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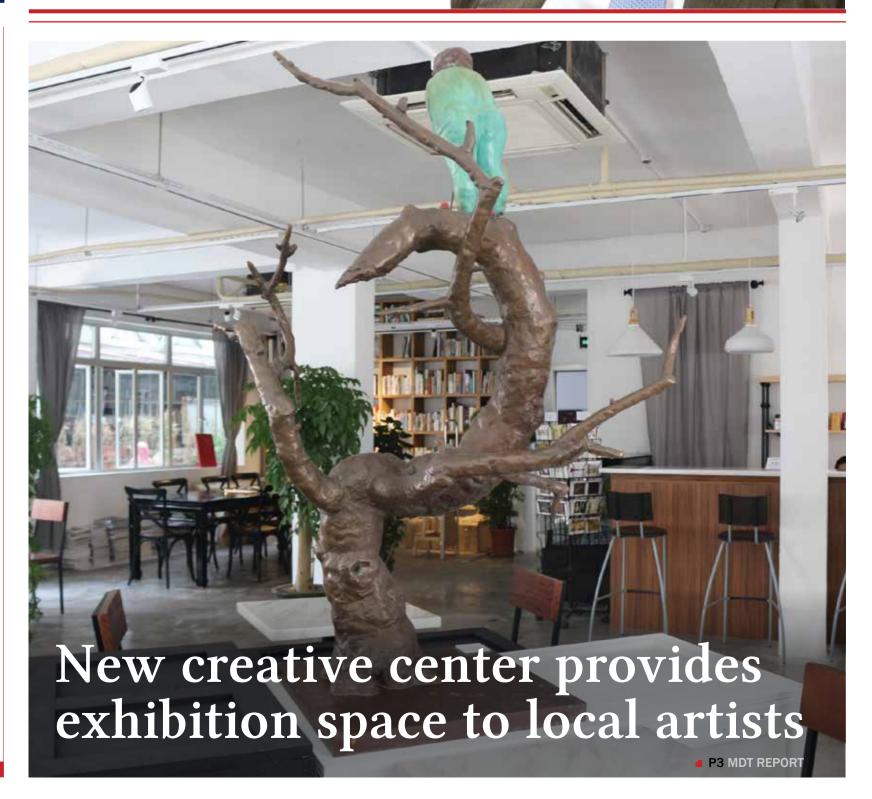
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States won't abandon its pursuit of peace in Syria after suspending direct U.S.-Russian talks on a cease-fire, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said, even as he announced no new strategy to replace diplomatic efforts with Russia. "Together, the Syrian regime and Russia seemed to have rejected diplomacy," he said, opting for a victory at the expense of "the broken bodies, bombed-out hospitals and traumatized children of a long-suffering land." More on p15

PHILIPPINES President **Duterte has told Barack** Obama "you can go to hell" in his latest tirade against the U.S. over its criticism of his deadly anti-drug campaign. He also lashed out anew at the European Union in a speech yesterday saying the 28-nation bloc, which has also criticized his brutal crackdown, "better choose purgatory, hell is filled up." Meanwhile, U.S. and Philippine forces opened joint combat exercises under some uncertainty, days after Duterte said they would be the last such drills of his 6-year presidency.

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PM to attend forum to promote startups



During
October 10
and 11, the
StartUP
Macau Forum
promises
two days
of startup

related events to strenghten the cooperation between Portugal and China. Portuguese prime minister Antonio Costa will officiate the closing ceremony. Organizers of the event expect to engage people in new ideas and innovative business solutions to help to develop the future Macau Entrepreneurial and Innovation Centre. The first day of the forum will consist of workshops with special facilitators to help the teams for the pitch competition that will occur on the second day. The sessions include topics such as Designing a Business Model, Preparing a Pitch Deck and Training the Pitch. The sessions will be supervised by experts from Fábrica de Startups and from local universities as well as other entrepreneurship related entities like CESL Asia. The event will take place at the Macau Science Centre.

First 100 days of panda cubs marked



The twin panda cubs' first 100 days were celebrated on Monday. The two panda cubs,

Jian Jian and Kang Kang, are expected to meet the public during the Chinese New Year, José Tavares, chairman of the Administration Committee of the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau informed during the celebratory event. Following their first appearance on the Chinese holiday, the pandas will keep being available for visits. Jian Jian and Kang Kang will stay with their parents at the current panda house, although the space is reportedly not enough for all the pandas to be exhibited. Tavares pointed out that the panda house needs to be expanded.

35 taxi overcharging cases on first two days of holiday

On October 1 and 2 the Public Security Police Force investigated 35 taxi overcharging cases, in addition to 17 cases pertaining to detours and refusals to take passengers, as noted in a statement released by the PSP earlier this week. Moreover, 18 illegal car hire services have been confirmed, 17 of which were related to app-based taxi hailing services. Last month, the Transport Bureau reported that it had received over 1, 540 complaints related to taxis between January and August of this year. From this figure, 467 of the complaints were about overcharging. 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.

New Macau urges gov't to reform public subsidies mechanism

Renato Marques

THE New Macau Association (ANM) is handing a petition to the government that aims to reform the mechanism of government subsidies in order to make the system more transparent, the group's president Scott Chiang said yesterday in a press conference held at the ANM headquarters.

In a letter to be handed to the Chief Executive (CE) the association requests the amendment to the Dispatch 54/GM/97 regarding the granting of public subsidies.

The letter comes as one of the consequences of the protest that occurred in May this year when around 3,000 people demonstrated against the donation from the Macao Foundation (FM) of RMB100 million to the Jinan University which, as explained by Chiang, led the ANM to propose the so-called "three-RR" (Refund, Resign and Reform).

"[Because] the first two RR are not quite feasible, for now we focus on the third one first — To Reform," said Chiang adding that such measures were "a way to prevent further scandals from occuring." He remarked that what the association is doing is "giving putting a step forward in order to change the subsidy culture."

Chiang highlighted that the current regulations only require a quarterly release of the beneficiaries of pu-



Scott Chiang

blic subsidies (such as those granted by Macao Foundation) with the name, the project name and the amount of the subsidy, without doing a follow-up of the process after the money is given or how it was in fact spent.

The president of ANM also mentioned that previous reports from both the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) and Commission of Audit (CA) had already noted that "the lack of monitoring directly leads to certain unnecessary problems." He additionally remarked that the main point of contention is "how well the [public] money is spent," which in the ANM's opinion "should be the golden standard to see if a certain organization should receive further subsidies or not," by opposition of something that ANM calls a "rank of 'closeness' to the government" in which the organizations that are "friendlier with the government" get more subsidies.

This time in order to achieve their goals, the ANM chose to adopt a strategy that its leader called "more polity", making use of power given by the public administration code within Article 106 to request amendments by "interest parties," that is, organizations eligible to apply for the subsidies.

In this way the ANM proposes an amendment to the writing of the paragraph 2.1: "The autonomous foundations and services referred to

in the Paragraph 2 shall disclose the reports referred in Paragraph 1.7 from the day of the publication of the list of the beneficiaries on the Official Gazette."

As noted also by Chiang, the new system will also help to judge "if some NGO will get a fairer treatment then the other" regarding the actual effects of the subsidy requested. In his opinion, this will "raise the standard on execution [of the projects submitted]."

On the topic, Jason Chao, vice president of ANM also remarked, "proposing an amendment to the [Dispatch] 54/GM/97 is the first step. We have a second step that is to propose an amendment to the law of the right of association" in order to establish a ceiling which requires the beneficiary associations to publish their financial statements, an "omission from the government which we reported 3 years ago to CCAC," Chao said.

JASON CHAO FEELS ANM IS MISREPRESENTED AT THE AL

VICE PRESIDENT of ANM Jason Chao said during a press

conference on the Association's request for the amendment of a dispatch to make the subsidies granted by the government more transparent, "I have to admit that right now we don't have effective means for us to propose draft laws. We need

new candidates to represent
New Macau Association to
get elected to the Legislative
Assembly before we can put
[propose] bills to the other legislators." The comment is veiled
wish to see the ANM with more
and different representation at
the Legislative Assembly for the
next legislative term.

Girl bruised and scarred at local nursery

A little girl received several bruises and scars on her face and hands while being taken care of at a nursery located in the Toi San area.

On September 26 the girl's mother noticed the injuries while picking up her daughter from the nursery. She questioned the school immediately, but the school did not give her clear answers regarding the incident.

The mother then spoke to the girl's head teacher through WeChat, where she was told that the child had been beaten by another child in the afternoon in the nursery's game room.

The girl was then taken to Centro Hospitalar Conde de São Januário, where doctors believed that the injuries had been caused by human nails, and had been most likely inflicted by an adult due to the shape of the scars, according to a report by Today Macao while citing a Facebook post.

The girl's parents then reported the case to the Public Security Police Force (PSP). A preliminary investigation shows that the injuries were caused by a second child, but the PSP is still investigating the case.

Meanwhile, the Social Affairs Bureau (IAS) said that it met with the child and her parents on the day the incident was revealed. The department also sent members of the staff to inspect the nursery afterwards, and confirmed that the nursery holds a license issued by the IAS, who claims that it is "not appropriate for the department to make comments at this stage, as the case has entered judicial process." JZ

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building abandoned for over ten years has recently completed its renovation to transform it into an art space to place local artists and their works into the limelight.

Macau Art Garden is the city's first building dedicated to local artistic creation and exhibition with the collaboration of cultural associations.

The Times visited the five-story building which has been transformed into a spacious exhibition area with two exhibition halls situated on the ground and first floor.

The exposition on the ground floor featured various paintings, picture installations and short media clips of local artists; along with a subtle tone of Peking-like opera.

Some installations were a reflection of the changes in the region over the past two decades, with some black and white photos displaying events.

The artistic creation center emerged from a dilapidated 50-year-old Chinese tenement building, and also features a mini coffee and book corner as well as a gift area where visitors can find artworks and cultural and creative products that are available for purchase.

