lives are literally hanging by a thread." Only \$24 million has been raised so far, the agency said.



The lack of money has meant some 750,000 people living in accessible areas could not be helped this year, spokeswoman Doune Porter told the AP.

Most of the estimated 2.6 million people who fled Boko Haram's insurgency are subsistence farmers who have been unable to plant for two years or more.

Several thousand people returned this month from refugee camps to towns being secured by Nigeria's military, but it's too late to plant as the rainy season draws to an end. Meanwhile, Boko Haram still attacks outside urban areas.

Of 4 million people in desperate need of food are about 2.2 million people trapped in

Most malnourished children die of secondary illnesses like diarrhea and respiratory infections. 'But with famine, you actually die of hunger' and that is happening

areas where Boko Haram is operating or in newly liberated areas that still are too dangerous to reach by road, de Wagt said. Among them, 65,000 are living in famine-like conditions.

The crisis has reached "catastrophic levels" for people who have sought refuge in towns controlled by the military but who are "entirely reliant on outside aid that does not

reach them," aid group Doctors Without Borders said Wednesday.

"Many families are only able to eat once every few days and usually only watered-down porridge," said Oxfam aid group spokeswoman Christina Corbett. "They are going to bed hungry and waking up with no way to change that."

UNICEF limited its outreach to the region after Boko Haram fighters attacked a military-escorted humanitarian convoy in July, wounding a UNICEF worker and others when a rocket hit an armored car.

But de Wagt said the agency continues to deliver some therapeutic food by helicopter and to train local health workers to treat malnourished children living in dangerous areas.

Doctors Without Borders, also known by the French acronym MSF, said the highest levels of starving children are in camps in Maiduguri, the northeastern city free of conflict where aid workers have been active for two years.

"The mortality rate is five times higher than what is considered an emergency, with the main cause being hunger," it said in its statement. AP

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- 16:40 Europa League 2016/2017: Braga - Gent (Repeated)
- 18:10 Miscellaneous
- 18:30 Precious Pearl (Repeated)
- 19:20 TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
- 19:50 Soap Opera
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:15 Documentary Serie
- 22:10 Precious Pearl
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Europa League Highlights
- 23:45 The Lone Ranger
- 02:15 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

- 10:40 Comedy
- 11:10 Blaze Riders
- 11:30 Documentary Serie
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeat)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:50 Soap Opera
- 17:25 Documentary Serie
- 18:25 Miscellaneous
- 18:45 Contest
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Drama
- 22:00 Revenge S.3
- 22:45 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Comedy

SUNDAY

- 10:30 Young Children
- 11:00 Sunday Mass (Live)
- 12:00 Miscellaneous
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BEAR AT POLISH ZOO FINDS WWII MORTAR GRENADE

Taking a toy from a bear can be dangerous, especially when the toy is a mortar grenade.

Malgorzata Chodyla, spokeswoman for a zoo in Poznan, in western Poland, told The Associated Press this week that a visiting Border Guard officer noticed that a female bear named Ewka was playing with something odd.

On closer look, it proved to be a rusty mortar grenade from World War II.

The bear was swiftly locked up following the discovery on Saturday, the public was barred from the area and army sappers took the explosive to a test range to detonate it safely.

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MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Drake Doremus

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Nicholas Hoult, Guy Pearce, Jacki Weaver

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 127min



DEEP WATER HORIZON

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Peter Berg

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, John Malkovich, Kate Hudson

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 107min

STORKS

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.15, 7.45 pm

(3D) 6.00 pm

Director: Nicholas Stoller, Doug Sweetland

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 96min



BLAIR WITCH

ROOM 3

9.30pm

Director: Adam Wingard

Starring: James Allen McCune, Brandon Scott, Callie Hernandez

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 89min

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this day in history



1994 SLEEPY BORIS 'SNUBS' IRISH LEADER

A meeting between two international statesmen in Ireland had to be cancelled - because one of them overslept.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin had agreed to break a flight from the United States to Moscow in County Limerick for a reception with the Irish prime minister.

