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Portugal's Antonio Guterres, who was formally approved yesterday to be the next U.N. secretary-general, said he faces "huge challenges" and hopes to see unity and consensus during his term. Guterres was approved by acclamation. The Security Council's recommendation now goes to the U.N.'s 193-member General Assembly, which is expected to vote on Ban Ki-moon's successor next week. More on p14



EAST TIMOR Two East Timorese journalists are going on trial in a criminal defamation case brought by the country's prime minister that has alarmed press freedom groups. Raimundos Oki and his former boss Lourenco Vicente Martins are charged with "slandorous denunciation" and face up to three years in prison if found guilty. The trial is set to begin today. Rights groups have urged that the case be dropped.

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LAWYER

'The bilateral treaties to which China is a party tend to apply to Macau'

LAWYER Jorge Menezes comments on a case judged by the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC) involving a Macau-based American company (see page 3).

Macau Daily Times - You have been a lawyer for Sanum. How relevant is this decision for the dispute?

Jorge Menezes - Yes, but I was not involved in this dispute in Singapore, nor the Arbitration to which this Singapore Judgment refers. This decision is relevant because it reverts a decision from a Singapore lower court which held that Sanum could not resolve its disputes with the Laos Government through international arbitration. The Singapore Court of Appeal Judgment determines that the Arbitration can proceed. Therefore, Sanum will now continue prosecuting its arbitration action against the Laos Government under the Bilateral Investment Treaty between China and Laos.

MDT - What was decided in the previous decision from a Singapore High Court judge?

JM - The High Court took the view, contrary to a rather eminent Arbitration Tribunal, that the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) - which had been entered into by China in 1993 - did not cover the Macau SAR. He was also of the view that the particular dispute in question was not within the BIT scope.

MDT - The Court of Appeal took a different view on these matters...

JM - The Court of Appeal decided that the BIT actually covers the Macau territory and, on the other hand, that the dispute fell within the BIT, which aims at protecting the foreign investment in another party's territory, demanding that cer-

tain standards of conduct be followed by each party regarding foreign investors from the other party.

MDT - Bearing in mind that Singapore is not a party to this bilateral treaty, why was this decision taken by a Singaporean court?

JM - The parties to the dispute chose Singapore as the seat of the arbitration. And according to the relevant laws, the seat of the arbitration determines which courts have jurisdiction over the arbitration and its award, as well as the law governing such disputes. Although arbitral awards are not normally appealable, they can still be challenged in court if they did not meet certain standards of due process.

MDT - Why is this decision being deemed so relevant by experts in the field?

JM - The law on international arbitrations is similar throughout the world, as countries tend to follow a common model law. More importantly, Singapore, where SIAC is located, is one of the three most relevant arbitration centres in the world together with New York and London, and surely the most used and reputed one in Asia. There is a strong jurisprudence in Singapore on international arbitrations, with very experienced and knowledgeable judges. This, together with the fact that there are many arbitrations conducted in Singapore, presents this as of extreme relevance. Also, I believe this is the first time that an Arbitration Tribunal and a Court looked, from an international law's viewpoint, into the impact of Macau's handover to China.

MDT - What view did the Court of Appeal take on this matter?

JM - The court reviewed inter-

national laws, particularly the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and the Vienna Convention on Succession of States, to conclude that, despite a certain level of autonomy granted to Macau by the 1987 PRC-Portuguese Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, the bilateral treaties to which China is party also tends to apply to Macau. The court conveys that the default position under international law is that the Chinese treaties would automatically apply to Macau upon its reversion to China. The China-Laos BIT applies to Macau upon the handover unless the two parties did something to exclude the applicability of the BIT to Macau.

Therefore, it is presumed that the BIT would extend to Macau from December 1999. The court tells us that the internal rules of a country (including the Basic Law) do not override international law: internal laws of a state cannot be invoked to justify the non-performance of a treaty. We should bear in mind that the treaty is between two parties, China and Laos, and the internal position of one of the parties should not suffice to take a position that affects both.

MDT - But wasn't it the case that both China and Laos produced documents informing that their view, as contracting parties, was that the treaty would not extend to Macau?

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Macau may be under international obligations that we had not envisaged

JORGE MENEZES



JM - Yes. But the court applied a rule of public international law according to which the parties' position after the dispute has arisen is no longer relevant. It is called the 'critical date' doctrine. This doctrine prevents the contracting party being sued from relying on evidence that was generated only after the dispute had arisen. Hence, it disregarded those letters.

MDT - How relevant is this to Macau?

JM - This is overwhelmingly relevant to Macau because it tells us that Macau may be under international obligations that we had not envisaged. This influential judgment is telling us all that under public international law, the treaties to which China is a party do extend to Macau, unless China excluded Macau through the appropriate international procedure. According to the doctrine cited by the court, treaties to which Portugal was party ceased being applicable to Macau in December 1999; and treaties to which China was party would extend to Macau upon China resuming sovereignty of this territory, unless steps had been taken to disapply the presumption derived from international law in the context of state succession in relation to a particular treaty. In other words, there is a whole set of public international law obligations and rights that, pursuant to this judgment's doctrine, apply to Macau. It may be the case that Macau residents and local companies have rights over third countries that we didn't know we had.

And the reverse is also true. Macau may be under international obligations towards foreign countries and foreign investors that the government had not thought to be bound by. Actually, foreign investors in

Macau could bring international arbitrations against the Macau government if they come to believe that Macau did not fulfil obligations enshrined in treaties entered by China with other countries.

MDT - What treaties are we talking about, and what do you think that should be done?

JM - I don't know as I haven't researched it. But I believe that Macau should take this seriously. This is a very well-written and grounded judgment from a reputed court that seconded an eminent international Arbitration Tribunal. We now have two influential voices advancing the same arguments and conclusions. Macau needs to know to the utmost detail what its international obligations are. Our legislators, our officials, our companies and business people need to know. For instance, we cannot legislate [while] ignoring potentially applicable treaties. Not knowing our international obligations may place Macau in the position of producing legislation and engaging in practices that breach such obligations. We need to know. The Macau Government should appoint an informal group of jurists and experts that would list all Chinese treaties to which this doctrine may apply and extend to Macau, then see whether this doctrine applies to each of them or not.

Finally, a political position would have to be taken together with China. We need to undertake a procedure that clarifies which rules apply to Macau and which don't. We can't just pretend that this didn't happen. Transparency is one of the most relevant principles of the rule of law, and so is knowing in advance what our rights and obligations in the international arena are.

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Appeal won against Laos government sets new standards for both SARs

SANUM Investments, a Macau-based American company, recently appealed against the Laos government in a case judged by the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC). The case resulted in a clarification of the terms concerning the international legal status of the region, specifically its relationship with international agreements signed by the central government of China.

The ruling of the SIAC late last week, is clear and states that all bilateral (and multilateral) investment treaties signed by China with other nations include Macau and Hong Kong.

International laws and treaties and specifically the Vienna Convention allowed the Macau-based company to win its appeal and receive compensation for losses caused by reportedly unfair treatment from the Laos government. The company sought justice on the basis of a bilateral investment treaty (BIT) signed by Laos and China back in 1993.

The decision of the SIAC reverses a previous decision by the Singapore High Court. Laotian and Chinese diplomats issued letters attempting to convince the court that the treaty did not extend to Macau.

However the attempts were not successful as the court found the



Savan Vegas Hotel and Entertainment Complex

case was subject to the regular Moving Treaty Frontier (MTF) rule.

“Because a treaty is binding in respect of the entire territory of a State, the MTF Rule presumptively provides for the automatic extension of a treaty to a new territory as and when it becomes

part of that State,” wrote Chief of Justice Sundaresh Menon in the judgment summary.

Aside from the case of Sanum, the ruling of the SIAC opens a kind of “Pandora’s box” in terms of the international legal status of not only Macau but also Hong Kong as both handover agree-

ments mean that they are similar in this particular legal aspect.

The ruling of SIAC also highlights that both regions are subject to Basic Law, which until now was commonly considered as only valid regarding the special regions that are, in fact, also subject to other international rules and the agreements previously

signed by the administrative nation.

As previously reported by the Times in May, Sanum Investments was seeking compensation from the Laos government with which the company had a joint venture that included gaming and hospitality facilities. The two parties have been in a dispute over this venture since 2012. At the time, the topic made the news as it was reported that another Macau company (Macau Legend Development Limited) had entered into a USD42 million (approximately HKD326 million) project development agreement (PDA) with a company wholly owned by the Ministry of Finance of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic to purchase the Savan Vegas Hotel and Entertainment Complex, a full-service casino, hotel and resort located in Laos’ Savannakhet Province.

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Oktoberfest 2016

MGM is hosting Oktoberfest from October 13 to 23. We are giving away a total of 10 sets of entry tickets and F&B coupons. Readers will have to correctly answer today’s question to be in with a chance of winning. Each prize set includes:

Oktoberfest entry tickets x 2	\$320
F&B coupons	\$100
Oktoberfest necklace x 2	\$80
Oktoberfest pin x 2	\$60
Total value	\$560

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 held outside of Germany.

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 gates to celebrate the royal wedding, as well as to promote 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 Business 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 Dining Experience

The 11-day beer fest at MGM captures the essence of 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, bunting 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 and family with live entertainment and to enjoy the authentic 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!



Question for readers:

What is MGM introducing this year between 11am and 3pm on October 22?

Please email the answer to: oktoberfest2016@macaudailytimes.com along with your name and contact details.



Former world number five to make return from injury

TWO-TIME World Golf Championships winner Ian Poulter will make an eagerly anticipated return following a four-month layoff with a foot injury when he tees up for the first time at The Venetian Macao Open 2016 at the Macau Golf & Country Club from 13 to 16 October.

One of the most flamboyant and passionate golfers in the game, the Englishman was sidelined by an arthritic joint in his right foot, which has kept him out of tournament action since June.

Poulter is a 16-time winner in his professional career with two titles on the Asian Tour. The 40-year-old has recorded eight top-10 finishes in Major Championships and represented Europe five times as a player in the Ryder Cup, winning on four occasions. At the 2016 edition of the prestigious team event last week, Poulter assumed the role of Vice Captain for the very first time. Prior to his injury, his 2016 season highlight was a



Ian Poulter

tied-third place at the Puerto Rico Open at Coco Beach.

Poulter is no stranger to playing in Asia, but 2016 will mark his first foray into Macao as he looks to regain some form and momentum heading into the end of the season and

commented:

"It has a great field this year with Branden, Darren, Scott Hend all playing, and I look forward to reconnecting with my fans there," he said.