Creative center provides exhibition space to local artists





The products are made by members of various arts societies including Art For All Society, Macao Artist Society, Macau Sky and Earth Ceramic Association and the Macau Sculpture Association.

Meanwhile, the first floor features the "Children's World of Creativity" classroom and another exhibition hall where solo and joint exhibitions of local artists can be held.

Annie Lio, administrative assistant of the facility told the Times that the classroom serves as a space for art programs such as painting, photography and other art subjects for children and teenagers on some weekends.

Currently the exhibition hall on the first floor features a sculpture exhibition in which the artist tried to narrate the meaning of life by means of an organic form, "using its sensitive artistic nation to bring together the abundant vitality of nature with the foundation of earth."

According to Lio, such exhibition spaces would largely contribute to the exposure of artists in the region, particularly younger ones who are in need of a space to display their

She added that if the association can help them display their works, they could have more opportunities to raise local art awareness.

Lio also highlighted that the center aims to encourage locals to appreciate the region's own artworks, admitting that residents are still not keen on visiting local exhibitions.

The center also provides 36 creative spaces that are for rent to local artists. According to them, nearly 50 local artists have already set up their studios in the building.

"The holding of various exhibitions allows residents to appreciate high-quality artworks created by local, mainland and foreign artists. Meanwhile, arts lectures, workshops and appreciation sessions are opened to raise public interest in art appreciation and promote exchanges between artists," wrote the center in its mission statement.

Art Garden believes that the facility would help develop local culture and boost the city's creativity in a bid to boost the local art industry.

Speaking to TDM, coordinator of Macau Art Garden James Chu, revealed there is a long queue for local artists wishing to showcase their creative works in the exhibition, as there are a total of 300 members in the associations.

Oktoberfest 2016 MGM is hosting Oktoberfest from October 13 to 23.

MGM will bring back the eighth Oktoberfest between October 13 and 23 this year! In the 11-day funfair of beer, guests can experience Macau's most authentic Oktoberfest

History of Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest began in Munich with over 200 years of long history. It was originally launched for the Münchners to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city the good Bavarian harvest. Nowadays, Oktoberfest has transformed into one of the most influential annual beer carnivals in the world.

In cooperation with Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Hong Kong and German Macau Busines Association, as well as with Macau Government Tourist Office as the supporting unit, MGM has welcomed nearly 100,000 beer lovers with 96,606 liters of beer, 21,785 kilograms of pork knuckles, 9,696 roasted chickens and 14,379 pieces of homemade pretzels served approximately.

Authentic Entertainment and Dinning Experience The 11-day beer fest at MGM captures the essence o Bavarian festivities through German beers, cuisines, live entertainments and the Bavarian party atmosphere

MGM will serve Spaten, one of only six genuine Oktoberfest brews and other special drinks and wheat beer while offering the most traditional German gastronomies. Enjoy the rhythmic accordion, oompah music and folk dances along with the Bavarian beer maids in dirndls. The huge beer tent with traditional decorations, including ceiling wreaths, buntings and carnival game booths, will be a guaranteed fun and alive experience that is just like the Munich Oktoberfest. Once again, MGM is flying The Högl Fun Band all the way

from Munich over to Macau to fill the nights with dynamic live performance and fun German essence. The band leader of Högl Fun Band has specially written a theme song "Nei Hou, Macau!" (Hello Macau) for their friends of Macau and MGM's Oktoberfest to add even more exciting elements to the party.

This year, MGM will introduce its first Family Friendly Special Day Time Oktoberfest between 11am and 3pm on October 22 only. Guests are welcome to party up with friends German brunch in the festive tent. Non-alcoholic beers and a range of beverage are also available as alternatives.

Tickets and reservations

Oktoberfest Macau at MGM will be held in The Vista II between October 13 and 23. Admission tickets and food and beverage coupons will be available for sale from September 12. The number of tickets and tables are very limited, so get them soon before they are out!



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iPhone 7 will launch in Macau October 14

PPLE has announced g Athat the latest iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus will be 2 launched in Macau October 14, according to Apple's official Macau website.

Potential buyers can purchase the new phones online from 8:01 a.m. on October 14, or visit the Apple Store, CTM, Hutchison Telephone and SmarTone, where the phones will be available instore for sale.

Alternatively, customers can visit the websites of these companies to pre-order both models.

On the same day, the smartphone will also become available in Macedonia, Turkey, Montenegro, Malaysia, and South Africa.

On September 16, iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus were released in a first wave of countries and regions, including Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China, in addition to the US, Australia, Germany, Canada, and the UK.



On September 23, following the first wave, the phones were being sold in more than 25 countries around the world, including most European countries, Russia, and some in the Middle East.

Macau has been included in the third wave release before South Korea and Thailand, who will have access to the smartphones October 21.

The two new Apple smartphones, each coming in five different colors, offer three different storage space: 32 GB, 128 GB and 256 GB. Moreover, they introduce immersive stereo speakers, and are splash and water resistant, according to Apple. Both models have also been equipped with new, advanced camera systems.

Diaspora exhibition traveling to Portugal

AN exhibition titled "Shan-ghai Portuguese Refugees in Macau (1937-1964)," organized by the Macao Archives, will be shown in Portugal at the Macau Scientific and Cultural Center in Lisbon and then at the Alfredo Pimenta Municipal Archives of the Municipality of Guimarães.

In total the exhibition will spend almost 11 months in Portugal from this month until September 2017.

The relocation of the exhibition marks the next stage in the cooperation agreement established between the MSAR and the Macau Scientific and Cultural Center of Portugal's Ministry of Education and Science, which aims to provide a platform for Chinese and Portuguese cultural exchange.

The exhibition showcases a selection of over 100 records that illustrate the historical background of the Macau diaspora around the world. It also documents the social inclusion of the Macanese refugees in Shanghai, as well as the Portuguese refugees who later traveled to Macau during this time period.

According to a statement from the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the exhibition is "a manifestation of the friendly cooperation and resource sharing between the cultural institutions in Portugal and Macau, and a new impulse to Chinese and Portuguese cultural exchange."

Since the mid-nineteenth century, Macanese groups have migrated to different parts of the world, with Hong Kong and Shanghai being major recipient cities of this diaspora.

However, starting from 1937 amid a variety of factors such as the Japanese invasion of China and the Chinese civil war, the Macanese were forced to leave Shanghai to seek shelter in Macau. Others later departed for other countries such as the U.S., Canada, Brazil, Portugal, Angola and Mozambique.

The exhibition's opening ceremony will be held in Lisbon October 11 at 6 p.m. (local time), and will remain open to the public until January 29, 2017. It will then relocate to the Alfredo Pimenta Municipal Archives from March 3 until September 1 next year.

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PAUL Tighe, who is leaving his position as Australia's Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macau after five years on the job, hosted a business cocktail reception on behalf of the consulate last week at Galaxy Macau.

Having now finished his term, Tighe will return to Australia to continue working in the country's diplomatic service in an internal position.

On this occasion, the Consul General sat down with the Times to look back at some of the developments in the last five years, including how Macau's change in economic circumstances has been reflected in the kind of business it does with Australia.

Tighe also said that he expects Australia's significant expat presence in Macau to flourish in the near future, and that their contribution to the city's economy is likely to continue expanding into different business sectors. He sees less involvement in gaming and hospitality and more interest in construction, engineering and food and beverage.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) - Looking back at your time as Consul General, what have you observed over the past five years in Macau?

Paul Tighe (PT) - What I've seen during my time [in Macau] is a little bit of a change in economic performance; obviously the gaming sector was booming when I first arrived, and that's tailed off over the last two years or so. But even as [that was happening] we have seen continued interest in Macau from Australians. Macau authorities have attempted to shift the economy to be less dependent on gaming and more into areas like hospitality and entertainment. That's generating a demand for people in the areas that Australia is able to provide, for example in the areas of food and beverage, entertainment, design and hospitality management and training. There is room for improvement, but I think we have made some good progress over the last five years.

MDT - How would you describe the relations today between Australia and Macau?

PT - I think that [gaming] is always going to be one of the cornerstones of the [Australia-Macau] relationship. There is also the Melco connection, which is a substantial part of our bilateral relationship. What is good to see, however, is that the relationship is expanding past that. I think that Australia has a great reputation in Hong Kong and Ma-

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PAUL TIGHE AUSTRALIA'S CONSUL GENERAL

'Australia-Macau relations go beyond gaming'



Paul Tighe

cau for its quality products, in areas like food and beverage and even consumer products, like high-end jewelry. It also has a reputation for providing these products reliably and with good safety and hygiene [standards].

MDT - There are many Australian expat workers in Macau's large hotel resorts. Do you think this presence is here to stay, or will it begin to trail off?

PT - I think that it will continue; as best we can tell there has been an increase in the number of Australians in Macau during that [gaming downturn] period, and they are in more sectors than they were in previously, for example not just hotel management but also construction, engineering and education. The other thing that has surprised me recently is the number of Australian tourists that visit Macau. We estimate that to be about 120,000 per year which is a larger number than I had imagined – so it's good to see there is an interest in Australia in coming to Macau. I suspect that the majority of those people are not coming for the gaming component;

they are coming to see Macau and some of its cultural heritage.

MDT - Why do you think Australian expats decide to work in Macau and Hong Kong, as opposed to other places overseas?

PT - The expat communities in both cities find them relatively easy environments in which to operate. Hong Kong in particular because of the British heritage, which is fami-

Australia has a great reputation in Hong Kong and Macau for its quality products, in areas like food and beverage and even consumer

products.

PAUL TIGHE

liar to Australians [in the sense that] it has commonwealth jurisdiction, the rule of law and an independent judiciary. I suspect that's why there are so many Australians there, because they feel familiar with that sort of system. Equally the expat presence in Macau seems to be very welcome. There is a slightly different way of doing things but once people have adjusted to it, they feel quite comfortable.