But instead there was a minor diplomatic incident when the Russian leader failed to appear.

Taoiseach Albert Reynolds, Ireland's leader, had to be content with meeting the Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Soskovets, who reported the president was asleep.

The taoiseach, his wife, two ministers, a group of Irish MPs, an Irish guard of honour, a military band and a delegation from the Russian embassy were all waiting on the tarmac to greet Mr Yeltsin.

They stood while his plane inexplicably circled Shannon airport for an hour, and for another 15 minutes after it landed, before they were told the president was too tired, and then too ill, to see them.

Mr Reynolds - who had to cancel a lavish reception at the nearby Dromoland Castle - denied he had been snubbed.

"I completely understand - Mr Yeltsin was acting on the orders of doctors who said it would be better for him not to get off the plane.

"He suffers from bad blood pressure - when a man is ill, a man is ill," he said.

But Mr Reynolds was said to be frustrated that the Russian president could not attend a news conference about the peace process.

And it was rumoured the vodka-loving leader had over-indulged his taste for the drink on the journey from Washington.

He finally appeared in Moscow to set the record straight.

"I feel excellent - I can tell you honestly, I just overslept.

"The security services did not let in the people who were due to wake me - of course I will sort things out and punish them," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Boris Yeltsin could be an unpredictable president.

Before the "Shannon Sleepover" he had twice jumped on stage during receptions to entertain the assembled dignitaries - much to the embarrassment of his officials.

The Russian president was also prone to making statements immediately denied by his press secretary.

In Sweden in 1997 he announced Russia was cutting its nuclear arsenal by a third and at the height of the Kosovo crisis he threatened to "send a missile" to the US.

Mr Yeltsin's health seriously declined after suffering a heart attack in 1996 and he resigned in 1999.

He died on April 23, 2007 from congestive heart failure.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Today is all about the things in your life — from furniture to art to loose change.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Intensity looks good on you! It turns out that one of your passions is vitally important today.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your patience is a quality that's rarely tested — but today brings a person or situation that demands much greater care.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You need some stimulating conversation in order to get your brain active — so sit down for a meal with smart friends or colleagues.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Communication is going on all around you — and it may even be largely about you! This is a good time for you to pay attention.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Your philosophical way of seeing today's events may strike some as too sanguine, but you are closer to the mark than they are.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your energy is like a magnet, drawing all the right people and spirits your way.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You need to try a little openness today — even with someone you have reason not to trust.

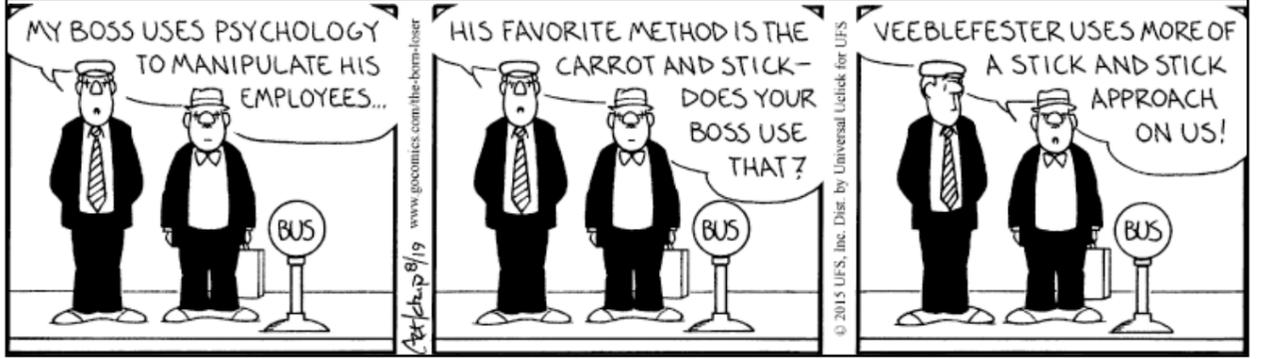
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's the small stuff that really counts today — so make sure that you're paying attention!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your love life is sweet and crazy today — or at least it is as much as you want it to be.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Something or someone from your past comes back to check in with you — and while it could just be a pleasant, forgettable encounter.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You look good and you feel good — it's a great combination! If you're looking for romance, now is the time to strut your stuff.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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