Poulter will be in good company at the 18th edition of The

Venetian Macao Open 2016, with defending Champion Scott Hend, 2016 Ryder Cup Captain Darren Clarke, world number 14 Branden Grace, 2014 winner Anirban Lahiri, and Chinese golfing legends Zhang Lian-wei and Liang Wen-chong all signed up for the prestigious event.

Inaugurated in 1998, The Venetian Macao became title sponsor of the tournament in 2012 and since then, has seen it develop into one of the most prestigious professional golf tournaments in the region and the highest purse at USD1.1 million for a full-field Asian Tour event this year. The 144-player championship will continue to be jointly organized by Sports Bureau of Macao SAR Government (MSB) and the Golf Association of Macau. It is sanctioned by both the Asian Tour and the Golf Association of Macau, and promoted by IMG.

Macao Daily Times is the tournament's official media partner.

IMF Economy will shrink 4.7 percent in 2016

THE Macau economy is expected to contract 4.7 percent this year and return to positive growth in 2017, with an increase of 0.2 percent, according to the latest forecasts from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

These new forecasts contained in the "World Economic Outlook" report, released this week in Washington are similar to those published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), which in its latest document on Macau forecasts a real drop of 5.9% this year and a rise of 5.3 percent in 2017.

In its April report, the International Monetary Fund forecast a real contraction of Macau's economy of 7.2 percent this year.

In the report issued on Tuesday the IMF also said inflation at the end of the year will be 2.6 percent, rise 20 basis points to 2.8 percent in 2017 and the unemployment rate will remain fairly low, at 1.9 percent and 2 percent in 2016 and 2017, respectively. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Angela Leong says gaming revenue is 'not bad'



Angela Leong

Julie Zhu

SJM Holdings' gaming business is not as good as it was before the national holidays, said the company's executive director Angela Leong on the sidelines of the company's cocktail reception held at the Macau Tower yesterday, in celebration of the 67th anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

With the Chinese holiday nearing its end, Leong acknowledged that, "[the business] is OK, [but] of course it lags in comparison [with before]. But now, it is not bad."

Besides the company's business, the director said that SJM Holdings is applying a new system which will grant the company's employees more days off on overlapping public holidays. The company initiated a new policy on Wednesday that will give its employees more days off when the holidays overlap weekends.

Leong told the media that the system covers all employees of SJM Holdings, including front workers and those behind the scenes. The

program, she said, comes at a time of social and economic change.

The director said employees typically requested more days off when there were overlapping holidays, and that since the company also had similar requirements, the system was approved quickly and without difficulty.

Earlier this year, the local government requested the city's greyhound racing track to be relocated or closed within two years, and gave a final closing date of July 2018.

Leong said that the government has given the company several options regarding the issue. "There are no good results yet. [We are] still discussing," she said.

As to whether the company will close down the business or continue operations, Leong affirmed the company hopes for the latter option.

"There are many ways to continue the business," she stated, adding that the company has not yet chosen a new site for the track and is now studying possible options.



FIA's Circuit Championships director Frederic Bertrand, surrounded by journalists

Rosenqvist's unexpected return is the highlight of 63th edition of the GP

Renato Marques

IN an edition that is marked by the 50th Anniversary of the Macau's Motorcycle Grand Prix, the biggest highlight goes to the return of two-time Formula 3 Champion Felix Rosenqvist.

The Swedish will attempt to be the first three-time winner of the Guia Circuit F3 race and the first ever driver to lift the FIA F3 World Cup trophy on November 20.

Rosenqvist was called to return when his successor, European champion Lance Stroll, confirmed last weekend in Imola that he would not be competing in Macau.

Rosenqvist will partner Nick Cassidy and Maximilian Gunther at local flag team Theodore Racing. Another unexpected return will be of Daniel Juncadella (2011 winner) replacing British-born Ben Barnicoat.

According to FIA's Circuit Championships director Frederic Bertrand, this year's event meets all the criteria to be "at least as good or even better than previous editions."

Bertrand was speaking on the sidelines of yesterday's press conference at the Macau Fisherman's Wharf, held by the organizing committee to present this year's race program.

Regarding the absence of Lance Stroll, he said, "We regret that he is not here. I think he has some other things to attend and we hope [wish] him the best in future."

"The entry list is great. If you

see the number of drivers that are coming back after already winning the race... They want to be here again because of this World Cup title and we are having the number two, three, four and five of the European Championship, which means that the fight will be very hard," he continued.

Bertrand also reaffirmed that everything is being prepared and that the people working on the field both from FIA and locally are well-trained and capable.

Questioned on the topic of the change to Pirelli tyres, Bertrand said: "We are linked to a very fair process of tender to choose

ner Michael Rutter, four-time winner Stuart Easton, 2013 winner Ian Hutchinson and the 2001 champion and Isle of Man TT legend John McGuinness.

Like the 2015 edition, the region will be represented through local CF Racing Team 32, which will include South African Allann-Jon Venter.

To mark the anniversary of the half-century old motorcycle GP, the organizing committee will hold a series of activities that will include a Classic Motorcycle Show and a Classic Motorcycle Parade, to be held on November 19.

According to the organizing committee, three old-time stars were also invited to attend this year's edition: 1977 and 1984 winner Mick Grant, 1996 winner Phillip McCallen, and 2006 and 2007 winner Steve Plater. A special series of t-shirts, jackets and gloves done in collaboration with local designer house "Workers Playground" were also specially produced and presented yesterday.

The racing program this year abandoned the concept of a "Celebrity Cup Race", which has reduced the program to seven races.

Formula 3 and the GT World Cup will be the headliners, together with the Macau Guia Race 2.0T and the Motorcycle GP. There will also be three support races: the Macau Touring Car Cup, the Road Sport Challenge and the Chinese Racing Cup.

The Macau Grand Prix will take place between November 17 to 20.

Rosenqvist will attempt to be the first three-time winner of the F3 race

a supplier and Pirelli won the process." "Yokohama's bid was a little bit less interesting for the drivers. We do everything to help the driver to come and that means that the tyres are for free," he added.

As for the lists of entrants for the 50th edition of the Motorcycle Grand Prix, no novelties are expected besides the confirmation that this year's field will include five previous winners, including defending champion Peter Hickman, eight-time win-

ONE SHOT NEWS



The next Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, visiting China in 1998. In this Lusa photo, Guterres – then prime minister of Portugal – toasts with Chongqing Mayor Pu Aiqing at an Economic Protocol signing ceremony in China's Chongqing province. Former Portuguese Foreign Affairs minister Jaime Gama (2nd from left) and entrepreneur and CEO of Cesi Asia, António Trindade (top right) are also pictured. Guterres played a pivotal role in the history of Macau, as he was the head of Lisbon's government in December 1999 at the time of the sovereignty handover. (see p.14)

Lynzy Valles

IN a bid to reach out to the second largest community in the region, TDM Radio recently launched its newest radio show, "Tagay Pinoy" which offers news and a variety of entertainment to the Filipino community.

"Tagay Pinoy" hosts Mia Villanueva, Karen Keith and Camille Bersola are confident that the show will be an effective platform for the Filipino community to exchange information whether it concerns health, work, or visa related issues; and to update their compatriots on the ongoing Filipino happenings in the region.

The Times visited one of TDM's radio studios where the recording of the latest "Tagay Pinoy" show was being held.

Before the taping of the program, the hosts briefed the guest on the rundown of the show and made sure it was all 'positive vibes' that they would be giving out to the listeners.

The latest show kicked off by acknowledging the messages and comments of the show's listeners on their Facebook page and praised those who have contributed to the show's logo and jingle.

Before introducing their guest who had been living in the region for over 30 years, the hosts played a song requested by one of their listeners.

The latest program discussed how some Filipinos, similar to their guest, discovered job opportunities in Macau; and described the massive changes the region has gone through.

Commenting on the show, Villanueva explained to the Times that the idea is to produce a non-political program.

"We're excited because it will be a very good chance for us to discuss things. We have to be clear; this is a non-political and non-partisan kind of show. So our goal is to really bring entertainment, good vibes and also to discuss things that concern

'Tagay Pinoy FM98' brings 'good vibes' to Filipino listeners



The inaugural show was attended by Philippines' Consul General in Macau, Lilybeth Deapera (right). Karen Keith (left), Camille Bersola and Mia Villanueva (2nd from right) are also pictured.

the Filipino community," she explained.

According to them, the show has received positive feedback from the Filipino listeners through the show's Facebook

Our goal is to really bring entertainment, good vibes and also to discuss matters that concern the Filipino community.

MIA VILLANUEVA

page, "Tagay Pinoy – TDM Radio Macau."

"So far, they have really loved the show, they really loved the effort that TDM actually initiated for the Filipino community [and] it is actually the main goal of TDM, to unite the [migrant] group," Keith, one of the hosts, said.

With over 25,000 Filipino workers living in the peninsula, Keith believes that the launch of the radio show is a 'big bold step' to unite the community in the region.

The program kicked off with Philippine consul general in Macau, Lilybeth Deapera as guest, who updated listeners on the most common enquiries she and her team are facing.

The hosts also hoped that the community's problems and queries would be easily addressed through the show, as the show would continually invite

representatives from different Filipino associations.

The hosts are also looking forward to inviting Filipino guests from all walks of life to discuss topics that would interest the community.

Further, Keith also stressed that they are looking forward to promoting Filipino talents that are underrated in the region.

"We have a lot of talented ar-

tists in Macau that need to be exposed and I think this is a perfect tool to expose them, to promote their talents because we're really proud of the Filipinos," she added.

"Tagay Pinoy FM98" will also play Filipino music to set an 'ambience of home' for the listeners. The show is on air every Saturday, 8 p.m. on TDM's Radio Macau.

PROVIDING PUBLIC SERVICE

TDM'S PORTUGUESE news and program controller, Joao Francisco Pinto, said that the show's mission is to provide a public service and offer diversity to the different communities in the city. "This is the program that we have really wanted to make for a long time and finally we have done it," said Pinto to TDM on the first airing of the show. "This

program is festivity [...] we want all Filipinos in Macau to take part, to be with us, to enjoy and really to celebrate. We want this program to be like a fiesta for everybody," he added. Although the latest radio show is currently recorded, Pinto said there are plans on airing the show live to be more interactive with the Filipino listeners.

INDONESIAN RADIO SHOW

'Kumbang Toh' effective remedy for homesickness

ASIDE from the Tagalog show, TDM Radio also reached out to the Indonesian community back in 2012 when it decided to launch a radio show in Bahasa.

The Indonesian radio program, "Kumbang Toh," started by airing for an hour per week until it expanded to two hours. It is currently aired from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Sunday.