MDT - What do you hope your successor focuses

PT - I'm sure they will do a fantastic job. The key thing in my period, in Hong Kong especially, has been an increase in the flow of capital from Hong Kong and China into Australia. That's been an area of particular growth and I think that there are a lot more opportunities there, so I hope that will continue.

MDT - Hong Kong steals the limelight sometimes. Did you do enough in Macau over your term?

PT - I hope that we have done our bit. It's always hard to get that balance right, and you can always do more – I'm

sure that's true. However, given the critical mass of both areas, we have hopefully got the balance about right.

We also provide a critical role in providing government services [to the two regions] like passport services and consular services, and we take some comfort in the fact that, although its not so hard to get from Macau to Hong Kong if you really need to, we also bring a team up once a month [to provide the services locally]. I think people will always want more, and they appreciate the effort that we are already making.

MDT - What's next for you?

PT - I will go back to headquarters, which means Canberra. The normal way that our service works is that you do a term offshore and then a term in headquarters, so I'll be there for the foreseeable future.

I think that the pace of activity in Canberra is quite different to when you're overseas [in the diplomatic service]. In Canberra it is closer to normal office hours, so it will be nice to spend a bit more time at home in the evenings as well.



European F3 champion to skip Macau GP

NEWLY-CROWNED European Formula 3 (F3) Champion Lance Stroll will skip this year's edition of Macau F3 World Cup. The Canadian racer listed on European F3 under Macau's team Theodore Racing with Prema

The information was then confirmed by a spokesperson that said to Motorsport.com that the decision was due to "clashing commitments," refusing to elaborate on justify what the "clash" was, the website reported on Sunday.

Stroll (17) will thus be one of the confirmed big absences for the first edition of the upcoming FIA F3 World Cup race. Stroll raced for the first time in Macau last year with Theodore Racing finishing at 8th position in the race won by his then-teammate Felix Rosenqvist.

With the move from Rosenqvist out of the open-wheel



series to race in DTM next season, Lance Stroll was expected to be the number one racer from Theodore squad in Macau this year.

This will be first time in six vears that the European F3 champion misses the Macau end of season round. Nico Hulkenberg was the last European F3 champion to skip the event back in 2008.

The Canadian who is cur-

rently the development driver for Williams F1 is a serious candidate to take the vacant seat in Frank Williams' squad by the retirement of the Brazilian Felipe Massa from F1 announced a few weeks ago. This would be possible as he will turn 18 at the end of this month, which according to the FIA rules makes him eligible for a Formula 1 super license. RM

Hsin Chong under fire for property acquisition

THE trading of shares of cons-**⊥** truction and property management company Hsin Chong were halted last week after it become public that its non- executive chairman Lin Zhuo Yan had been accused of acquiring two properties at purportedly inflated prices, one worth HKD4 billion and the other HKD5.9 billion.

The properties are located at Tieling and Foshan, mainland China. According to Anonymous Analytics, former Hsin Chong chief executive Wilfred Wong (who is currently Sands China president) reportedly had a stake in the Tieling site that was sold to Hsin Chong.

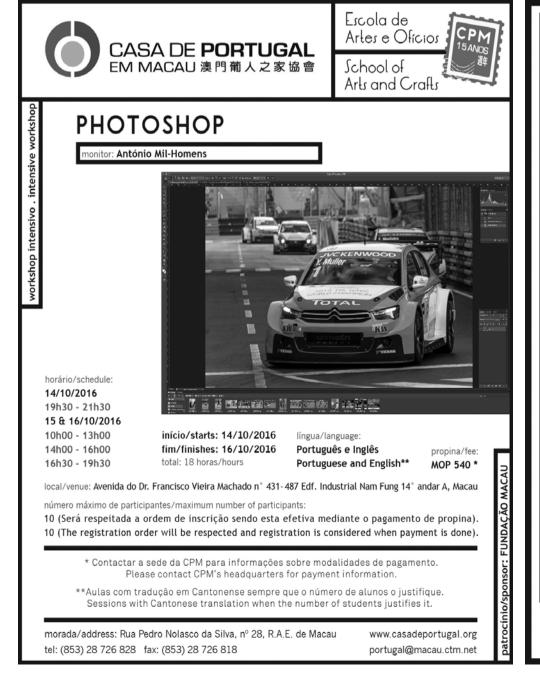
The firm made an announcement at the request of the Hong Kong stock exchange in response to allegations first made on September 28 by Anonymous Analytics and later in various media reports. It says that it disclosed detailed information about the Tieling and Foshan projects in company circulars dated September 30, 2011 and November 4, 2014.

"We also note that each transaction has proceeded only after independent shareholders'

approval was obtained at a special general meeting of the company held for that purpose, at which various companies through which Dr. Wong and Ms. Ma Kwing, Pony (the spouse of Mr. Lin) held shares in the company, and Dr. Wong himself had abstained from voting. So far as we are aware, Mr. Lin did not hold any shares in the company at the time," the announcement signed by Hsin Chong's board of directors reads.

In an apparent reference to the the Tieling and Foshan projects devaluation, Hsin Chong stated: "We believe that the challenges faced by the property development sector in China is commonly known to investors in Hong Kong. It is unfortunate that the Analyst Report [Anonymous Analytics] has chosen to adopt, based on information that the company has published in the past, an extremely negative assessment of the prospects and valuation model. We urge shareholders of, and potential investors in, the company's securities to continue to exercise their independent judgment when dealing in the company's securities."







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STUDENTS COMPLETE SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM AT CEM



The Closing Ceremony of Summer Training Program 2016 undertaken by students from the University of Macau (UM) in the Companhia de Electricidade de Macau - CEM, S.A. (CEM) was held at the Theatre of the Students Activity Centre in the UM Hengqin campus at the end of September.

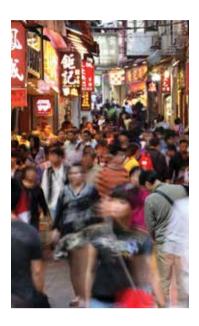
During the ceremony, Wong Pak Kin, Acting Dean of Faulty of Science and Technology of the University of Macau and Cecilia Nip, Communications and Public Affairs Office Senior Manager of CEM, awarded training certificates to 11 trainees.

According to a press release issued by CEM, in their speeches both Wong Pak Kin and Cecilia Nip noted their appreciation to all the management members, professors of the UM, and the tutors of CEM for their efforts contributing to the success of the program. CEM and UM signed a cooperation agreement since 1991. The Summer Training Program provides an opportunity for UM students to step into CEM every summer to broaden their horizons and apply their academic knowledge at work.

TOURISM

Tour groups continue to decline

7ISITORS coming to Macau on package tours increased by 8.2 percent month-to-month to 728,000 in August. The figures released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) represent a year-on-year decline of 20.6 percent. Package tour visitors from mainland China (593,000) and Taiwan (42,000) decreased by 24.9 percent and 11.1 percent respectively year-on-year, while those from the Republic of Korea (32,000) surged by 146.3 percent. In the first eight months of 2016, visitors on package tours amoun-



ted to a figure of 4,831,000, a decrease by 28.5 percent year-on-year.

Outbound residents using the services of travel agencies totaled 109,000 in August, up by 1.5 percent month-tomonth and down by 17.3 percent year-on-year. Residents travelling on package tours decreased by 27.7 percent year-on-year to 41,000, which can be attributed to a 37 percent decrease in residents travelling to mainland China (28,000). The number of residents travelling to Taiwan (2,700) also dropped by 14 percent.

A total of 1,076,000 guests checked into hotels and guesthouses in August, up by 3.3 percent monthto-month and 7.7 percent year-on-year. Guests from mainland China (688,000), Hong Kong (178,000) and Taiwan (40,000) increased by 5.5 percent, 14.3 percent and 11.8 percent respectively year-on-year. The average length of stay of guests held stable at 1.4 nights. The average occupancy rate of hotels and guesthouses reached 90 percent in August 2016, the highest record since February 2014.

Association against banning casino employees from casinos

LEI Kuok Keong, deputy director of the Forefront of Macau Gaming, said "I feel the government is close to becoming insane" regarding the authority not consulting gaming employees about banning them from entering casinos. According to

a report by All About Macau, many casino front workers are unhappy with the proposed ban. In Lei's opinion, if the local government is trying to imitate Singapore where the ban on entry to casinos is extended to all of its citizens, then it should not ban casino employees only.

Lei believes that by implementing the partial ban, the gaming industry might turn discriminatory. "[The ban] treats them as if they were gaming addicts, gambling groups, or even chips thieves," said Lei, adding that the situation is unfair. Lei considers that if the government really wants to protect residents and promote responsible gambling in the city, then the incoming laws should ban all Macau residents from casinos. JZ

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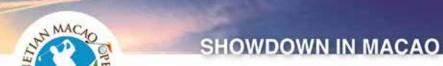
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ZHANG LIAN-WEI AND LIANG WEN-CHONG LEAD MAINLAND CHALLENGE

Four-time winner this season Dou Ze-cheng leads upcoming Chinese talents to bid for glory

China's most decorated golfers Zhang Lian-wei and Liang Wen-chong will lead the challenge to bring the Venetian Macao Open trophy back to their homeland for the first time in 14 years.

A five-time Asian Tour winner, Zhuhai native Zhang is the only player from his country to have held the Venetian Macao Open trophy, when he won back-to-back titles in 2001 and 2002.

"The Venetian Macao Open is an extremely special event. I have seen it grow into one of the best and most prestigious stops on the Asian Tour. The field gets stronger every year and with Scott Hend and Anirban Lahiri back to play, alongside Branden Grace and Darren Clarke, it is gearing up to be another exciting event," said Zhang.

Zhang will be joined by Liang, the only Chinese golfer to ever make the top 100 of the Official World Golf Ranking and win the Asian Tour's Order of Merit title.

The two legends will lead six other countrymen in attempt to wrestle the title away from defending champion Scott Hend of Australia. Nineteen-year-old Dou Ze-cheng has a current Official World Golf Ranking of 177, following an impressive season of four tournament wins.