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

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Man City's risk-vs-reward style paying off for Guardiola

MANCHESTER City's risk-versus-reward approach under Pep Guardiola was summed up in one passage of play during a Champions League match against Celtic.

With two opponents closing in, City goalkeeper Claudio Bravo coolly slid a pass between them to midfielder Fernandinho on the edge of the area. Pressured by two more hounding Celtic players, Fernandinho produced a Cruyff turn to create space for himself and burst upfield.

Just like that, Celtic was opened up and City was launching another attack.

Guardiola acknowledges his possession-based style is fraught with danger but it's been getting results, with City making its best-ever start to a season in winning 10 straight games and scoring 30 goals in the process. It sparked talk of City winning the Premier League at a canter.

However, a 3-3 draw at Celtic yesterday that ended City's winning run exposed potential fallibilities in Guardiola's side.



Pep Guardiola

Bravely standing toe-to-toe with City, Celtic pressed high, hassled relentlessly and looked to outmuscle City's ball-playing defenders. It worked, with City enduring an uncomfortable night at atmospheric Parkhead, especially at the back.

Sitting deep against City and attempting to soak up pressure has got teams nowhere so far. Celtic has shown fellow sides the blueprint to trouble Guardiola's side: Take them on.

As it happens, Tottenham — one of the best proponents of a high-energy, high-intensity pressing game — is City's next opponent in the standout match of the Premier League this weekend. It's first vs. second in the standings, a meeting between two unbeaten teams.

Tottenham will know Bravo isn't great under the high ball and takes risks with the ball at his feet. They'll know the likely center-back pairing of John Stones and Nicolas Otamendi can be brittle. And they'll know the absence of injured playmaker Kevin De Bruyne takes some creativity out of City's side.

Tottenham beat City home and away last season but it will

be a huge task to stop the new-look City juggernaut.

Guardiola has got City operating at previously unseen levels. The team's biggest problem under his predecessor as manager, Manuel Pellegrini, was its work rate. But under Guardiola, City is second behind Liverpool in the "distance covered" category, according to sports data company Opta. Dropping Yaya Toure has helped City in this regard.

Guardiola is getting the best out of winger Raheem Sterling, who was a disappointment last season after signing for USD76 million, by giving him self-belief and playing to his strengths by getting him one-on-one with defenders as much as possible. He has five goals already.

Likewise, Aleksandar Kolarov is looking like a different player under Guardiola, who has even turned the Serbia left back into a ball-playing center back —

with mixed results. Playmaker David Silva looks liberated now that he is playing more centrally.

Then there's Sergio Aguero, a scorer of 11 goals in seven games this season. Guardiola is still asking for more from the striker, saying he has to work harder when City isn't in possession to help the team.

That sums up Guardiola's demanding approach. As does his removal from the first team of goalkeeper Joe Hart and Toure, who were mainstays for the past six years. They didn't fit his philosophy — Hart for his poor footwork and Toure for his lack of intensity in midfield — so they've been banished.

"I want to have control," Guardiola said after City beat Manchester United 2-1 this month.

He was talking about his ball-possession but he could so easily have been referring to his grip on the squad. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

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SHOWDOWN IN MACAO

Long drive champ Jamie Sadlowksi to bring additional firepower to Venetian Macao Open

If the fourth installment of one of golf's most intense rivalries, a major winner and Ryder Cup Captain, or the world no.13 going all out for victory isn't enough to get the golf juices flowing, then next month's Venetian Macao Open might yet have the answer.