According to TDM Portuguese radio host, Jorge Vale, the Bahasa program has been successful for



Beto Bebeto (left)

four years now and he hopes that the Filipino show will also be a portal to communicate with the community.

"Kumbang Toh" host, Beto Bebeto, said the radio show has helped the Indonesian community "when they're missing their hometown."

Speaking to the Times, Bebeto said they have been in collaboration with a radio station in Indonesia, and from time to time, they hold a joint broadcast.

The joint broadcast

allows the radio show in the Macau region to be broadcast in Indonesia and according to him, the radio show based in Indonesia invites guests, which he co-interviews.

"In that way, the Indonesian community are pretty much updated [...] from time to time I always give updates on important news like changes in laws, changes in Indonesian regulations, especially involving passports or any other thing that they must know," he explained.

Bebeto also stressed that the show avoids "serious talks," so as to provide more entertainment to the community that is far away from home. LV

Costa to speak at inaugural Startup Macau Forum

NEXT week Macau will become the center of a unique entrepreneurial competition and conference that will draw participants from Portugal, mainland China and Macau SAR together. The prime minister of Portugal Antonio Costa will deliver the keynote speech at the event and meet with young entrepreneurs.

The two-day event is designed to bring together investors and entrepreneurs alike and create a marketplace of ideas that fosters innovation and new business opportunities through workshops, an exciting juried-panel competition for entrepreneurs, presentations, and panel discussions with business leaders.

The conference is being organized by the Macau China Think-Tank for Fintech Industries, with the support of the Portuguese government, as well as the investment and economic promotion agencies of the Portuguese and Macau governments. The conference was conceptualized and led by CESL Asia - Investments & Services, Limited, a Macau-based services company, Portugal-based Fabrica de Startups and Tsinghua University.

According to a press release issued by the event's organizers, from the early stages of planning



Antonio Costa

the governments of Portugal and Macau both agreed to participate and sponsor the event in cooperation with several entities.

"This event puts Macau on the map as a place for new and exciting business opportunities and the platform of this competition demonstrates how China and Portuguese-speaking countries are coming together in Macau, working side by side and producing innovative business solutions," said Eric Yeung, chairman of the Macau China ThinkTank for Fintech Industries.

António Lucena de Faria, founder and CEO of Fábrica de Startups said: "We have helped more than 1,500 startups leverage their products and services since 2011

with our FastStart and FastGrowth methodologies, and we see this event as a timely opportunity to show the shortlisted 19 startups just how the right help and support can shorten the distance towards success."

Additional incentives for the three winning teams will be in the form of a cash prize totaling USD20,000 and tickets for Web Summit Lisboa 2016, as well as cash allowances for transportation and living costs. Cash prizes were made possible through the

We see a mandate to diversify and grow our economy, encouraging young people to pursue their entrepreneurial goals.

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contribution and support of Asia Times, MGM Macau and Galaxy Entertainment Group. Turismo de Portugal is offering the opportunity for the awarded teams to be in Lisboa for the Web Summit, between 7 and 12 November.

This sort of educational and mentoring event for entrepreneurs is also intended to serve as a catalyst for establishing the Macau Startup and Innovation Center, which will serve as an offshore base for Portuguese and Chinese startups. Scheduled to open next year, the center will provide a platform to gather regional efforts and foster dialogue, networking, education and opportunities for emerging entrepreneurs.

"Macau is a vibrant city with an exceptional workforce, progressive and developing universities, a high-standard of living, low taxes and a business-friendly environment. And we are geographically well-positioned and culturally linked between the world's largest market - China - Europe and the Portuguese speaking Countries of the world," said Antonio Trindade, president and CEO of CESL Asia - Investments & Services, Limited and an organizer of the event.

Mr Trindade added: "The governments of Portugal, China and Macau SAR are committed to this effort and we see a mandate to diversify and grow our economy, encouraging young people to pursue their entrepreneurial goals, and making the most of what Macau can offer".

Man dies after collapsing at work

One of CEM's staff member passed away yesterday morning after "suddenly collapsing" while working at the electrical company's power station in Coloane. A statement issued by the company stated that the man had collapsed at Coloane Power Station Unit 5 engine room around 10:30 a.m. yesterday. His colleagues immediately notified the company's on-site doctor, and the man was brought to the hospital by ambulance. "The company's doctor [was] performing first aid before the arrival of the ambulance, but he passed away in the hospital [in] the end," stated CEM, adding that the company was "shocked and saddened at his sudden death." The man, surnamed Lei, was 64 years old and had worked at CEM Power Station for 35 years.

Zhuhai imposes new restrictions on house purchases

The Zhuhai government yesterday announced a change in its restriction on housing purchases. Those in possession of the Zhuhai Hukou who own three or more houses are now banned from purchasing additional houses that are smaller than 144 square meters. The ban was also extended to non-locals who own one or more houses. Earlier this year, Zhuhai lifted all restrictions on housing units for both residents and non-residents. All individuals were allowed to buy residences of less than 144 square meters without providing social security and tax records.

Money supply continues to grow

Money supply continued to grow in August, according to statistics released yesterday by the Monetary Authority of Macao. Currency in circulation dropped 0.1 percent while demand deposits grew 4.2 percent. Resident deposits increased 2.6 percent from the preceding month to MOP490.5 billion, and non-resident deposits grew 1.2 percent to MOP279.0 billion. Domestic loans to the private sector increased 1.6 percent from a month ago to MOP408.4 billion.

20,000 expected at Lusofonia Festival

shows, booths and other arrangements, and MOP750,000 for posters at the event sites.

The 19th Portuguese Speaking Communities Cultural Festival will present a series of music concerts, sports competitions, stage performances, and gastronomy, among many other cultural and recreational activities.

The typical cultural decorations and booths, organized and hosted by members of ten different Portuguese-speaking communities, will also be present; showcasing the cultural attractions of Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Goa, Daman and Diu, East Timor, Macau, Mozambique, Portugal, and São Tomé and Príncipe.

For the first time in the history of the event, local musical groups will perform at the Carmo Square every night at 7:30 p.m., so the public can enjoy light music in a relaxed environment while tasting Portuguese-inspired delicacies.

The performers are Macau Artists, Francois & Rita, Fabrizio Croce, Fado & Portuguese Popular Music Group, 100% Band, and 80 & Tal Band.

The performances will kick off on Friday at the Carmo amphitheater with Don Kikas from Angola, Knananuk Timor from East Timor, and Latin Connection from Goa, Daman and Diu.

Saturday's show will feature the HMB from Portugal, Os Tubarões from Cape Verde, and Os Garimpeiros from Mozambique.

For the final evening, Margareth Menezes from Brazil, Tino Trimo from Guinea-Bissau, and Tonicas Prazeres from Sao Tome and Principe will take to the stage.

When questioned by the journalists, Mr Ieong mentioned that the IC expects the number of visitors to be around 20,000, similar to the last edition.

He added that the cultural authority is already planning the outline of the next edition of the festival, which will mark the 20th anniversary of the event. He said that the IC might arrange a photo exhibition featuring snapshots of past festivals.

The festival will run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. **JZ**



THIS year's Lusofonia Festival will take place from October 21 to 23 with a smaller budget. However, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), which has taken over the event organization from the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), expects that the party will be just as lively as those in previous years.

Held at the Taipa Houses-Museum and Carmo Area in Taipa, the festival will feature folk arts and culinary booths from ten Portuguese-speaking countries.

Ieong Chi Kin, chief of the IC's Cultural Activities Department, said at a press conference yesterday that the event's budget was downsized to MOP3 million, MOP300,000 less than in 2015.

The budget is MOP2.25 million for the

HK activists denied entry to Macau

EARLIER this week, three Hong Kongers - independent film director Lo Chun Yip; actor and former social activist Lam Fai Fred; and human rights activist Shaw Kwok Wah - were denied entry to Macau.

Lo posted a picture of the notice from the Immigration Department of the Public Security Police Force, which declined his entry on the grounds that he "poses a risk to internal security."

On Wednesday, Lo intended

to visit Macau to attend a short movie workshop hosted by his friend. He was taken to the police station at the Macau Ferry Terminal after failing to pass through the e-channel.

Local police then escorted Lo aboard the ferry back to Hong

Kong. He asked the officer if he could ever return to Macau, and was told that he had "better come back on the 13th." Lo's refusal came slightly after Lam's.

Lam and Shaw both posted their own notices on their Facebook pages. Lam had been invited by a local middle school to present a lecture on travelling.

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The Definitive Guide For Tenants
Part 4 - First Week In Your Property

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The Definitive Guide For Tenants

The Yearly Guide For Renting A Home
This is the fourth part of the five-part article about the rental process for tenants. Hopefully you will have read last weeks article about the process of 'Moving In'. What is so special about the first week in the new apartment? We find that during this period there are four specific phases that tenants go through

- 1. Matching the reality with your expectations
2. Becoming aware of things you wouldn't spot during a visit
3. Confirm the inventory
4. Snagging

Matching reality and your expectations.

Is the vision that we hold in our mind's eye of the apartment when we last saw it consistent with your new home? The excitement of moving in can sometimes have the shine taken off the moment we open the door to our new place, because it looks

different from how we remember it. The previous tenants have moved out and removed their "homely and personal" touches which may have transformed the place in a rather sparse and cold shell. Without all of the personal objects to draw your eye, you may notice more marks and stains. Another issue may be that you discover it is not as clean as you thought it would be. During the move out and vacancy period a lot of dust may have accumulated and it may not have been cleaned as thoroughly as you would have liked.

Becoming aware of things you wouldn't spot during a visit

When you viewed your apartment, did you inspect some of the hidden things, those things that are not so obvious? For example did you check the mattresses, look closely at the tiles in the shower to see if they are clean and free from mould, or try to flush the toilet to see how well it worked? Most people do not 'check' these small items as they don't wish to be impolite. You may also become aware of noise from other apartments which

you are not used to, or smells coming from the building, drains or other people's cooking.

Finalise the inventory & readings

During the first week you really get a chance to make sure the inventory you are signing is correct and report anything for correction including such things as meter readings.

We suggest that you go through the inventory on a 'room by room' basis as soon as you can after moving in

Snagging

If you notice marks and defects you have to report them straight away to the landlord or the owners representative.

This is important so that you are not blamed for the damage. For example, if the vacuum cleaner is not working, you may not know about the problem until you move in and try to use it.

If there are items missing such as cutlery, this should also be reported as missing immediately.

We hope you will join us next week to read the final part of this five part series on the process of renting for tenants - "On-going Living and Termination".