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David Yong, Andrea Tan

ERRY Tan, a 77-year-old retired Singaporean businessman, was among dozens of bondholders in the city who joined forces last week to submit their demands as more companies seek to restructure debt payments.

"The only way to put ourselves in a position of some strength is to come together as a group," said Tan, who said he owns more than S\$8 million (USD5.9 million) of notes. "The whole bond market is really bad and you can expect a lot more defaults. The authorities should step up to protect investors and Singapore's reputation as a major financial center."

Tan was among a crowd of housewives, former traders and entrepreneurs who gathered outside a trustee's office to deliver a demand for immediate payment on S\$100 million of notes issued by shipping trust Rickmers Maritime, which is seeking a debt-equity swap. A separate group issued a similar notice of acceleration on S\$125 million of bonds sold by Malaysian oil services company Perisai Petroleum Teknologi Bhd., after talks on a reorganization broke down.

Three defaults in the past year and at least seven restructuring proposals have shaken Singapore's reputation as an Asian finance hub, prompting the government to tighten oversight of private banks and aid businesses caught up in a global oil and shipping slump. The city is also reeling from a penny-stock crash, the worst quarter for home prices in seven years and the highest bad loans since 2009.

"For financially-savvy investors, they need to know what they're buying into and not just look at the yields," said Benedict Koh, a professor of finance at Singapore Management University. "In workout situations, they must acknowledge that a haircut is inevitable, get some independent advice and

Singapore millionaire, 77, joins bondholders in workouts



decide whether the discount is fair or too deep."

Singapore's high net-worth individuals rose 27 percent between 2009 and 2015 to 103,600, according to Capgemini SA, becoming major buyers of higher-yielding notes. While their ranks include former traders and executives, many were classed as wealthy investors based on the apartments they live in rather than their ability to absorb losses. Local-currency junk bonds fell 1.9 percent last quarter, according to an IHS Markit Ltd. index, the most in data going back to June 2012.

The Monetary Authority of Singapore said last month it is

working to boost investor safeguards by year-end, while the government plans to enhance legal provisions for debt restructuring.

Rickmers isn't expected to revise its debt-equity swap proposal despite the bondholders' action, Soeren Andersen, chief executive officer of Rickmers Trust Management, the manager of the trust, said on Sept. 28. Its 8.45 percent notes were quoted at 35 cents on the dollar, according to DBS Bank Ltd. prices.

"So far, the company's proposals have been most inequitable to bondholders," said Jeffrey Sia, a retired trader who owns less than S\$1 million of Rickmers bonds. "We will stand united to protect our interests."

Perisai is offering an alternative proposal to bondholders after its plan to defer repayment of its S\$125 million notes was rejected by bondholders on Monday, the day the notes were due. The company said Tuesday in an exchange filing it received a notice from the bond trustee that an event of default had occurred.

Investors that pool their holdings beyond a 25 percent threshold are allowed to make demands for immediate repayment. Perisai shares tumbled a record 28 percent in Kuala Lumpur.

"Yes, it's our responsibility

Three defaults in the past year and at least seven restructuring proposals have shaken Singapore's reputation as an Asian finance hub

that we bought the bonds but the company can't just brush us aside," bondholder Cheng Fong Kiew said on Monday, after rejecting Perisai's deferment plan.

Investors holding 25 percent of Pacific Andes Resources Development Ltd.'s S\$200 million in defaulted 2017 notes, trading at 15 cents, are getting legal advice amid restructuring. Swiber Holdings Ltd. missed payments on S\$460 million of bonds and the oil services provider said any liquidation outcome would return 2 cents on the dollar for unsecured creditors.

"Bondholders were treated very roughly" in recent cases, said Lee Ka Shao, a former hedge fund manager who now runs a family office in Singapore. "If bondholders are not in the know, they could be easilv ran over because there is no platform for them to group and there is no process for going through a fair restructuring." Bloomberg

LVMH to add Rimowa suitcases in USD716m German foray

VMH Moet Hen-Linessy Louis Vuitton SE agreed to take over suitcase maker Rimowa for 640 million euros (USD716 million) and will put Alexandre Arnault in charge of the group's first German asset, a sign that Bernard Arnault is expanding the family's role in his luxury empire.

The world's largest luxury-goods maker is buying an 80 percent stake from Dieter Morszeck, grandson of Rimowa's founder, LVMH said yesterday. Morszeck will run the Cologne-based business alongside 24-year-old Alexandre Arnault, who gets his first big job at his father's group.

Rimowa's grooved aluminum suitcases have become a common sight in airport security lines, owned by celebrities

including Will.i.am and Gwyneth Paltrow. Selling for as little as \$400, the cases are less of a luxury than LVMH's Louis Vuitton, whose trunks typically cost thousands of dollars. Founded in 1898, Rimowa's growth has outpaced the broader luggage market's 5 percent expansion over the past five years, an LVMH spokesman said.

"LVMH is looking for

brands that have heritage and a unique position," said Mario Ortelli, an analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein. "They know that when they acquire these brands they can accelerate their development."

As part of LVMH, Rimowa will find it easier to get top locations in shopping malls and benefit from discounted advertising, Ortelli said. For LVMH, the acquisition is



its first of a German company and will add annual revenue of about 400 million euros. Rimowa -whose designs are based on the fuselage of the first metallic aircraft -- has grown sales at a pace of 20 percent per annum over the past two years, RBC Europe analysts es $timate. \ \textbf{Bloomberg}$



Wall of Chinese money making Hong Kong stocks Asia's wildest

Kana Nishizawa

ONG Kong is becoming The new wild east as mainland investors increasingly target the city's stocks. Swings in the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index are bigger than every other benchmark gauge in Asia, with a measure of volatility climbing to the highest levels relative to the Shanghai Composite Index in almost five years. Fluctuations increased in the past month as Hong Kong's equity market drew record inflows from mainland investors via a link with Shanghai, the most since the channel opened almost two years ago.

While the size of the influx is small relative to the \$4.1 trillion market capitalization, increasing speculative trading in the world's fourth-largest stock market adds to the risks for institutional investors already trying to navigate a Chinese slowdown, Brexit and higher U.S. borrowing costs. The inflows helped lift the Hang Seng China Enterprises up 10 percent last quarter to be among Asia's best performers.

"There are some signs the H-share market characteristics have become more like A shares but there are still a lot of differences," said Daniel So, a strategist at CMB International Securities Ltd. in Hong Kong. "It's still dominated by international investors -- mainland investors' trading accounts for a small portion of the total turnover."

A gauge of 30-day price swings on the Hang Seng China Enterprises climbed to 19.3 at the end of last week, compared with 16.2 for Japan's Topix index and 12.9 for the MSCI Asia Pacific Index.

Gyrations by the H-share gauge increased after it tumbled 4 percent on Sept. 12 from a nine-month high as mainland inflows waned. HSBC Holdings Plc and Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd., the two most traded through the link last month, have seen outsized swings.

More subdued trading in Hong Kong this week shows the increasing dependence on mainland inflows. Turnover fell to an almost threemonth low on Monday with Chinese markets closed for holidays. The link will reopen on Oct. 11. The 40-member gauge of H shares added 0.8 percent at the close.

Volatility in the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index is still a fraction of the levels seen in the Shanghai Composite during its boom-tobust last summer, and below peaks seen earlier this year.

China's domestic equity markets became the world's wildest in 2015 as investors unwound leveraged bullish bets and the government staged a drastic intervention to shore up stocks. While policy makers were unable to prevent a \$5 trillion rout, they've since succeeded in restoring stability -- price swings on the Shanghai Composite are near the smallest on record as the gauge treads water.

Fluctuations on the Shanghai gauge will likely remain subdued as the government keeps monetary policy largely unchanged, said Daniel Morris, a senior investment strategist in London at BNP Paribas Investment Partners. "Normally the volatility on the domestic market is higher than the Hong Kong market." **Bloomberg**

HONG KONG

Home sales rise to 15-month high on demand



HONG Kong home sales rose to the highest level in at least 15 months in September, government figures released yesterday show.

The number of homes sold reached 7,826 with a value of HKD56 billion (USD7.2 billion), according to figures on the Hong Kong Land Registry's website. That's up from the 5,821 units that changed hands in August, with a value of HKD40.6 billion.

Demand from buyers has slowly recovered since home sales fell to a 25-year low in February, spurred by aggressive discounts offered by Hong Kong developers. They are also providing mortgages worth as much as 120 percent of a property's value.

Tourists lowered to safety after night on Chinese mountain

HUNDREDS of tourists have made it safely to the ground after being trapped overnight atop China's Mount Hua when cable car service was suspended.

About 200 people were stranded Monday night when high winds forced the cable car operator to stop running cars up and down Mount Hua's west peak, more than 2,000 meters high.

Photos shared on the company's social media account show tourists huddled in the aisles where passengers wait to board the cable car. The company said it had provided raincoats, warm ginger soup and hot water to those waiting.

The cars resumed running yesterday morning after the winds died down.

The incident occurred during China's annual National Week, a seven-day holiday in which many tourist attractions see their highest traffic of the year. **AP** Ralph Jennings, New Taipei City

OMMERCIAL fishing boat owners in Taiwan, one of the world's biggest seafood exporters, face strict rules and potential fines under a new law aimed at preventing overfishing and protecting migrant crewmembers who work far at sea with little oversight.

The Distant Water Fisheries Act, which takes effect Jan. 15, 2017, comes amid growing pressure on Taiwan's seafood industry to crack down on modern-day slavery and other abuses for the more than 20,000 migrants working on the island's fleet of fishing vessels.

Frances Lee, a spokeswoman for Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said new requirements for the foreign fishermen will include insurance, health care, wages, working hours and human rights.

Last year the European Union gave Taiwan a "yellow card" warning for failing to control illegal fishing on its commercial vessels, which sail around the world to catch some USD2 billion a year worth of exported tuna and other seafood every year. Without improvements, Taiwan's \$14 million worth of seafood exports to the EU could face sanctions.