Big hitting Long Drive specialist from Canada, Jamie Sadlowksi will make his debut at the Macau Golf & Country Club as he continues his quest to play full time professional golf.

The 28-year-old has been the face of the sport of Long Drive for more than a decade, making a record 10 consecutive world finals. He has two world Junior Titles and two Open Titles to his credit.

Routinely driving a golf ball 400 yards, he proved earlier this year that his capabilities extend way beyond jaw-dropping powerful drives, when he won a US Open local qualifier in Scottsdale, Arizona, after shooting a round of 65.

The former junior hockey player believes the Venetian Macao Open will offer him the best competition in Asia to test his game.

"I am very excited to be playing at the Venetian Macao Open for the first time. It's certainly not going to be an easy tournament to win, with some big names on the list and an impressive roll of honour. But I play a very aggressive game and hope the course is conducive to my style. I'm looking forward to it."

Whether Sadlowksi's epic drives can cope with the narrow fairways and deep rough at Macau Golf & Country Club remains to be seen. But one thing is for sure — this year's tournament looks set to be a thriller.

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THE CRUX OF THE MATTER

A week ago, HK01, a Hong Kong-based Chinese online newspaper cooperating with The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists revealed that our Chief Executive, Fernando Chui Sai On, and his legislator elder brother, Chui Sai Cheong, had been closely connected to an offshore company, Yee Shing International Limited, registered in the British Virgin Islands, for about two decades. As a subsidiary of Hopewell Holdings Limited, a major infrastructure and property firm listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since 1972 (with revenues of HKD6.64 billion in 2015), this offshore had in effect been co-founded by Chui Sai Cheong together with a long term executive of Hopewell.

The Chief Executive was only director of the tax-free company for two short years, starting in 1997, and resigned from his directorship on July 30th 1999, shortly before it was announced that he would become, after the December 19 handover, the new Secretary for social affairs and culture. His brother, on the contrary, was only out of Yee Shing for a short spell in 1994, and was still listed as a director in 2010 when Mossack Fonseca, the now rather infamous Panamanian law firm, lost the custody contract for the offshore. HK01 consequently wonder why this function had never been enclosed in Chui Sai Cheong's declaration of assets, the one all senior officials are supposed to divulge since a more stringent law on such matters was passed in January 2013—more than six years after the arrest of Ao Man Long, better late than never...

Interestingly enough, both brothers came up with a public explanation, and of course these were in line with the responses aired back in April when the so-called Panama papers, of which 29 percent of offshore firms were incorporated either in Hong Kong or China, started to unravel: why the big fuss, when all this is legal?! Chui Sai Cheong gave an interview to the ever-zealous and pro-establishment Chinese newspaper Macao Daily revealing that he had actually resigned from the director position in July 2012 (spoiler!), and that he therefore acted in accordance with the new asset declaration law. And then, Chui Sai On's Spokesperson's Office made it publicly known that by resigning from all business-related positions prior to his nomination to senior public posts he had been "strictly following the Basic Law of the MSAR". And things simply went back to normal: silence!

I already argued earlier this year that governing is not only a matter of legality, and that responsibility in politics require slightly more than being law abiding in grey areas—and the Panama papers are raw diamonds in that respect. The time when traditional paternalistic elites could profess "do as I say and not as I do" is coming to an end, and unfortunately not necessarily pointing to a reassuring future, whatever the setting, democratic or less so—think US, the Philippines, China, etc.

What these offshore leaks have revealed for Macao is well established: paragons of virtue and patriotism, even the ones representing Macao at the CPPCC or the NPC, are the ones practising "tax evasion" on an industrial scale while holding dual nationality. But for the Chui, dysfunctions are of another nature: what is the exact purpose of holding an official position? The younger Chui resigned 12 days before being nominated Secretary and the elder Chui resigned from Yee Shing right in the middle of the revision of the new asset declaration law (passed in 2013, but introduced in December 2011)? In finance, that would be called "insider trading"! And then what about the separation of powers: the two brothers played musical chairs in the very same business! Moreover, Chui Sai On was supposed to champion social and economic housing, both as a legislator starting in 1992 and as a Secretary afterwards, while his brother, now a legislator, was helping Hopewell ripe the full benefits of luxury real-estate programs such as Nova Taipa and then Nova City?