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Starbucks expands in Cambodia to tap one of fastest economies



Daniela Wei

STARBUCKS Corp. is expanding in Cambodia, one of the world's fastest economies, as the company taps Asia for growth amid a mixed outlook in the Americas.

The Seattle-based coffee chain will open a two-floor, 650 square-meter store in the capital, Phnom Penh, today to take advantage of a 10 percent annual increase in coffee consumption in the Southeast Asian nation, according to Asia-Pacific President Mark Ring.

"In the long term, we're positive about Asia," Ring said in an interview yesterday. "We'll continue to look for opportunities over time."

The share of Asian revenue at the world's largest coffee-shop chain has more than doubled in the past two years to 15 percent, putting overseas potential in focus as the U.S. market matures. The company entered Cambodia in December and with the new store will have three outlets in an economy the International Monetary Fund estimates will expand almost 7 percent this year.

Ring said Starbucks is aiming to appeal to a broad base in Cambodia, from tourists to young professionals, and will customize aspects such as the food service to suit local tastes.

The Cambodian footprint remains a fraction of Starbucks' more than 6,200 stores in China and the Asia-Pacific region. Cambodia has a population of about 16 million people and gross domestic product per capita of USD1,235, compared with \$8,240 in China, according to IMF data. The Southeast Asian nation's estimated GDP growth is among the top 10 in the world, the figures also show.

Starbucks' stock has declined 11 percent so far in 2016, compared with an increase of almost 6 percent in the S&P 500 index. The shares are up 38 percent in the past three years, exceeding the 28 percent climb in the S&P 500.

Revenue in the quarter ended June 26 missed analysts' estimates after same-store sales climbed 4 percent in the Americas, decelerating from a 7 percent increase in the prior quarter. **Bloomberg**

UN agreement reached on aircraft climate change emissions

THE United Nations' aviation arm overwhelmingly ratified an agreement yesterday to control global warming emissions from international airline flights, the first international climate-change pact to set limits on a single industry.

The agreement, adopted at the International Civil Aviation Organization's assembly meeting in Montreal, sets airlines' carbon emissions in the year 2020 as the upper limit of what carriers are allowed to discharge without penalty. Airlines that exceed that limit in future years, as most are expected to do, will have to offset their emissions growth by buying carbon credits from other industries.

The agreement is "a balanced, pragmatic, and very positive development," said ICAO Director General Liu Fang, adding that it will "serve as an important new tool to complement the emissions reduction progress already being achieved" by airlines through technological innovations, modernized operations and growing use of alternative fuels.

Countries must still act on their own to put the agreement's limits into effect. Environmentalists complained the agreement was weakened by a last minute change that removed language that would have aligned its aims



with a landmark climate-change accord reached in Paris last December.

The first phase of the agreement, which is voluntary, covers 2021 to 2027. Participation becomes mandatory from 2028 through 2035. Some countries were still trying to decide whether to participate in the voluntary phase.

The 15-year agreement is expected to reduce carbon that would otherwise be emitted by 2.5 billion tons, according to an Environmental Defense Fund calculation. That's roughly equivalent to taking 35 million cars off the road every year for the life of the agreement, she said.

Among the countries with significant international air traffic that have indicated they will participate in the voluntary phase are the United States, the United Arab Emirates, and Singapore. The European Union's

aviation conference, which includes 44 nations, has also indicated it intends to participate. However, Russia doesn't currently plan to participate in the voluntary phase, and India expressed reservations with portions of the pact.

The agreement has the backing of the airline industry even though it could cost airlines an estimated USD5.3 billion annually in the early years and as much as \$23.9 billion a year by 2035. Airlines spent \$181 billion on fuel last year.

Airlines that keep their emissions down through more fuel efficient planes and aircraft operations will spend less on carbon credits. But since aviation is growing rapidly, emissions growth is expected to far outstrip increased efficiencies.

The deal applies only to international flights, which account for about 60 percent of aviation. Emissions

from domestic airline flights fall under the Paris climate change accord, which goes into effect next month. That accord commits rich and poor countries to take action to curb the rise in global temperatures that is melting glaciers, raising sea levels and shifting rainfall patterns. Governments must present national plans to reduce emissions to limit global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius.

Airlines that fly internationally were left out of the Paris accord because they protested that it would mean dealing with a patchwork of country-by-country regulations.

The last minute change to the aviation emissions agreement stripped out language that would have aligned the agreement with the goal of keeping global warming below a 2 degree rise.

"This deal was the world's first opportunity to test whether the new Paris Agreement would change the way we do business and rally the world toward its new goals. Yet just hours after celebrating the Paris Agreement's early entry into force, countries at ICAO are sending mixed signals about their ambition to reduce emissions by weakening the link between the aviation mechanism and the long term goals set in Paris," said Lou Leonard, vice president of the World Wildlife Fund. **AP**

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JIN AKANISHI TO PERFORM AT THE VENETIAN



Singer-songwriter, actor and television personality Jin Akanishi will perform his smashing "Jin Akanishi Live Tour 2016 Audio Fashion" on November

5 at Cotai Arena at The Venetian Macao.

Jin began his career as lead vocalist in the popular J-pop boy-band "Kat-Tun," which

achieved 14 consecutive number one hits on the Oricon charts. He has released three studio albums as a solo artist: "Japonicana", "#JustJin" and most recently "Audio Fashion", for which he composed the music and lyrics.

In addition to his music career, Jin has appeared in films including "Bandage", and Hollywood action movie "47 Ronin", and guest starred in several popular Japanese school dramas such as "Gokusen 2" and "Yukan Club", as well as the popular Chinese show "Midnight Taxi 2".

In April he was awarded the title of "Asia's Most Popular Japanese Artist" at the 20th China Music Awards, which took place at The Venetian Macao.

ALTIRA MACAU TO PRESENT NORDIC GOURMET EXPERIENCE



Altira Macau will present Nordic cuisine and panoramic views of Macau at its redeco-

rated Yi Pavilion from now until December 17, available every Thursday to Saturday.

Renowned Swedish chef Björn Frantzén, with an eponymous restaurant that has been awarded two Michelin stars and was listed in "The World's 50 Best Restaurants", will craft two menus of modern Scandinavian dishes with subtle Japanese influences for up to 12 guests per night.

Frantzén Group's head mixologist Oskar Johansson, who also manages cocktail bar Corner Club in the Old Town of Stockholm, will also create a variety of Nordic-style cocktails for guests at the bar of the Aurora restaurant for the duration of the event.

The two-month event will transform Yi Pavilion into a distinctive version of Restaurant Frantzén.

Louise Watt, Beijing

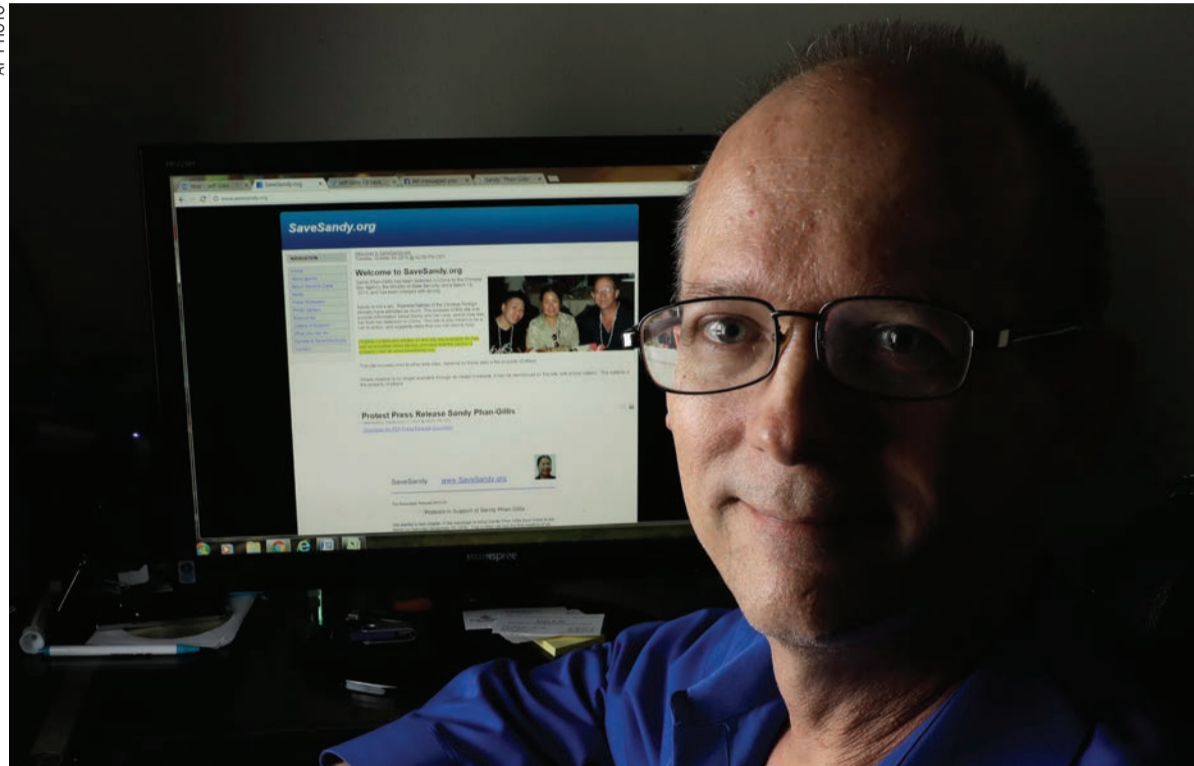
Husband fights for evidence to help US wife accused in China

NINE days had passed since Jeff Gillis, at home in Houston, Texas, had last heard from his wife. During that phone call, she told Gillis she was extending her business trip in China, but he grew anxious. He filed a missing person's report with U.S. consular officials whose response left him flabbergasted: His wife, a business consultant, had been detained by Chinese state security agents almost two weeks earlier.

Now, 18 months later, Phan Phan-Gillis is still detained, charged with spying and awaiting trial in China, consigned to an unknown fate in a highly opaque and impenetrable legal system in which even the charges brought against her remain cloudy. Gillis says that his wife appears to have been accused of spying against China two decades ago, although even her Chinese lawyer says he has been barred by Chinese law from providing details.

Despite the scant information, Gillis has set about trying to prove his 56-year-old wife's innocence. He hopes documents he has uncovered will help free Phan-Gillis, known as Sandy to friends. Her lawyer says her trial has been postponed indefinitely from its original Sept. 19 court

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Jeff Gillis sits in front of a computer displaying a website supporting his wife's release in Houston

China's interests," said Fu Hua-ling, a law professor at the University of Hong Kong.