The U.S. State Department's 2016 Trafficking in Persons report says that while Taiwan has cracked down on forced labor and sex trafficking, fishing vessels need more attention. The report says fishermen mostly from Indonesia, Cambodia and Vietnam have been fraudulently recruited to work on Taiwan-flagged vessels where they can face abuses including violence, limited food supplies and withheld wages.

The issues extend well beyond Taiwan. Commercial fishing boat owners around the world, including the U.S., recruit foreign crews for the dangerous and exhausting work of hauling in the catch. The migrant fishermen are vulnerable to human trafficking and other exploitation because the work takes place so remotely, far from police or labor officials,

TAIWAN

Gov't seeks to improve conditions in fishing fleet



A fisherman leaps to his boat docked in harbor in Toucheng, north eastern Taiwan

and they can remain offshore for years as their catch is shuttled in to port.

Several nonprofit advocacy groups including Greenpeace and the International Labour Organization have repeatedly raised concerns about working conditions for foreign crew in Taiwan's fishing fleet.

Allison Lee at the Yilan Fishermen's Labor Union, which represents migrant workers in Taiwan, said men have been beaten, overworked and denied pay on board boats.

"The captain or first officers will use violence, like hitting their heads, kicking or punching their stomachs," she said.

Migrant workers hired for Taiwanese vessels often report working all but one or two of every 24 hours at times, said Wong Ying-dah, director of the Service Center and Shelter for Migrant Workers in Taiwan.

ded quarters with other migrants and eat just one meal a day despite paying up front for three, he said. "Some don't even have a bed," Wong said.

Some workers sign multiple contracts, sometimes without knowing what's in them, and inadvertently agreeing to reductions in wages, activists say.

Steve Trent, executive director of the London-based Environmental Justice Foundation, said Taiwan's domestic and distant water fleet already circumvent its existing labor laws, and that more needs to be done.

"Taiwan needs to develop a far deeper, more rigorous, victimcentered inspection regime on its domestic and distant water fleet if it is to have any serious intention of bringing working conditions up to basic international standards," he said.

Phil Robertson at Human Rights Watch in Bangkok said

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first step in providing protections, but said resources will be needed to give it teeth.

"The real difficulty is implementation, not only in court, but in the high seas," he said.

Advocates say they hear dozens of complaints from fisherpassing a law is an important men each year. But Fisheries and curb illegal fishing. AP

Agency Director Lin Ting-jung said his department gets only two reports a year of abuse against migrants. Nonetheless, he acknowledged there are problems on some boats and insufficient government oversight.

"There are some tense moments on the boats and labor rights can be a problem," he said. "The captains are looking for ways to improve rights. But this sweat-blood-seafood problem, is it a common situation or a few isolated cases?"

The new law, ratified in July, requires that foreign crew be hired through registered agents with contracts that specify the workers' rights. Violators who hire foreign crew without authorized agents face fines up to \$600,000, and boat owners who abuse their workers could lose their licenses for a year. The bill also lays out specific rules to conserve marine fisheries

THE Chinese gover-**I** nment expressed concern yesterday about the death of a Syracuse University student from Beijing whose body was found behind an apartment complex near the campus.

Yuan Xiaopeng, 23, was found dead after residents nearby reported hearing gunshots Friday.

The local sheriff's office said Saturday that no suspects had been identified. Syracuse University, in New York state,

China concerned about death of Syracuse student from Beijing

said in a statement that Yuan was a junior studying mathematics, and that his death appeared to be an "isolated incident.'

In a statement issued yesterday, the Chinese consulate in New York said it had received assurances that local authorities "attached great importance" to Yuan's case. Officials "also requested that the police ensure that the personal safety and legitimate rights and interests of Chinese students not be infringed," the state-

ment said.

The consulate also called on Syracuse University to assist relatives of Yuan who were coming to the United States.

According to Syracuse. com, authorities found Yuan's car in the parking lot of the complex in

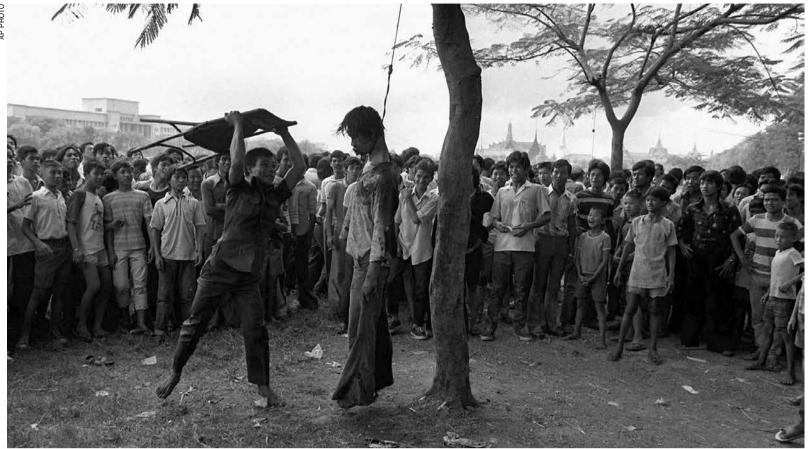
DeWitt, a Syracuse suburb. The vehicle, a bla-Chevrolet Camaro sports car with the license plate "SWAG PIP," was seen being hauled away Friday.

Yuan posted a photo of himself sitting atop the car on the Chinese social media site Weibo.

Yuan also posted an August 2015 letter from Syracuse University that indicated he had been removed from the university but allowed to return under disciplinary probation. The letter did not say why Yuan was on probation, and university officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

More than 300,000 Chinese are estimated to be enrolled in American universities. AP

ASIA-PACIFIC



In this Oct. 6, 1976 file photo a member of a Thai political faction strikes at the lifeless body of a hanged student outside Thammasat University in Bangkok

1976 lynching photo both dark mark and blind spot for Thais

Grant Peck, Bangkok

battered body hangs from a tree as a man swings a folding chair over his head, preparing to smash it into the corpse. Spectators watch intently at a slight distance, some smiling, as if watching a Punch and Judy show.

A photo of that moment immortalizes the bloody events of Oct. 6, 1976, when heavily armed security forces shot up Bangkok's Thammasat University campus and killed scores of students, while right-wing vigilantes captured and lynched would-be escapees. Even so, what happened there, and why, is to some degree forgotten in Thailand.

"Younger Thai people look at the photo and ask where it is from," said Australian filmmaker David Tucker, who is making a documentary about the killings. "They have no idea about the sixth of October. Some say, 'It must have come from another country. It couldn't have happened in Thailand.' People old enough to remember October 6 can guess where it is from and some have seen the picture before, but generally speaking, people are reluctant to talk.'

How reluctant? No one in that Pulitzer Prize-winning photo — the victim, the attacker or any of the dozens of spectators — has been identified in the 40 years since Associated Press photographer

Neal Ulevich shot it.

That fact intrigued Tucker, who has teamed up with Thai researchers who are attempting to put names to the long-ago faces. They hope to harness the power of social media to elicit more information, and this week their website, www.6Octphoto.com, went live.

"It's something the government doesn't want them to talk about," Tucker said, "but I think also a reluctance because the event is hard to reconcile with how Thais see themselves. They are famous for being a gentle and harmonious society and yet right here in the middle of their history is an event that is characterized by

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> **ANOCHA SUWICHAKORNPONG** MOVIE DIRECTOR

savagery and violence, right in the middle of downtown Bangkok."

Anocha Suwichakornpong, a Thai director who has made a film inspired by the events of Oct. 6, sees parallels with modern-day Thailand. The military seized control from an elected government in May 2014, following months of sometimes violent protests, and appears assured of maintaining control for the next several years.

"I feel the political climate of the recent years has been quite similar to that of 1970s Thailand, especially in the days leading up to the last coup (in 2014), whereby right-wingers and ultra-royalists were becoming more extreme and at the same time the military has been gaining more power. It's almost like we are living in a time warp," she said.

Three years before the 1976 killings, students spearheaded protests forcing Thailand's unpopular military dictators to flee the country, ushering in real parliamentary democracy. It was a tumultuous time to manage such a transition. In 1975, three neighboring countries - Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia — had been taken over by communists. Thailand had been a staunch ally of the United States in the Vietnam War, but Washington was now turning tail in Southeast Asia, and its protective shield carried no convincing guarantee.

To Thailand's establishment,

democracy looked messy, divisive, pitting farmers against landowners, workers against employers. The Marxist rhetoric of student activists hinted at an enemy within.

In the autumn of 1976, the students overplayed their hand when they protested the return to Thailand of one of the ousted dictators. A skit meant to represent the police killing of two activists was misrepresented by right-wing media as insulting the country's revered royal family. Students kept up their protests even as army -backed right-wing groups began to howl for blood.

By midnight Oct. 5, the 3,000 to 4,000 protesting students inside Thammasat were under siege. Irate royalists and organized thugs gathered outside gates that the students had locked for their own protection. Police, many from heavily armed special units trained for combat, fired revolvers, assault rifles, grenade launchers and even anti-tank weapons upon the students, a handful of whom are believed to have returned fire with small arms.

By midmorning, the police were sweeping the university grounds and buildings, making their student prisoners strip off shirts and lie face down on the central athletic field. Thugs rushed in unimpeded, trying to snatch vulnerable students on the fringes, even seeking to take the wounded from ambulances.

Hanged bodies were battered

until unrecognizable. Corpses had stakes driven into them. A pyre was made of four casually stacked victims. All of it was in plain view on a public field outside the university.

Ulevich took the photo of the hanging, one of 12 photos of the scene that earned him a Pulitzer, just after leaving the university grounds. He had been anxious that if he stayed too long, his film might be seized.

"When I got to the campus gate," he said in an interview at his Colorado home last week, "I saw a commotion under two trees in the large common field that is in the center of Bangkok.