Promiscuity is a powerful excuse on a tiny territory that has a multi-secular tradition of opacity, but still, this is too big to go unnoticed.

THE BUZZ WORLD LIKELY WON'T AVOID DANGEROUS WARMING MARK

A team of top scientists is telling world leaders to stop congratulating themselves on the Paris agreement to fight climate change because if more isn't done, global temperatures will likely hit dangerous warming levels in about 35 years.

Six scientists who were leaders in past international climate conferences joined with the Universal Ecological Fund in Argentina to release a brief report yesterday, saying that if even more cuts in

heat-trapping gases aren't agreed upon soon, the world will warm by another 1 degree Celsius by around 2050.

That 1.8 degree mark is key because in 2009 world leaders agreed that they wanted to avoid warming of 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Temperatures have already risen about 1 degree Celsius, so that 2 degree goal is really about preventing a rise of another degree going forward.

Macau makes list of world's least friendly cities

MACAU has been included in a list of nine cities worldwide in the travel section of British newspaper the Independent. Unfortunately that list details the "world's least friendly cities."

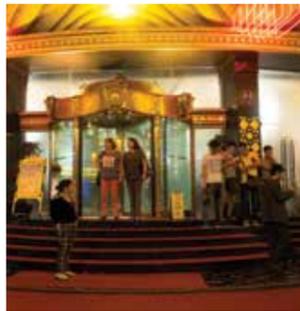
Warranting just a single short paragraph in the article, reviewer Georgina Wilson-Powell lambasted Macau's "never ending stampedes of gamblers who don't even acknowledge your presence when they trample over you."

Also making the list of shame was Hanoi, Vietnam, criticized for being home to aggressive locals who "argue about being short-changed" and rip off tourists.

"I found Vietnam a fairly combative experience – the endless barrage of scams meant most interactions with locals were spent arguing about being short-changed, haggling over taxi fares only to have the same fight all over again once at the destination," described Laura Chubb.

"Did I enjoy my time in Vietnam? Absolutely – but it was sad to have to treat all unsolicited approaches with a level of suspicion," added Chubb.

Vladikavkaz, Russia was also on the list, whose corrupt police, "hideous humid weather" and "dreadful



food" make it the least friendly place for article contributor Jamie Lafferty.

"Vladikavkaz is the most unfriendly place I've ever been. If not there, then one of the other cities in southern Russia," he wrote, ad-

ding that he only "ended up there by chance."

The other cities included in the article were Baku in Azerbaijan, Dallas and Miami in the U.S., Prague in the Czech Republic, Warsaw in Poland, and Reykjavik in Iceland.

Some of the contributing authors did note, however, that their opinions might have been influenced by unusual circumstances and that their judgment was not necessarily reflective of the entire city, region or country.