"If they think there's a violation of Chinese criminal law and the impact is felt within China they are willing to pursue that and they think that they probably have the capacity to do that now," he said. "Imagine: The case happened in the '90s. It's not like it happened recently."

Phan-Gillis' lawyer, Shang Baojun, said the American is charged with spying, but that he could not provide details because the case involves state secrets. The maximum sentence for spying is the death penalty.

The court in Nanning, a city in southern China near the Vietnamese border, also refused to release specifics about the case.

"It is a closed trial because it involves state secrets, so it is inappropriate for us to release information ... including the date of the trial," said Tang Xingzhong, administrative head at the Nanning Intermediate People's Court. Calls to the prose-

date.

The case speaks to both rising suspicion between Beijing and Washington and China's drive to

pursue those accused of crimes occurring outside its borders. Gillis says part of the charge relates to alleged spying carried

out within the United States.

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cutor in charge of the case rang unanswered.

Jeff Gillis, 54, said the charge relates to "beyond ridiculous" allegations that Phan-Gillis went on a spy mission to Nanning in 1996, then returned to the U.S. and recruited Chinese citizens to work for a foreign spy organization within the United States in 1997 and 1998. He says the foreign spy organization is alleged to be the FBI. The bureau's press office declined to comment.

Nanning is the capital of Guangxi, a poor farming region neighboring Guangdong province, where Phan-Gillis' family has its roots. Ethnically Chinese, Phan-Gillis was born in Vietnam and left that country as a teenager after the end of the Vietnam War, ending up via a harrowing boat journey in a refugee camp in Malaysia. She became an American citizen, met Gillis in 2001 and married him a year later.

Gillis said his wife, a consultant who matched investors with projects, traveled to China numerous times on business and as a volunteer to promote cultural and business exchanges and better health care. Most of her trips have been to the southern business centers of Shenzhen and Guangzhou. Gillis said he had never heard his wife mention Guangxi until she brought it up in a phone call during her detention — his first clue in his



Phan "Sandy" Phan-Gillis

quest to free her.

Phan-Gillis was detained in March 2015; that September, Gillis quit his job as a U.S. production services manager for an oilfield services company to focus full time on freeing her. He remains in Houston; lawyers told him he should not come to China for the trial.

Gillis started reading up on how Chinese cases work, and knew that he and the lawyers would only have a short window to prepare a defense once charges were filed and revealed to them.

Lawyer Shang said they could read Phan-Gillis' case file only in early September — more than six weeks after she was indicted.

Her legal team is not allowed to photocopy or take photos of the hundreds of pages.

"We can only copy it by hand," Shang said.

Gillis knew virtually nothing about why his wife was in custody before he received an unexpected phone call about a year ago. At the time, Chinese President Xi Jinping was in the U.S. meeting President Barack Obama, and Gillis had just started a media campaign to coincide with Xi's visit.

It was his wife. She frantically asked him to stop.

"She was pretty much begging me to tell the people who were on the phone in the room with her that I was going to stop the

media campaign," Gillis said by phone from Houston. But she was also allowed to tell him that "the case involved some people who she had known from Guangxi over 20 years ago."

Soon, he was digging through his wife's old files, sorting them by year. When he learned more about the accusations he went straight to the boxes labeled "1996," "1997" and "1998."

"The house still looks like a warehouse. I have boxes stacked everywhere," he said.

Gillis is thankful for his wife's tendency to hoard, because she left behind documents that

show she couldn't have been present for the offenses he says she is accused of committing.

"I have the passport that shows that she didn't even have a visa in '96, no entries or exits. I have her pay stubs that show that she was not off on extended leave."

He has found old receipts and a newspaper article with a photograph of Phan-Gillis attending a horse event in Houston when she is alleged to have been in China. He has submitted the documents to his wife's lawyers, and has pressed politicians to write letters on her behalf.

U.S. consular officials are allowed to visit Phan-Gillis once a month. Gillis said she told them that threats and relentless interrogation sessions caused her to suffer a heart attack.

"Hearing how they had treated her, it made me cry," he said. He said that, together with the knowledge that Chinese authorities have charged his wife with spying, and "with allegations that were easily provable to be false," is why he has decided to publicly discuss her case.

U.S. State Department spokesman John Kirby said that China "continues to withhold many details of the case."

"We remain deeply concerned about Ms. Phan-Gillis' welfare and continue to monitor her case closely," he said in a statement. AP

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THAILAND

Buddhist monks lead commemoration of 1976 massacre

BUDDHIST monks, survivors, mourners and activists gathered yesterday to mark the 40th anniversary of one of the darkest days in Thailand's history, when police killed scores of university students at a peaceful protest, and vigilantes defiled the dead.

Students at Bangkok's Thammasat University had been protesting the return from exile of a hated former dictator in 1976 when they were trapped by a right-wing mob and heavily armed paramilitary police, who fired guns and grenades at the defenseless crowd of several thousand.

After the students were subdued, thugs rushed in and grabbed as many as a dozen. They were then taken to a nearby public field, beaten to death, hanged and abused, with the bodies tossed onto a makeshift funeral pyre. The official death toll was 46, though credible independent estimates put it at more than 100.

The disorder was used as an excuse for the army to seize power later that day, undoing a student-led democratic revolution three years earlier.

The anniversary comes as Thailand is again under military rule since a 2014 coup, a situation referred to by some speakers at the anniversary ceremony.

"I think we all have heard the term 'Brexit' used to describe the process of Britain leaving the EU. I would like to propose that the first necessary condition for democracy in Thailand is 'Mexit'; meaning the first necessary condition is to take the military out of politics," said Surachart Bamrungsuk, a former student leader who was present



Thai activists lay down the candle at 6 Oct Memorium at Thammasat University in Bangkok

at the Thammasat tragedy and then was held in prison for two years on trumped-up charges.

"If we can't take the military out of politics, then don't even think about democracy," said Surachart, now a professor of political science at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.

This year's commemoration

has drawn broader interest than usual because an invited speaker, teenage Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong, was not allowed into the country by Thai authorities, making headlines worldwide. Wong was supposed to speak at Chulalongkorn, which this year joined Thammasat for the

first time in marking the anniversary.

The rector of Thammasat, Somkit Lertpaithoon, said the university teaches its students about the violence and even has survivors on its staff.

"Even though the events of Oct. 6 may not be documented in Thai history, the new genera-

The first necessary condition for democracy in Thailand is 'Mexit'; meaning to take the military out of politics.

SURACHART BAMRUNGSUK

tion still strives to learn about it," he said in a speech at the university.

The Thammasat massacre has always been a sensitive issue, both because the images of lynchings speak to a dark side of the Thai character and because the assault on the university showed how the state can carry out human rights abuses with impunity. No perpetrators were ever punished.

An increasing awareness of human rights since 1976 has led to much questioning of the use of state violence, especially because of a sometimes-violent struggle for political power that has troubled Thailand for the past decade, including bloody street battles in Bangkok in 2010. **AP**

MALAYSIA

Court lets off 'Budgie 9' who partied in swimsuits

NINE Australians who spent four nights in police detention after stripping down to skimpy swimsuits printed with the Malaysian flag at that nation's Formula One Grand Prix walked free yesterday without a conviction after pleading guilty to causing a public nuisance and apologizing.

The nine were detained since Sunday after they partied in their swimwear and drank beer from shoes in full view of thousands of spectators at the Sepang track after Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo won the race.

Australian media dubbed them the Budgie Nine. A



Australian men celebrate in Budgy Smuggler-brand swimsuits decorated with the Malaysian flag at the conclusion of the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix

budgerigar is an Australian parrot that is a popular household pet and the Australians' swimwear is colloquially known as budgie smugglers.

The name plays on nine Australians arrested in Indonesia for heroin traffi-

cking in 2005 who became known as the Bali Nine.

Their Australian families flew to Malaysia as the police warned the friends faced potential two-year prison sentences.

Defense lawyer Muhammad Shafee Ab-

dullah said the court accepted his argument that it was a trivial offense and that the nine, mostly dressed in suits in the court, were ignorant of the local culture and remorseful. He said one of them read out an apology to the court, admitting to an "error of judgment."

Shafee said their actions were not illegal in most countries, including Australia.

"We are sensitive about it, but they didn't know. They sincerely thought it was a respect and a celebration with Malaysians," Shafee said.

"The court accepted my mitigation that this was a

trivial offense and under extenuating circumstances because they misunderstood the local culture. They have been admonished by the court and released without conviction," he added.

He said one of the men fainted in court briefly due to dehydration.

The nine, mostly Sydney University graduates in their 20s, left the court without speaking to reporters. The men included Jack Walker, an adviser to Australian Defense Industry Minister Chris Pyne.

His father John Walker said they were very thankful.

"There's no charge, there's

no fine and the boys apologized. They recognized what they did was unacceptable but they have been completely cleared and are free to travel and resume their lives," he said.

Ricciardo, the driver whose success inspired the Australians' beer-fueled revelry, described the incident as "pretty harmless."

"I respect the laws of Malaysia, but beyond that I don't think they deserve any further punishment," Ricciardo told Sydney's The Daily Telegraph newspaper.

"In Australia, it's a bit different, but I'm very sure they didn't intend to offend anyone," he said. **AP**



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SHOWDOWN IN MACAO

DARREN CLARKE LOOKS FORWARD TO REACQUAINTING WITH FANS IN MACAO



Darren Clarke, the 2011 Open Championship winner, will be making his long overdue return to Macao next week. The 48-year-old Ulsterman last played at the Macau Golf & Country Club in 1999 when Lee Westwood of England took home the coveted trophy, and the Venetian Macao Open is delighted and ready to host one of the most highly regarded players on the tour.

The Venetian Macao Open, Asian Tour's richest tournament this season, will mark Clarke's first competitive outing after the recent Ryder Cup, which he was the captain of the European Team. Fans will be able to see and learn how a master tactician makes a notable switch in mental approach from being a team leader to competing alongside fellow professionals as a lone golfer.

Clarke, whose trophy cabinet also boasts of two World Golf Championship wins and a further 14 International victories, said:

"I'm looking forward to returning to Macao to play at this year's Venetian Macao Open. I didn't realise it has been that long since I came, these 17 years have gone by very quickly! I remember it as a great event and no doubt it is at a completely different level now. I will make sure I prepare well so I am ready to take on the best on the Asian Tour and put on a good show."