"I walked over to one and saw the man with the chair beating one of the hanged bodies over the head. Two trees away there was another hanged body. They were both quite dead by that time."

The official death toll was 46; more reliable estimates from scholars put it upwards

When the army seized power later that day, it imposed a news blackout. Newspapers were temporarily shut down, film and notes seized from reporters. A TV announcer who put footage of the carnage on air was immediately fired.

But pictures from international news and broadcast agencies beat the blackout. Newspapers around the world published the shocking images.

It was 20 years before Thais even began commemorating the massacre, with a mass gathering at Thammasat and the organized publication of many books. Smaller commemorations then became a tradition, but in 2014, the military government ordered politics to be kept out of the proceedings.

The junta has shown no signs of interfering with this year's commemorations, though its critics are among the organizers and events have been expanded for the first time to two other Bangkok universi-

Ulevich's photo is the main design element for many of the posters marking the 40th anniversary. It also has been an inspiration to Thai artists, including Anocha, whose independent feature "By the Time It Gets Dark" is making the festival rounds. The movie is about a filmmaker working on a movie based on a writer who had been a student activist in the 1970s.

Ulevich's photo, she said in an email, "has served as a reminder (to those who have forgotten) to which depth Thai society can sink into in the grip of hysteria and madness. And to those who had not lived through the experience, to ignite something in them that hopefully can help prevent such barbarity from happening again." AP





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WEIRD SCIENCE

Three British-born scientists win Nobel for unusual states of matter

Karl Ritter, Stockholm

RITISH-BORN scientists David Thouless, Duncan Haldane and Michael Kosterlitz were awarded this year's Nobel Prize in physics yesterday for discoveries on unusual states of matter that could result in improved materials for electronics or quantum computers.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the laureates' work in the 1970s and '80s opened the door to a previously unknown world where matter takes unusual states or phases.

"Their discoveries have brought about breakthroughs in the theoretical understanding of matter's mysteries and created new perspectives on the development of innovative materials," the academy said.

It cited the three for "theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter."

Topology is a branch of mathematics that describes properties of objects.

The judges said that there is now hope that "topological materials will be useful for new generations of electronics and superconductors or in future quantum computers."

Nobel judges often award discoveries made decades ago to make sure they withstand the test of time.

Thouless, 82, is a professor emeritus at the University of Washington. Haldane, 65, is a physics professor at Princeton University in New Jersey. Kos-



The Royal Academy of Sciences members, from left, Professor Nils Martensson, Professor Goran K Hansson and Professor Thomas Hans Hansson reveal the winners of the Nobel Prize in physics, at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, in Stockholm

terlitz, 73, is a physics professor at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Speaking by a phone link to a news conference in Stockholm, Haldane said he was "very surprised and very gratified" by the award, adding the laureates stumbled onto the discoveries.

"Most of the big discoveries are really that way," he said. "At least in theoretical things, you never set out to discover something new. You stumble on it and you have the luck to recognize what you've found is something very interesting."

Kosterlitz, a dual U.K.-U.S. citizen, said he got the news while heading to lunch in Helsinki, where he is currently a visiting professor at Aalto University.

"I'm a little bit dazzled. I'm still trying to take it in," he told

The Associated Press.

While most people are familiar with objects in three dimensions, the Nobel laureates analyzed materials so thin they have only two dimensions, or even one.

Scientists had once been skeptical that any interesting atomic-scale behavior takes place in these settings, but the Nobel laureates proved them wrong, said Phillip Schewe, a physicist and writer at the University of Maryland in College Park.

For example, Kosterlitz and Thouless showed that, against expectations, two-dimensional materials could conduct electricity without any loss to resistance. That property is called superconductivity.

Kosterlitz said he was in his 20s at the time and that his "complete ignorance" was an advantage in challenging the established science.

"I didn't have any preconceived ideas," he said. "I was young and stupid enough to take it on."

Their analysis relied on topology, which is the mathematical study of properties that don't change when objects are distorted. A doughnut and a coffee cup are equivalent topologically because they each have exactly one hole. In topology, properties change only in whole steps; you can't have half a hole.

Prize committee member Thor Hans Hansson explained the concept by holding up a cinnamon bun, a bagel and a pretzel with two holes in it to reporters in Stockholm.

Thouless was able to explain an experiment conducted with

Their discoveries have brought about breakthroughs in the theoretical understanding of matter's mysteries.

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a very thin layer of material. Its electrical resistance varied in response to changes in a magnetic field, but while the strength of the field was changed smoothly, the resistance changed in sharply defined steps. This effect is so precise that it is now used to define the unit of electrical resistance, the ohm.

Nobel committee member David Haviland said this year's prize was more about theoretical discoveries even though they may result in practical applications.

"Topology is a very abstract branch of mathematics which isn't used so frequently in physics," Haviland said. "But these theoreticians have come up with a description of these materials using topological ideas, which have proven very fruitful and has led to a lot of ongoing research about material properties."

This year's Nobel Prize announcements started with the medicine award going to Japanese biologist Yoshinori Ohsumi for discoveries on autophagy, the process by which a cell breaks down and recycles content.

The chemistry prize will be announced today [Macau time] and the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday. The economics and literature awards will be announced next week.

Each prize has a purse of 8 million kronor (\$USD900,000). The winners also collect a medal and a diploma at the award ceremonies on Dec. 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896. **AP**

MIDDLE-EAST

Syrian pro-government forces press attack on city of Aleppo

SYRIAN government forces pressed their assault yesterday on the eastern, rebel-held neighborhoods of Aleppo, opposition activists said, while state media reported that rebel shelling of government-controlled part of the city left six dead, including two students killed at a university campus.

Also yesterday, activists raised the death toll from a suicide bombing at a Kurdish wedding in the northeastern city of Hasakah the previous night to at least 34 dead. The attack was claimed by

the Islamic State group, which said its fighter had targeted a gathering of a Kurdish political party, without mentioning a wedding celebration.

Issam Amin, a local media activist, said a teenager detonated an explosive vest when he was stopped by men at the entrance of the wedding's reception. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which tracks the civil war through a network of activists on the ground, said 11 of the fatalities were children.

The attacks underscore the chaos of the Syrian

conflict. The civil war has lately focused around Aleppo, where the situation deteriorated considerably since the collapse of U.S.-Russia-brokered cease-fire two weeks ago. There are several other fronts open between rebels and the government across the country, while Islamic State militants continue to stage large-scale attacks against all sides of the conflict. Yesterday's shelling on

Yesterday's shelling on the city university's School of Sciences killed two students, according to the Observatory while state media put the toll at six dead and 47 wounded.

Rebels said pro-government forces were attacking the city from the south in a bid to penetrate its opposition-controlled areas, where the U.N. estimates 275,000 people are trapped in a government siege. The Islamic Front rebel coalition said on Twitter that its factions repelled an advance on the Sheikh Saeed neighborhood.

The Observatory said the government offensive is accompanied by airstrikes on the contested neighborhoods. The monitoring group says 420 civilians have been killed in and around Aleppo since the collapse of the cease-fire, mainly in the rebel-held east of the embattled city.

Health facilities and hospitals have come under repeated attack in the offensive, prompting global outcry.

In Geneva, the U.N. human rights chief decried an unfolding "calamity" in Aleppo and condemned the Security Council for scuttling resolutions that would prohibit war crimes.

Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein said the Security Council should adopt rules to limit veto use by its five permanent members in cases of war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide. The U.S., France, Britain, as well as several U.N. officials have warned that Russia and the Syrian government's actions in the war could amount to war crimes.

International efforts to end the fighting have been dealt another serious blow on Monday, after the United States suspending direct contacts with Russia on halting the war in Syria, underscoring the deep mistrust between the two powers. **AP**



EXHIBITION "INNOVATIVE INSPIRATION Painting of Mak Kuong Weng'

TIME: 9am-7pm

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TIME: 10am-6pm

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Society - A Retrospective

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No fencing them in: Alaska moose **BASH ANTLERS THROUGH FENCE**

Don't try to fence in Alaska moose battling for female attention. They'll bust right through it.

Bryan M. Anderson said he and his daughter went looking for moose early Sunday, stumbling upon an unusual sighting in Anchorage's largest park.

Two bull moose on either side of a chain-link fence near a road clashed their massive antlers together, trying to prove their superiority for the benefit of some female moose nearby.

At one point, a moose charges through the fence, pulling it off its posts and knocking his rival backward. That moose then pushes the first animal back to its side of the fence, which stayed upright.

Anderson caught the fight on his phone during mating season. His Facebook post has been viewed more than a half-million times since Sunday.

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13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast

RTPi Live 14:50

19:10

17:30 Once Upon A Time S1 (Repeated)

TDM Interview (Repeated)

18:20 Precious Pearl (Repeated)

19:40 Non-Daily Portuguese News (Repeated)

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20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report

21:00 Non-Daily Portuguese News

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29 SEP - 05 OCT



MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN

поом 1

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm **Director: Tim Burton**

Starring: Eva Green, Asa Butterfield, Samuel L. Jackson

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 гоом 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.15, 7.45 pm

(3D) 6.00 pm

Director: Nicholas Stoller, Doug Sweetland Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English) **Duration: 87min**

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гоом 3 9.30 pm **Director: Adam Wingard** Starring: James Allen McCune, Brandon Scott, Callie Hemandez Language: English (Cantonese) **Duration: 89min**

MACAU TOWER

29 SEP - 05 OCT

DEEP WATER HORIZON

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Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, John Malkovich,

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1994 Cult members die IN 'MASS SUICIDE'

The bodies of 48 cult members have been discovered by Swiss police following an apparent mass suicide.

Twenty-three of the bodies were found in a concealed chamber beneath a remote farmhouse in the village of Cheiry, 48 miles north-east of Geneva.

A further 25 bodies, including some children, were recovered in three burnt-out chalets in Granges-sur-Salvan, 47 miles east of Geneva, near the Italian border.