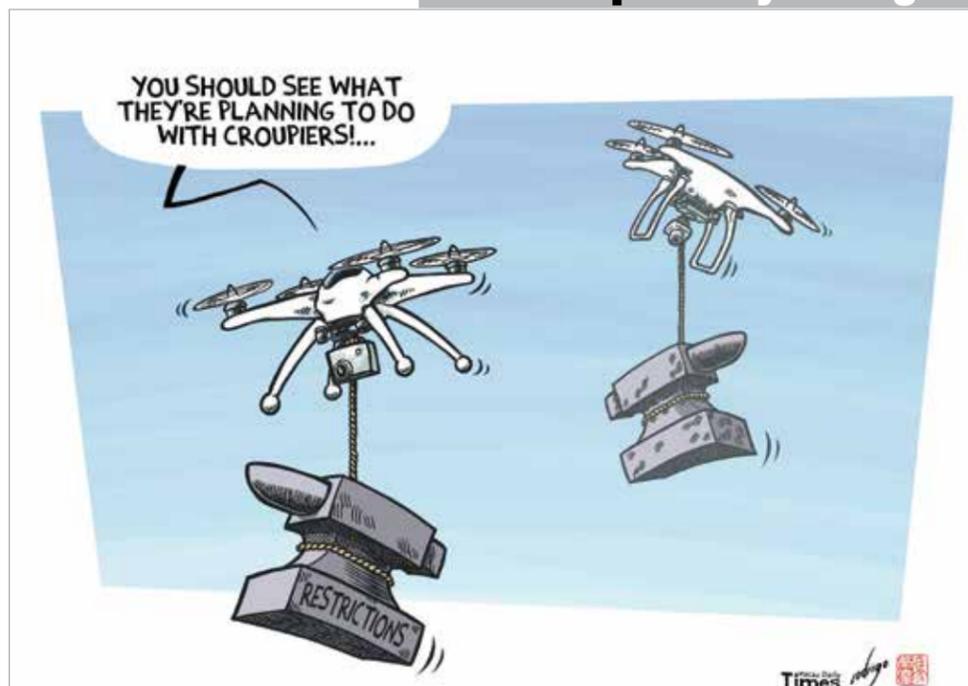
For example, while labeling Reykjavik "curiously awkward," Nicola Trup puts forward that East Iceland offers a warmer welcome. Additionally, Simon Calder who detailed his experience in Dallas, regards Texas as generally a "big-hearted state with three warm and welcoming cities: Houston, Austin and San Antonio. But not Dallas." **DB**

'Charm evaporated overnight'

IN a recent article published by the Financial Times, David Tang listed the "world's worst cities" and one of them was Macau. According to Tang, "Macau must win the accolade of a city whose charm evaporated overnight when it was returned to Chinese sovereignty."

Tang added: "Casinos and shopping arcades now rule the roost and somnambulant punters come and go, some with grim countenances hiding their secret losses, and others smiling as they splash their spoils on ostentatious retail. Outside, the narrow streets are dead, the skyline an undulating mess of soulless silhouettes, and more and more cars jam the roads. Money launderers mingle with fortune hunters. In the shadows of the ubiquitous pawn shops, with their sleepless neon signs, the place filled with an overwhelming sense of depression, despair, despondency and delinquency."

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Roadside	40-60 Moderate	☹️
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate	☹️
Ambient	40-60 Moderate	☹️

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WORLD BRIEFS

MYANMAR President Barack Obama underscored to Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi, during a visit to Washington this month, the importance of rooting out any vestiges of military cooperation with North Korea that may have remained from the previous military administration. *More on p12*

INDIA-PAKISTAN Pakistan says two of its soldiers were killed in an "unprovoked" attack when India fired across the border of the disputed region of Kashmir, while India said it had carried out a "surgical strike" against terrorists.



AFGHANISTAN's unity government is expected to remain in place despite the formal expiration of the U.S.-brokered deal between two electoral rivals whose internal feuding has undermined efforts to battle the Taliban and stabilize the country.

NIGERIA As many as 75,000 children will die over the next year in famine-like conditions created by Boko Haram if donors don't respond quickly, the U.N. Children's Fund is warning. Severe malnutrition is being found in 20, 30 and even 50 percent of children in pockets of the country. *More on p15*

BELGIUM Tens of thousands of workers have rallied in the Belgian capital to protest against government reforms and labor laws, disrupting public transport and traffic. Brussels police spokeswoman Ilse Van de Keere said around 45,000 people took part in yesterday's protest.

HOLIDAY TIMES

Macau Daily Times will not be published on Monday. The Times will be back on the stands on Tuesday, October 4. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.