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ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

Next UN chief widely seen as modernizer



Antonio Guterres is surrounded by Somali refugees

Barry Hatton, Lisbon

SOON after he was elected leader of Portugal's center-left Socialist Party in 1992, Antonio Guterres added a red rose motif to the clenched, raised fist which was the party's traditional symbol.

It was a political re-branding that also captured the softer, kinder image of Guterres. And it paid dividends: after a decade out of power, the Socialists won a 1995 election and went into government with Guterres as their prime minister.

Guterres, 67, has now been tapped to succeed Ban Ki-moon as the next U.N. secretary-general. The U.N. Security Council met yesterday to formally approve Guterres and recommend his candidacy to the 193-member General Assembly, which must give final approval.

Guterres made his name in the 1990s as one of a new European generation of modernizing Socialists that included British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Guterres was admired for being eloquent, smart and moderate. But over eight years as Portuguese leader, he also became known as a politician who shied away from unpopular decisions and sometimes found it hard to say no. He resigned halfway through his second term, when his party's popularity began to fade.

Under Guterres' leadership, the Socialists jettisoned their extreme leftist policies and became a moderate party occupying the political center ground.

Guterres — fluent in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish, and with a keen interest in medieval history, cinema and opera — appealed to Portugal's new middle-class, which had emerged on the back of a surge in wealth following the country's 1986 membership in the European Union.

Guterres, a staunch supporter of Europe's moves towards closer political and economic integration, called for EU member nations to surrender more power to centralized institutions.

As prime minister, he adopted business-friendly policies and pursued extensive privatizations of state companies, while pouring money into social issues such as public education and health care. He passed a law establishing a minimum income for families, with the government providing funds for the poorest so they could meet that threshold.

Perhaps Guterres' greatest feat in Portugal was pushing through the financial reforms and insisting on the government spending limits required to qualify the country for membership in the euro, Europe's shared currency, when many observers had predicted the country was too fis-

cally lax and wouldn't make the grade.

His minority government engaged in some tough political horse-trading to get its policies approved by parliament. Famously, Guterres had to promise an opposition lawmaker government funds for a cheese factory in his district to ensure the passage of

the annual state budget.

His detractors in Portugal accused him of failing to undertake tough and potentially vote-losing reforms, including an overhaul of the country's inefficient health service and snail-pace legal system.

His critics also complained that he lacked steel. One newspaper described Guterres' time in power as "a permanent balancing act" of trying not to upset anyone.

Guterres was minded, for example, to accept scientific research that argued the alcohol limit permitted for driving should be lowered to ensure road safety. But after an outcry from the wine-growing country's drinks industry, which said the measure would cost jobs, he backed down.

After seven years, the short, jowly politician had had enough of the political tension. Guterres unexpectedly resigned as prime minister after the Socialists lost heavily in municipal elections in 2001. In his resignation speech he gave a mysterious explanation for his decision, and he has never clarified what he meant: "I am doing it to avoid the country falling into a political swamp," he said.

He then turned his back on Portuguese politics, choosing a career far from home as the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, a post he held for 10 years up to 2015.

That post was as much a calling as a job. Even while he was at Lisbon's prestigious Technical University, where he was an outstanding student, Guterres found time to help out people in poor neighborhoods, organize chil-

dren's summer camps and assist flood victims.

Volunteering wasn't enough, however, and he once said he turned to politics in search of a more effective way of fighting poverty and misery.

"I also found out that politics has its limits," he said.

Nevertheless, as the U.N. refugee chief Guterres stood at the heart of international emergencies that were far more politically complex than the domestic aggravations he turned his back on.

Guterres was in the thick of the Syrian refugee crisis in recent years. He appeared in the spotlight alongside actress Angelina Jolie as the UNHCR special envoy issued pleas for help for the refugees while he aimed sharp rebukes at the EU's lack of tolerance and generosity.

His two terms in office brought wide praise, including from Ban, the outgoing U.N. secretary-general, who described him as "one of the U.N.'s great leaders."

Guterres has seen the U.N. from the inside, and he has plans to change it: he wants more funding for the institution and wants to work with the World Bank, non-governmental organizations and private companies to ensure it.

He also wants more reliable contributions from donor countries that sometimes are reluctant to write checks. In return, he can show he's no extravagant spender: he reduced staff at UNHCR's Geneva headquarters by over 20 per cent and made the organization's cost effectiveness a priority. **AP**

Guterres to select a woman as deputy

ANTÓNIO Guterres will almost certainly select a woman as deputy secretary-general and he said in the interview that one of the things that is "crucial" at the male-dominated United Nations is "to have gender parity."

He said that his 10 years as the U.N. high commissioner for refugees, which ended in December, were "excellent preparation" for a secretary-general who needs to be an honest broker and be seen by countries as independent in order to promote consensus and overcome crises.

"I think we are living in a world where we see a multiplication of new conflicts, and you see an enormous difficulty in solving the conflicts," Guterres said. "There is a clear lack of capacity in the international community to prevent and to solve conflicts."

What's needed, he said, is a new "diplomacy for peace" which requires discreet diplomatic contacts and shuttling among key players in conflicts and disputes. The secretary-general should also engage as much as possible and "act with humility to try to create the conditions for member states that are the crucial actors in any process to be able to come together and overcome their differences," he said.

Guterres said the simple answer to why he wants to be secretary-general can be found in "The Parable of The Talents" from the New Testament, which has been the central thing in his life.



U.N. refugee chief, Antonio Guterres, second left, along with UNHCR special envoy, actress Angelina Jolie, second right, visit Zaatari refugee camp, near the Syrian border

"I think that one in life receives a lot of gifts, and one has the responsibility to pay back, no? And to multiply the gifts that were received," he said.

Guterres received a very good education and said he dreamed of being a researcher in physics, and became an assistant physics professor. But he also got involved with a group of students and volunteered in the slums of Lisbon and saw tremendous social problems in the last years of Antonio Salazar's four-decade dictatorship in Portugal, which ended in 1974.

"That made me rethink my life," Guterres said. "Now, again, because of 'The Parable of The Talents,' where can I pay back better?"

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21:15	Documentary Serie
22:10	Precious Pearl
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Movie
00:45	2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers Highlights
01:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:00	Documentary
02:45	2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers: Portugal - Andorra (Live)

SATURDAY

10:40	Comedy
11:05	Blaze Riders
11:30	Documentary Serie
12:00	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers: Portugal - Andorra (Repeated)
16:50	Soap Opera
17:20	Documentary Serie
18:30	Miscellaneous
18:50	Contest
19:40	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Drama
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22:45	Non-Daily Portuguese News
23:00	TDM News
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SUNDAY

10:40	Young Children
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13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
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14:40	Light Entertainment
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17:45	Documentary Serie
19:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
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offbeat

POLICE IN ITALY FIND FUGITIVE MOB BOSS HIDING IN HOME BUNKER



One of Italy's most-wanted fugitive mob bosses was arrested after five years on the lam this week when police found him hiding in a home bunker built between the bathroom and his son's bedroom.

Antonio Pelle, 54, crawled out of his hiding place on his stomach to

the top of an armoire that had shielded the bunker at his home in southern Reggio Calabria. Video of his surrender showed at least two dozen police surrounding the wardrobe waiting for him to emerge.

Pelle, known as "Mamma," was serving a 20-year prison sentence for mafia association, arms and drug trafficking when he slipped out of a hospital in the town of Locri in September 2011. He had been taken to the hospital to be treated for anorexia, Italian news reports said.

Pelle, who was on the Interior Ministry's list of most dangerous mob fugitives, is considered the boss of the Pelle-Romeo clan of San Luca, in Italy's southern Calabria region. The clan's long-running feud with the rival Nirta-Strangio family erupted in a bloody vendetta in Germany in 2007, when a gangland massacre at an Italian restaurant left six people dead.

The carnage drew international attention to the reach of Calabria's 'ndrangheta mob, which is today considered more powerful than the Sicilian Mafia and has become one of the world's biggest cocaine traffickers.

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ROOM 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

SADAKO VS KAYAKO

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Koji Shiraishi

Starring: Mizuki Yamamoto, Tina Tamashiro, Masanobu Ando

Language: Japanese (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 98min



DEEP WATER HORIZON

ROOM 2

4.30 pm

Director: Peter Berg

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, John Malkovich,

Kate Hudson

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 107min

DEEP WATER HORIZON

ROOM 3

2.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Peter Berg

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, John Malkovich,

Kate Hudson

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 107min

STORKS

ROOM 3

(2D) 4.05, 5.45, 7.30 pm

Director: Nicholas Stoller, Doug Sweetland

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 87min

MACAU TOWER

06 Oct - 19 Oct

SNOWDEN

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Oliver Stone

Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Shailene Woodley,

Melissa Leo

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 134min



this day in history



1985 GUNMEN HIJACK ITALIAN CRUISE LINER

Palestinian militants have hijacked an Italian cruise liner, the Achille Lauro, in the Mediterranean and threatened to blow it up.

The gunmen are demanding the release of 50 Palestinian prisoners held in Israel.

There are said to be 420 passengers and crew on board the ship including six Britons.

Little is yet known about the hijackers but Egyptian and Italian authorities are said to be in communication with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation.

The Naples-based ship was commandeered this afternoon shortly after leaving the port of Alexandria in Egypt on its way to Port Said.

Most of the passengers disembarked in Alexandria to go on a sight-seeing tour and were planning to rejoin the cruise further up the Egyptian coast.

The Achille Lauro's present position and intended destination is unknown, but the Italian Navy is sending ships and reconnaissance aircraft in an attempt to establish its location.

Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi is understood to be holding an emergency meeting to discuss options with his foreign and defence ministers.

Marine hijackings are uncommon. In 1961 the passenger liner Santa Maria was taken over by opponents of the Portuguese dictator Antonio Salazar, but it ended peacefully.

Notable sea hijacks have also occurred off Singapore, Greece and Cambodia in the 1970s.

Experts say a forced boarding of the Achille Lauro could result in heavy hostage casualties.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The hijackers were from the Palestinian Liberation Front, a splinter group of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Liberation Organisation. They shot dead a disabled American tourist, 69 year-old Leon Klinghoffer and had his body thrown overboard with his wheelchair.

The crisis ended on 10 October. Egypt gave free passage to the hijackers in exchange for the rest of the hostages.

But US Navy jets intercepted a chartered Egypt Air 737 carrying the gunmen and forced it to land in Italy.

Four of them were tried in Italy and sentenced to long prison terms. Abu Abbas, the alleged mastermind escaped jail and stands convicted in absentia.

He was arrested by US special forces in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, in April 2003 and died in custody in March 2004. A post mortem examination showed he died of heart disease.