The deaths have been linked to the apocalyptical Order of the Solar Temple sect, which was founded in 1984 by Dr Luc Jouret and Joseph di Mambro.

The Order of the Solar Temple condones the mass stock-piling of weapons to prepare for the end of the world. Just hours before the grisly discoveries in Switzerland, the bodies of two more people, also believed to be linked to the sect, were found in Quebec, Canada, in a burnt-out

apartment owned by Dr Jouret. It is not known yet whether either of the cult leaders are among the dead, but the Swiss authorities have said they are searching for two people in connection with the deaths.

In Cheiry, emergency services were called to the farmhouse after locals reported a fire.

Initially they only discovered the body of the farm's owner, 73-year-old Alberto Giacobino, who was lying dead on a bed with a plastic bag over his head. He had also been shot.

The concealed chamber, covered in mirrors, was discovered during a search of the property for further bodies.

Many of the bodies were found with gunshot wounds and plastic bags over their heads. Others were found clasping their hands in prayer. Most of the bodies were clad in ceremonial robes.

According to rescuers, champagne bottles littered the floor and the victims were lying in a star formation.

On a make-shift altar within the chamber there was a rose, a cross and a picture of Mr Jouret. The sect's motto is "Rose Eternal Cross."

Plastic bags of petrol and gas cylinders wired up to explode by a telephone signal were found although the system had failed to work. It is thought a second fire was started manually elsewhere in the building. A similar timer device had also been rigged up in Gran-

ges-sur-Salvan. However, it is thought the dead may have been drugged or poisoned before the fires began.

Local people in both idyllic villages had no idea that cult

members had been living in their midst and have been left shocked by the events of the past 24 hours. Similarities are being made to events in Jonestown in

Guyana in 1978 when 914 people led by the Reverend Jim Jones, committed suicide in a jungle clearing. And just last year in Waco, Texas 80 members of the

Branch Davidian sect, led by David Koresh, died after fire broke out during a siege.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

It was revealed following the mass suicides that the Order of the Solar Temple sect owned extensive property in Switzerland, Canada and France and was heavily involved in money laundering and arms trafficking.

International arrest warrants were issued for Luc Jouret and Joseph di Mambro who were suspected of mass murder, but their bodies were eventually discovered among the dead in Switzerland. Two days after the Swiss suicides the bodies of Antonio and Nikki Dutoit and their three-month old son, Christopher, were found murdered in their home at Morin Heights, Quebec. The couple had left the Order of the Solar Temple sect three years previously but possibly "knew too much."

In December 1995 16 members of the sect were found dead in France and in March 1997 five more died in Quebec. In 2001, Michel Tabachnik, a former conductor with the Canadian Opera Company, was cleared of contributing to the 74 deaths of the members of the Order of the Solar Temple between 1994 and 1997.

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You're not comfortable with the amount of money you have in the bank. The only one going to make things improve is you. Don't waste time getting upset or anxious about things you can control through action.



Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Service is slower than usual, but it has nothing to with the amount of money you're spending. It's as if the universe is treating you like a second rate customer. It's a good time to remind yourself that your real value is on the inside.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You're digging for gold beneath the earth, and you have nothing to go on but your gut. You know instinctively that your riches are so deep beneath the surface that the only hint of what's to come is from your own intuition.



Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Some changes are painful but good for you. Others are just plain painful. You've experienced the pain and you're getting sick of waiting for the 'gain' part. If it's money you're expecting, then don't hold your breath.



Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Even the big picture can be changed. Your gestalt doesn't include wealth and that's simply not acceptable to you. Use vour imagination to edit the details until it all adds up to something that looks and feels more financially successful.



Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Some things should only be done in private. Counting your money is one of them. The actual cash is not the only thing that falls under this broad category. Discussing a balance is likely to get louder than you realize if done on a cell phone.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Everyone has deep emotions when it comes to money, desire being just one of them. Unfortunately, the amount you have depends on more than just feelings. Being sensitive to what you want should be just the start of your motivation.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

When you're feeling unsure about what to do next, don't bother asking those around you for input. Ask the widest possible audience for feedback. It doesn't hurt to reach as far as the universe for insight into how to proceed.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Knowledge is not only power but

money, and they aren't always interchangeable. You have to delve deep to get this particular nugget. You won't unearth it by rummaging around randomly, either.



Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

If only you were as much a money magnet as you are a human magnet. There are many ways to make good use of being a people person. Include money in your vision of your persona and it will slowly incorporate itself into your life.



Capricorn

If you think losing money would feel like losing your right arm, then it's time to come back down to earth. Your friends can help you in this area.



Pisces

Power and prestige pale compared to

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You're looking at everyone around you with not only suspicion but rank fear and paranoia. How did you go from being a big fish in a little pond to swimming with the sharks? It's all in vour attitude.



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Urumqi	7	11	cloudy/drizzle
Xi'an	16	23	cloudy/overcast
Lhasa	7	22	cloudy/clear
Chengdu	18	26	drizzle
Chongqing	20	29	cloudy
Kunming	13	25	cloudy
Nanjing	19	27	cloudy
Shanghai	22	28	drizzle/cloudy
Wuhan	16	30	clear
Hangzhou	21	27	overcast/cloudy
Taipei	25	31	clear/drizzle
Guangzhou	24	32	cloudy
Hong Kong	26	30	cloudy/drizzle

WORLD

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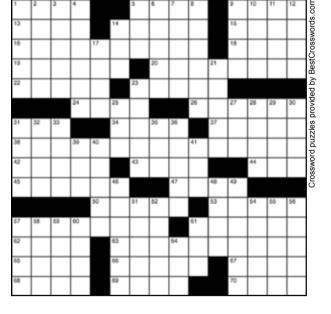
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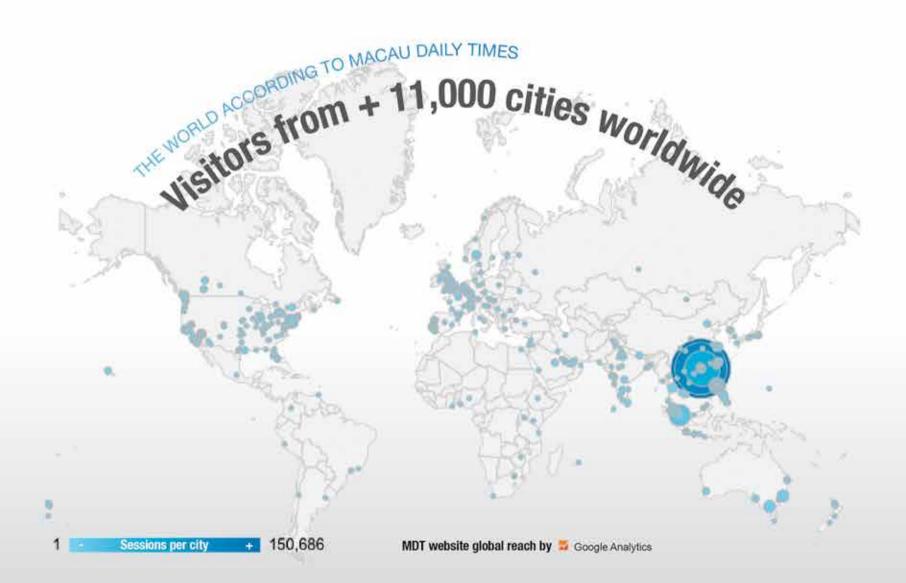




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Karel Janicek, Prague

FTER only nine matches, a provincial soccer club from eastern Czech Republic is starting to draw comparisons with Premier League champion Leicester.

FC Fastav Zlin, a 900-1 shot to win the Czech league title and already dubbed "Zlincester," is in the early title hunt with the country's traditional powers.

"It's a nice comparison," Zlin coach Bohumil Panik said in a recent interview. "It pleases me. Leicester is, for a small club like us, an example to follow."

Leicester surprised just about everybody last season, starting well in the Premier League and holding on to win the English title for the first time in its history.

Zlin, a town of 75,000 where in 1894 Tomas Bata founded what was to become a global shoe empire, started as a soccer team in 1919 and made its debut in Czechoslovakia's first division in 1938.

The team has never won the title, and did well to even stay in the top league after finishing only three points above the relegation zone last season.

"We hit the bottom in the spring," Panik said, referring to a winless streak in early 2016. "The players well remember that and don't want to go through it again. The team has learned a lesson."

FOOTBALL

'Zlincester': Czech league's answer to Leicester



Modest FC Fastav Zlin is the season's sensation

This season, Zlin is five points ahead of Sparta Prague and trails leaders Mlada Bloeslav and Viktoria Plzen by only one point.

With its budget estimated to be less than USD2 million a year, a stadium that seats just over 6,000 spectators and no big successes in the past, Zlin is a very unlikely candidate to challenge the Czech heavyweights.

Under the name Gottwaldov, it only once played in major

European competition, and was eliminated in the first round of the Cup Winners' Cup by PSV Eindhoven in 1970.

Yet this season, the Cobblers beat defending champion Viktoria Plzen 2-0, held Sparta Prague to a 1-1 draw and so far have six wins and three draws.

Similar to Leicester, Zlin's unheralded players rely on a well-organized defense and fast counter-attacks, punishing any defensive mistakes. But the ■ FC Fastav
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team has also proved it is ready to adapt, like when visiting Jablonec altered its tactics and focused on defense and counters on Saturday. Zlin trailed 2-0, but in a display of undying fighting spirit, the team rallied for two goals in the final six minutes to salvage a draw.

"Given the development of the game, it's a victory for us that the team managed to come back," Panik said.

Panik is an admirer of some great coaches, including Italian master tactician Giovanni Trapattoni and Karel Bruckner, known for his free-flowing attacking soccer as Czech national team coach.

The 59-year-old Panik, who has experience from coaching several Polish clubs, including Lech Poznan, applies tactics that suit the players he has available at Zlin.

For instance, attacking midfielder Vukadin Vukadinovic, one of the fastest players in the league, has become a lethal weapon under Panik by creating chances from his runs down the right flank. Vukadinovic's previous club, Slavia Prague, failed to find use for his speed.