The Achille Lauro caught fire and sank in 1994.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You need to avoid the friction that is going down today — otherwise, you may find that your energy is wasted on small-scale conflict. You feel too good to get drawn into silly struggles.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Your opinions are hard to suppress today — but why would you want to do that anyway? Just let them flow and see if anyone rises to the challenge. You may find a new sparring partner that keeps your mind active.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Your amazing energy gives you the confidence you definitely need to make it through today's challenges. The best part is that as you blow past all this, you make a really great impression.

Libra

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Your deepest, fondest hopes are possible — as long as you're open about them with yourself and your people. Now is the time to ask big questions and see what could come up next.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You need some travel in your life. If you can sneak away for a quick road trip, go for it. If not, plan for something big and extravagant and see when you can break away for a good long time.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your independence is never in question — but today, you may find that someone tries to rein you in. Show them what you think about that and try not to let them push you too far.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

You need to avoid the appearance of arrogance — or any kind of egotism, really. It's not that you've got a problem, just that those around you are especially sensitive to those who seem full of themselves.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your social energy is pushing you to try something new and sassy — and may involve showing off quite a bit! There's no shame in it, so indulge yourself and see where it all goes from here.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Though you may not be at the top of the charts right now, you've got a confidence and sense of purpose that should help you get there. The world loves an underdog, so make sure that they know your name.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're having a problem that doesn't seem to go away, so it's best to just wait it out — unless, of course, you like battering your head against brick walls, in which case, go ahead and try to fix it today.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It's a hard time to be in business — everyone seems to be acting like a shark. Just step back for the day and let them eat each other. You're only a target if they can see you coming!

Pisces

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your boss or teacher may be in a foul mood — or there could be another reason that they're saying no to your latest plan. There's not much to be done but get back to the drawing board.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Tianjin	15	27	cloudy/overcast
Urumqi	2	25	cloudy/clear
Xi'an	14	34	drizzle
Lhasa	8	23	overcast/cloudy
Chengdu	18	29	drizzle
Chongqing	20	32	clear/cloudy
Kunming	13	22	cloudy
Nanjing	20	34	cloudy
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Wuhan	19	33	clear/cloudy
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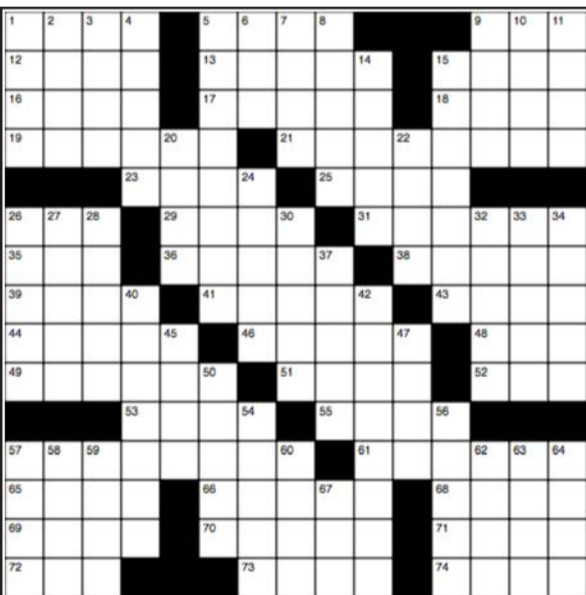
WORLD

Moscow	13	11	drizzle
Frankfurt	14	20	cloudy/drizzle
Paris	12	21	clear/cloudy
London	14	18	clear/cloudy
New York	20	28	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Earth goddess; 5- Riding; 9- Bankroll; 12- Capri, for one; 13- Ethical; 15- Movable barrier; 16- Sports figure?; 17- "Who's there?" reply; 18- Hoar; 19- Pertaining to tea acid; 21- Performed surgery; 23- Brother of Hoss; 25- An apple ...; 26- License plate; 29- Kimono ties; 31- Supercilious; 35- Buckeyes' sch.; 36- Camel's cousin; 38- Grenoble's river; 39- Take ___ from me; 41- Author Zola; 43- Lukas of "Witness"; 44- Move obliquely; 46- Notre Dame's Fighting ___; 48- ___ Tin Tin; 49- Picks up the check; 51- Door part; 52- ___pitch softball; 53- Final Four org.; 55- Greek vowels; 57- February birthstone; 61- Puts up; 65- Mosaic piece; 66- Flight of steps; 68- Story line; 69- ___ Three Lives; 70- Small antelope; 71- River to the Seine; 72- Pampering, briefly; 73- One of the Baldwin brothers; 74- Baseball's "Walking Man" Eddie;

DOWN: 1- Essential point; 2- Hammett hound; 3- Enthusiasm; 4- MetLife competitor; 5- Friendly; 6- Small child; 7- Roughly; 8- Argentine plain; 9- Hold on!; 10- Look ___; I'm Sandra Dee; 11- Feat; 14- City in West Yorkshire; 15- Slightly gray; 20- Billy ___ had a hit song with "White Wedding"; 22- Title bestowed upon the wife of a raja; 24- Orange Bowl site; 26- Browned sliced bread; 27- Moving; 28- Tour leader; 30- Smug smile; 32- Phobias; 33- Fragile; 34- Type of question; 37- Dress style; 40- Put in the ground for growth; 42- Recondite; 45- Draw with acid; 47- Girder type; 50- Authority; 54- Latin stars; 56- Indian soldier in British service; 57- Arguing; 58- Factory; 59- Util. bill; 60- Follow; 62- Pitcher's prize?; 63- Chuck; 64- Editor's note; 67- May ___ excused?;



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FOOTBALL

Son Heung-min gives South Korea a comeback win over Qatar

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Tottenham Hotspur's Son Heung-Min

TOTTENHAM forward Son Heung-min scored the winner as South Korea rallied for a 3-2 comeback victory over Qatar in Asian qualifying for the World Cup.

Son curled in a shot in the 58th minute for his sixth goal in six games.

Swansea midfielder Ki Seung-yeung had put South Korea ahead in the 11th minute yesterday, but Qatar got goals from Hasan Al Haydos and Sebastian Soria to lead 2-1 at halftime.

Ji Dong-won equalized in the 56th, two minutes before Son scored the winner.

South Korea has seven points from three games in Group A, which

le Qatar is last with no points after three losses.

The top two teams in Groups A and B will qualify automatically for the World Cup, with the two third-place teams playing off for a spot in an intercontinental qualifier.

CHINA 0, SYRIA 1

China's hopes of qualification for the first time since 2002 had a major setback with a 1-0 defeat against Syria in Xian. Mahmoud Al Mawas scored the only goal of the game after 54 minutes.

China has just one point from the first three games in Group A. Syria moves up to fourth spot with four points. **AP**

BOXING

36 Olympic judges, referees barred from future events

THREE dozen boxing referees and judges who officiated at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics have been barred from working at further world-level events until an investigation is completed.

The international boxing association said yesterday the 36 referees and judges should be ineligible to officiate at events it organizes. AIBA's youth world championships will be held next month in St. Petersburg, Russia, but the association has no senior world championships scheduled in the next year.

The integrity of AIBA, its officials and scoring system were questioned in Rio. During the games, AIBA president C.K. Wu responded to the criticism by reassigning his executive director to other duties.

AIBA has not detailed how many Olympic officials were sent home over "less than a handful" of unsatisfactory fight decisions.

Disputed bouts included fighters from Ireland, Kazakhstan and the United States losing to opponents from Russia and Uzbekistan.

However, some judges at those bouts continued to work in Rio.

After the Olympics, AIBA said it sent cases of some officials and



member federations to its disciplinary commission. No details were given of how many referees and judges were affected, or a timetable for possible sanctions.

Yesterday, AIBA said it was looking to disband its system of certifying referees and judges for top championships.

In a further proposed change, AIBA will look to "instill greater transparency" by picking referees and judges for bouts in an automated draw instead of selection by a three-member draw commission.

Current AIBA rules have five judges scoring each fight, but a computer randomly throws out two of the scores. An open and transparent five-judge system is now being considered. **AP**

RUGBY

Smith drama biggest challenge for All Blacks in some time

Gerald Imray

WITH no other rugby team coming close to unsettling New Zealand, the drama and distraction of scrumhalf Aaron Smith's suspension appears to be the biggest obstacle between the All Blacks and another supremely dominant season.

Even then, it's unlikely that the incident and Smith's absence for the world champion's final test of the Rugby Championship in South Africa — when the All Blacks could equal the record for consecutive wins — will derail one of the most impressive teams in world sport and its 16-game streak.

On the field, T.J. Perenara provides such a strong backup at No. 9 that New Zealand won't be any weaker without Smith.

And off the field, an unshakeable team culture that has created a consistent level of excellence since the first of back-to-back World Cup wins in 2011 means it's hard to see any dip in focus.

Former South Africa coach Heyneke Meyer, whose team lost to New Zealand in last year's World Cup semifinals, told South African media this week that it was what went on behind the scenes with the All Blacks that made them the best.

"What people don't understand," Meyer said, "is that whatever happens off the field translates directly into what happens on it. This is where the All Blacks are ahead of the rest."

Meyer described how the stars of the All Blacks, rugby's most famous team, weren't above cleaning the dressing room.

"They've got an unbelievable team culture where senior players sweep the dressing room. It's all about the team and there are no prima donas," Meyer said.

That made Smith's indiscretion last month — entering a disabled toilet with a woman while he was traveling with the team — shocking to New Zealanders. It's such a big deal that Prime Minister John Key weighed in, saying Smith had let himself and the team down.

AP PHOTO



Kieran Read, captain of New Zealand's All Blacks celebrates holds up the trophy after winning the rugby championship in Buenos Aires

The All Blacks put so much trust in their team ethic, an ethic now under scrutiny because of Smith, that a group of senior players were part of the decision to suspend him for tomorrow's game against the Springboks in Durban.

"The leadership group met and were unanimous in the fact that behavior was not acceptable," said Steve Hansen, the thick-set, straight-talking head coach who has been with the All Blacks' staff for 12 years.

Smith's actions also prompted recollections in New Zealand of the last and only other time an All Black left a tour for disciplinary reasons: Keith Murdoch was sent home from Wales in 1972 for punching a security

guard after he was refused entry to a closed bar.

The Smith controversy broke as New Zealand's squad arrived in South Africa after a member of the public complained belatedly about the airport incident, and Smith asked to be allowed to go home. He'll face a misconduct hearing, and a media storm, back in New Zealand.