It'll take a team effort to win the title, but Zlin is on the right track so far — just like that team from England last year.

"Leicester is a story that reminds me of a fairytale," Panik said. "I like fairytales." **AP**

BASEBALL

Entering 5th year, wild-card games have favored visitors

FERVENT fans and last at-bats haven't done the home teams much good in the first eight wild-card games.

As baseball enters its fifth season with its one-game, winner-take-all format prior to the Division Series, victorious visitors have become an unlikely trend. The road team is 6-2 in wild-card games — a good omen for the Orioles and Giants this year.

Baltimore, Toronto, the New York Mets and San Francisco are also trying to become the second team to go from wild-card winner to World Series champion — the Giants were the first, beating the wild-card winning Royals from the AL in the 2014



Chicago Cubs' Jason Heyward scores on an RBI-single by Willson Contreras off Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Robert Stephenson in the fourth inning of a baseball game

Fall Classic.

A look back at the first four years of wild-card games in preparation for Baltimore-Toronto on Tuesday and San Francisco-New York Mets on Wednesday:
Four of the eight

Four of the eight wild-card games have been shutouts. The Pittsburgh Pirates have been the victims twice.

In 2013, Tampa

Bay's Alex Cobb, who had missed part of the regular season after taking a line drive off his head, pitched out of jams three times in seven innings before the Rays' bullpen finished a 4-0 win at Cleveland.

In 2014, the Giants' Madison Bumgarner (who'll start against the Mets on Wednesday) struck out 10 and needed only 109 pitches in a four-hit, 8-0 shutout at Pittsburgh.

In 2015, Chicago's Jake Arrieta gave up four hits in a 4-0 road win over the Pirates, the Cubs' first postseason victory in 12 years.

Also in 2015, Dallas Keuchel faced the Yankees on three days' rest and allowed three hits over six innings, and three relievers finished up in a 3-0 victory.

The wild-card games got off to an appropriately wild start. The first NL game in 2012 was Chipper Jones' last contest before retirement, and it included a 19-minute delay while beer cups, popcorn holders and other debris were cleaned off Turner Field following a disputed infield fly call. **AP**

TENNIS

Murray, Nadal advance to 2nd round at China Open



Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray advanced to the second round of the China Open with straight-set wins Tuesday in backto-back matches on center court. Nadal needed little more than an hour to beat Paolo Lorenzi 6-1, 6-1, fending off two break points as he took time to get his serve under control in the first set. The 2005 China Open champion, seeded second in Beijing, improved his first-service percentage from 42 to 85 in the second set. Murray defeated Andreas Seppi 6-2, 7-5 in the next match, dropping serve once in the second set. Murray, who took over the No. 1 seeding when Novak Djokovic withdrew from the tournament, is playing at the China Open for the third time. He reached the quarterfinals in his debut and then the semifinals. On the women's side, Petra Kvitova beat Chinese qualifier Wang Yafan 6-4, 6-1 to reach the third round. The Czech, who last week won the Wuhan Open, will next face defending China Open champion Garbine Muguruza.

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Master Plan Still Being Planned

After decades without any consistent urban development regulations, the enactment of the Urban Planning Law in 2013 raised the expectations of all stakeholders for how it would positively impact the development and use of land, the protection of the environment and historical landmarks, the design and construction of properties and infrastructures, transportation, and the communications and utilities networks. However, as we usually say in the legal sector, the creation of laws is irrelevant if implementation fails.

To kick-off the execution of the law, the former Secretary of Public Works hired a well-regarded mainland company to design the Macau master plan, which represents the basic foundation of the urban planning of the city. The project was doomed from the beginning, as the awarded company had no experience in Macau projects and its consultants were found to have no knowledge of the specificities of the Macau territory – which are many and complex. This, of course, caused a significant delay in the whole process.

The appointment of the current Secretary of Public Works and of a new director of DSSOPT in 2014 – who are both proving to be significantly more proactive and focused in solving the longstanding problems of this sector - brought new hopes that a master plan would finally move forward as would subsequent much needed detailed plans for several areas of Macau. This is especially important as the Government is pushing (again) for diversification of the economy.

However, until now, no visible progress has been made. There is still no master plan and only a few areas of Macau have specific planning due to special constraints such as the urban plan of the Ilha Verde and the North area of Taipa, the detail plan of the village of Coloane, as well law 11/2013 (Safeguard of the Cultural Heritage), which raises urban planning restrictions in certain historic areas. This is clearly insufficient.

It should be noted that the Urban Planning Board holds meetings on a regular basis to discuss the urban conditions for the different plots of land within Macau, but it is still an ad-hoc and lengthy process which does not have the consistency and reliability that is essential in urban planning regulations.

The realpolitik in Macau, which is driven by the need to diversify the economy, means that urban planning will necessarily play a crucial part in creating the conditions necessary for the development of sectors other than gaming, since it is evident to all who visit Macau that the city is too much focused on the gaming sector.

There are now a few private institutions trying to help the Government in moving forward with setting up a sound, balanced and efficient urban planning for the city. For example, the Taipa Village Association, in which I am personally involved, is seeking to group all retailers, merchants, food and beverage dealers of the Taipa Village into a collective which collaborates through a variety of promotions, events and activities so as to draw traffic and visitors to the area, as well as reinforce the tourism and cultural development of the region. They are also, of course, very much keen on seeing the master plan finally approved so that a more detailed plan for the Village can finally be a reality.

The Macau Urban Planning Institute has also been a strong voice in the advancement of the public discussions among all stakeholders regarding these matters, but they – as with many other private institutions – cannot substitute the Government in the political and administrative process required to move urban planning in Macau forward.

It is now time for the Government to refocus and invest on urban planning so that Macau can become not only a prime destination for tourists to visit, but also for residents to live in.

New York beats London for overseas property investors on Brexit

New York overtook London to become the most popular location for overseas commercial property investors as the growing U.S. economy and a stronger dollar draws buyers. Sales in the U.K. capital slumped on concerns that Britain would leave the European Union.

Overseas investors spent about USD25 billion on commercial real estate in New York in the 12 months through June, according to a report by broker Cushman & Wakefield Inc. The value of sales in London fell to almost \$25 billion from \$39 billion in the same period a year earlier.

"London lost out as Brexit concerns and high pricing hit even before the referendum," according to the report. New York "may feel its influence grow as its chief rival is distracted. Asia may see increased trade and investment, benefiting larger centers such as Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong."

Manhattan has become a magnet for property investors from around the world, pushing building values to records.

Aussies partying in skimpy briefs arrested at F1 in Malaysia

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

NINE Australians, including a government adviser, have been arrested in Malaysia for stripping down to their briefs and drinking beer from shoes after Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo won the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix, officials said yesterday.

Government officials confirmed that Jack Walker, adviser to Defense Industry Minister Chris Pyne, was among the men aged 25 to 29 who were arrested after they stripped down to Budgy Smuggler-brand swimsuits decorated with the Malaysian flag in full view of thousands of spectators at the Sepang race track Sunday.

Pyne's office said the matter was being "handled appropriately" by the Australian High Commissioner in Malaysia.

"Until we have a clearer picture of the process at hand, it would be unwise to comment further," a government statement said.

District police chief Abdul Aziz Ali said yesterday that the men were being investigated for "intentional insult with intent to provoke a breach of peace" and public



In this image made from video supplied by Umar Akif Jamaludin, an Australian man dances in swimsuits decorated with the Malaysian flag at the conclusion of Sunday's F1 Grand Prix, in Sepang

indecency.

He said police would submit a report to prosecutors, who will decide tomorrow if the men will be charged. Abdul Aziz told the AP that the men face up to six months in jail, a fine or both if they are found guilty.

Sepang International Circuit chief executive Datuk Razlan Razali told the New Straits Times website the men deserved to be locked up and have action taken against them.

"This shows a huge lack of respect to us as Malaysians; this is stupid behavior from foreigners who have no sense of cultural sensitivity and respect," he said.

"It embarrasses their own country as well — it gives Australians a bad name," he said.

Treasurer Scott Morrison told Sydney Radio 2GB the arrests were a reminder for travelers to know local laws and respect them. The government already warns travelers that there are conservative standards of dress and behavior in many parts of Malaysia.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten declined to discuss Walker's behavior, saying he did not want to jeopardize a complex situation.

"It's incredibly serious when an Australian gets arrested overseas," he told reporters.

Don Rothwell, an Australian National University expert on international law, doubted Malaysian authorities would treat the Australians harshly.

"The Malaysian government will be sure to make sure that its international reputation as a tourist destination for the Grand Prix is not too damaged," Rothwell told Australian Broadcasting Corp. AP

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THAILAND A battered body hangs from a tree as a man swings a folding chair over his head, preparing to smash it into the corpse. Spectators watch intently at a slight distance, some smiling, as if watching a Punch and Judy show. More on p12



TAIWAN Commercial fishing boat owners in Taiwan, one of the world's biggest seafood exporters, face strict rules and potential fines under a new law aimed at preventing overfishing and protecting migrant crewmembers who work far at sea with little oversight. More on p11



IRAN The head of Iran's space agency said his country is interested in cooperating with NASA. Speaking to reporters at the start of World Space Week, Mohsen Bahrami said that "many in the world look at NASA's programs. We are interested in having cooperation, naturally. When you are in orbit, there is no country and race."

USA Manhattan's oldest church is getting ready to celebrate its 250-year history, which includes worshippers ranging from George Washington to those who searched for victims following the Sept. 11 attacks. St. Paul's Chapel in lower Manhattan is best known today as the "Little Church that Stood," having survived unscathed as the World Trade Center towers came down across the street.



MARKETS Asian stock markets were mostly higher yesterday as concerns about Deutsche Bank's financial health eased and Japan's quarterly survey showed companies lowered their inflation outlook. HK stock exchange is on a roller coaster. More on p10