In Durban, the challenge for the rest of the All Blacks is to charge through the distraction and on to a record-equaling 17th test win in top-tier rugby, and give the game's most celebrated team a chance at another accomplishment, the outright world record, at home against Australia in two weeks. **AP**

LINEUPS

SOUTH AFRICA: Pat Lambie, Francois Hougaard, Juan de Jongh, Damian de Allende, Bryan Habana, Morne Steyn, Faf de Klerk, Warren Whiteley, Oupa Mohoje, Francois Louw, Pieter-Steph du Toit, Eben Etzebeth, Vincent Koch, Adriaan Strauss (captain), Tendai Mtawarira.

NEW ZEALAND: Ben Smith, Israel Dagg, Anton Lienert-Brown, Ryan Crotty, Waisake Naholo, Beauden Barrett, T.J. Perenara, Kieran Read (captain), Matt Todd, Jerome Kaino, Sam Whitelock, Brodie Retallick, Owen Franks, Dane Coles, Joe Moody.

opinion

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How much do you trust?

I am periodically reminded that there is no such thing as a coincidence. Although I'm yet to determine an alternative name for the phenomenon, it's only in Macau that I'm presented with coincidences in abundance. I'm convinced that it's not just the absurd connectivity between us all here ("Macau's so small!") and the dynamism of social life, there's something eerie, almost spiritual, even kismet about the coincidental synchronisation of apparently unrelated events and people.

Prompted to contemplate trust this week, I realised that almost exactly four years ago to the day, I published a column here on trust and betrayal – a discussion on psychological contracts in the work place. Unbeknown to me at the time I wrote it, it foretold of a profound personal lesson I was to learn: we cannot truly control when someone loses trust in us.

Separate from deliberately destroying it or consciously, mindfully building it, there is the other person, their interpretations, their stories, their world view, their will: one word can undermine trust whether in jest, anger or simply in the wrong time or place. That word may add another piece to the sometimes warped and certainly incomplete schemas that people hold about us (and we of them) and the situations that connect us – thus meaning is created. Little can be done to control these moments. We are left to build again from there, if it matters.

So, trust: the importance and strength of it hit home, and periodically continues to do so. Thankfully, when established, it has a forgiving and resilient nature, even if those involved do not.

At the time, I wrote of managers' and organisations' roles in developing trust and the importance of understanding that employees' perceptions can be distorted. Organisational policies and practices, managers' behaviours and organisational policy statements all send messages and create meaning (often unintended), just as points of contact in our personal relationships do. If you want people to perform in their roles, even distorted perceptions are legitimate, not to be ignored or invalidated.

The rise of Trump and the Brexit vote should have highlighted to leaders of all persuasions in liberal societies the perils of failing to engage with peoples' concerns regardless of the value judgements of those concerns or the people having them. Lessons are to be learnt from even the lesser educated, the less experienced, the less knowledgeable, less virtuous, less [fill in the blank]. Failing to legitimise and deal with those concerns merely perpetuates the distortion and a vicious cycle of distrust.

Trust in leadership, and in democracy per se, has been put firmly on the global political agenda but ebbs and flows in business and management dialogue. Articles on trust are scattered through business magazines – Forbes, Fortune, Harvard Business Review, etc. – telling us that trust is a necessary precursor to any business transaction. We generally take for granted that institutions are developed to ensure this. Betrayal is managed by exception in the courts, by consumers taking their money elsewhere, labour unrest and investor disinterest.

Inside organisations, inconsistencies between what managers say and what they do, under-delivering on promises, management spin, lack of care and communication, and insufficient knowledge sharing can all lead to employees mistrusting. Status-conscious managers who resolutely refuse to justify their actions may as well resign themselves to constantly putting out fires and dealing with HR problems "yet again". Unlike power, trust is not commanded, it, like respect, is earned.

Macau – the World Centre of Tourism aspirant – is in the people business more than ever. Where people interact and work together trust is crucial. It determines the quality of relationships upon which job performance and service provision depend but we forget that trust can be fragile. We under-estimate the power of our words, the ready distortion of perceptions and over-estimate the resilience of our friends, our colleagues, our customers and those relationships. It's the virtuous cycle of trust - the trust-credit in the bank - that buffers those moments. It lessens the impact of the bad and the ugly and positively (re)interprets what we see.

THE UKIP LAWMAKER HOSPITALIZED AFTER ALTERCATION WITH COLLEAGUES

A European Parliament member from Britain's right-wing U.K. Independence Party – the front-runner to be UKIP's next leader – was in serious condition in a hospital after an "altercation" yesterday with colleagues.

Party leader Nigel Farage said "following an altercation that took place at a meeting of UKIP MEPs" at the parliament in Strasbourg, France, "Steven Woolfe subsequently collapsed and was taken to hospital. His condition is serious."

The party said it was awaiting an update on Woolfe's condition. According to media reports, Woolfe was punched yesterday, hit his head and collapsed some time later.

European Parliament spokeswoman confirmed that emergency services were called after Woolfe had a medical incident in front of the European parliament chamber.

Utah man charged 40 dollars for 'skin-to-skin' contact with newborn



Lidia Grassley and her son Samuel at Utah Valley Hospital in Provo

Brady McCombs, Salt Lake City

RYAN Grassley discovered a perplexing charge on a hospital bill for the recent birth of his son: Nearly USD40 for "skin to skin" contact after his wife gave birth via cesarean section.

Amused by the bill, he posted a picture of it on Reddit this week and commented: "I had to pay \$39.35 to hold my baby after he was born."

The post set off a flurry of outrage and consternation on Reddit. Nearly 12,000 people commented, with

many sharing their own stories of what they said were bizarre or ridiculous medical charges.

"A lot of people like to be shocked and outraged by things," Grassley said in an interview this week. "Today, It happened to be my hospital bill."

The fee technically wasn't for Grassley to hold his baby, but to have an additional nurse present in the hospital recovery room for C-section patients to ensure the mother and baby were safe, said Janet Frank, spokeswoman for Utah Valley Hospital in

Provo, Utah.

"There is never a charge for a patient to hold their baby," Frank said.

Grassley said that he wasn't mad about the bill or seeking reimbursement but thought posting it would make people laugh. He's also hopeful the attention the bill attracted might lead hospitals to be more precise about their billing charges.

He said he and his wife were pleased with the doctors and nurses who handled the Sept. 4 birth of their second child, a boy named Samuel.

A GoFundMe account Grassley set up to pay the bill brought in \$60 by yesterday and he has a plan for the surplus.

"Any money donated over the \$39.35 will be put toward a vasectomy because I never want to go through these sleepless new baby nights again," Grassley wrote on GoFundMe.

He sent Frank an email on Tuesday apologizing for ruining her day as media attention about the bill intensified.

"Maybe it should have said, 'Sorry for your ruining your week,'" Grassley said. **AP**

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Roadside	50-70 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	75-105 Bad	
Ambient	75-105 Bad	

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

THAILAND Buddhist monks, survivors, mourners and activists mark the 40th anniversary of one of the darkest days in Thailand's history, when police killed scores of university students at a peaceful protest, and vigilantes defiled the dead. [More on p12](#)



PHILIPPINES An independent poll shows that more than three-quarters of Filipinos are satisfied with President Rodrigo Duterte, even though he is under fire internationally for his deadly crackdown on suspected drug dealers and users.



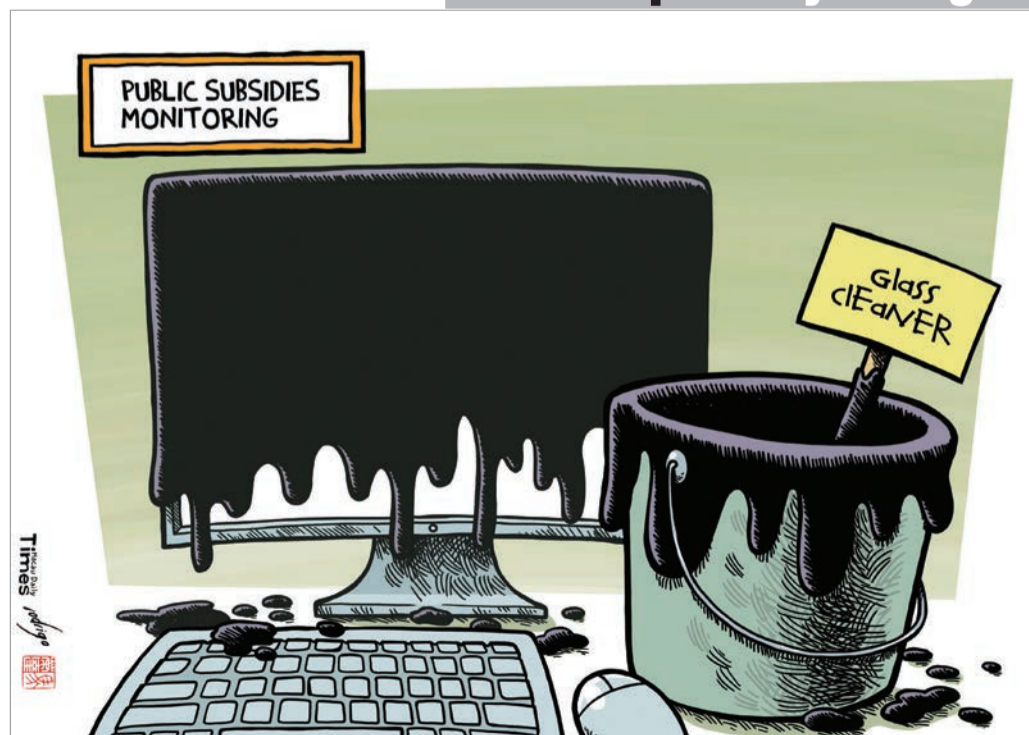
MYANMAR A court sentences a Dutch citizen to three months in prison for interfering with a religious observance by unplugging an amplifier blasting a late-night Buddhist sermon near his hotel.

INDIA-US Indian police arrest 70 people and question hundreds more after uncovering a massive scam to cheat thousands of Americans out of millions of dollars by posing as U.S. tax authorities and demanding unpaid taxes.

TURKEY A bomb placed on a motorcycle exploded yesterday near a police station in Istanbul, wounding at least 10 civilians. Vasi Sahin, the governor for Istanbul, told reporters at the scene in the Yenibosna district that none of the injured was in serious condition. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, which could be heard from the city's nearby Ataturk Airport.

GERMANY A court has convicted four men who procured tens of thousands of euros (dollars) worth of supplies for the ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham group in Syria of supporting a terrorist organization.

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HOLIDAY TIMES

Macau Daily Times will not be published on Monday. The Times will be back on the stands on Tuesday, October 11. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.