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SINGAPORE Police identified Malaysian financier Low Taek Jho, also known as Jho Low, as a "key person of interest" in a money laundering probe surrounding 1Malaysia Development Bhd.
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JAPAN A Japanese official says Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will meet with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump next week. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters yesterday that Abe and Trump had talked by telephone and confirmed the importance of the Japan-U.S. alliance and their commitment for cooperation.



INDIA'S industry leaders, bankers and market analysts have rallied behind Modi's decision to recall all 500 and 1,000 rupee currency notes, viewing it as a much-needed corrective in a cash-reliant culture that has facilitated corruption.

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197 MUST students receive scholarships



On Tuesday, the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) organized a ceremony at which 197 of its students were presented with awards, as announced in a notice published by MUST. The monetary awards were supported by companies from Macau and from neighboring regions. In total, 26 forms of financial support were awarded, in particular to students who stood out in academic achievement, in social services, and in other fields. MUST Rector Liu Liang said during his speech, that the awards were offered to encourage students. He thanked the sponsors for continuing to support MUST's development.

Giordano sales plunge in third quarter

Giordano International announced its sales value decreasing by 3 percent from a year earlier to RMB1.197 billion in the third quarter, which ended September. The figure for comparable outlets dropped by 3 percent, according to Sinocast. The company's gross profit inched down three percent to CNY698 million. Sales value decreased by four percent in Hong Kong and Macau, due to the company closing outlets with high rentals in 2015. Gross profit for comparable outlets inched up five percent, in contrast to 11 percent growth recorded a year ago. Records created at the end of September show that the company operates in 2388 outlets in more than 30 nations, covering 2.2929 million square feet. Most outlets are located in Greater China, South Korea, Southeast Asia and in the Middle East.

Solidarity Cup: Macau faces Brunei on Saturday

Macau will play against Brunei this Saturday in the semi-final of the Asia Solidarity Cup Soccer Championship, after drawing with Sri Lanka on Wednesday at the Sarawak Stadium in Negiri, Kuching. According to reports, Sri Lanka dominated the game with an early goal by Kavindu Ishan, following a superb pass from Mohamed Rifnaz in the fifth minute. Yet Macau's Voi Weing found the equalizer in the 85th minute, enabling them to go through the semi-finals. Nepal will also compete with Mongolia in the semi-finals this Saturday. The winners will battle for the Asia Solidarity Cup at the final on November 15.

Q&A CÁTIA SILVA ENTREPRENEUR

Macau is 'still no Las Vegas' when it comes to weddings

Daniel Beittler

CÁTIA Silva is the owner of local party and wedding planning company "Bad Bad Maria," which took off about two years ago in the territory. The company has recently revamped its website, advertising new services like made-to-order breakfast.

She says that her approach to wedding planning differs from other more traditional planners. Silva is focused on the "unusual" and "unconventional," bringing a sense of individuality to the celebration.

She specializes in organizing and arranging destination weddings – where couples travel to often far-flung locations not only for the wedding, but also for other pre- or post-wedding activities, like honeymoons and photo-shoots.

Silva says that while Macau is a somewhat popular wedding destination for mainland Chinese tourists, it has not appealed to one of her key target markets: Portugal.

The Portuguese-born event planner, who has also lived in Angola, sat down with the Times to talk about what she does and why she does it, and offered her thoughts on the wedding sector in Macau.

Macau Daily Times(MDT) - What's in the name "Bad Bad Maria"?

Cátia Silva (CS) - "Bad Bad Maria" [Portuguese: Mau Mau Maria] is a Portuguese idiom that you use with the kids. Normally you use this when kids misbehave, but it is used in a fun way. It's actually caused some more confusion too; some people have asked me if I organize 'naughty parties' [Silva laughs]. But the idea [behind the name] is to communicate some good and cheerful vibes.

MDT - What is the main focus of your company?

CS - The intent is to do destination weddings – whether

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Not everybody wants to have the same, traditional type of wedding [...] that's why I like to bring some individuality.

in Portugal or Macau or Thailand or China. [...] Traditional weddings are not really what I am doing [with my company]; I am working on unconventional and destination weddings.

My main goal at the moment is to bring people from [the West] to have a wedding in Asia. That can include Macau, but it is usually Vietnam, Cambodia or Thailand – the more exotic locations. The idea for now is to do weddings and parties in the winter in Macau, as that is Macau's peak season, actually, and then to

spend the summer organizing weddings in Portugal, which is their peak season. There is also interest in going to Portugal for pre-wedding [activities] like photo-shoots. [...] There is an interest among people from Macau in going to Lisbon – instead of Paris, London, Korea or Japan – for the photo-shoots as they tend to have a curiosity about Portugal.

MDT - Why did you decide to pursue this career?

CS - I love weddings and I think they are a really special celebration of love. But not everybody wants to have the same, traditional type of wedding [...] I don't think that we should have [this kind of wedding] just because society says we should. So that's why I like to bring some individuality [in my wedding planning], and organize unusual and unconventional weddings.

MDT - Is it usual for the Portuguese to consider Macau for their weddings?

CS - It's not so popular right now for the Portuguese to have their weddings in Macau. Actually, many of the Portuguese living here tend to have quite simple weddings, and those that live in Portugal are often interested in more exotic [or unfamiliar] locations in Asia, like Hong Kong or Thailand.

MDT - Can Macau become a world-class destination for weddings, like Las Vegas or Japan?

CS - Macau is not yet really known for weddings – I mean we want to be, right? But we are still no Las Vegas. You never know though, we could be!

Of course I believe Macau can become a world-class destination for weddings; we have amazing casinos and venues and other facilities. But people need to have a will to do it. Even myself, I am considering approaching the government to see what sort of support they can offer, and I am interested in participating in the wedding expositions at the large casino resorts.

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Trade Union Law rejected for the eighth time

Julie Zhu

It was the eighth failure to pass a Trade Union Law in the Legislative Assembly (AL). Twelve lawmakers voted in favour and 15 against the bill that was raised by lawmakers linked to the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (Kwan Tsui Hang, Lam Heong Sang, Ella Lei). The result was not closer because lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho, who is currently in Lisbon, was absent.

Although rejected again, the law seems to have gained more support from the lawmakers. Several concerns were raised by the opponents, for instance, it was questioned whether this was the right time to establish such a law when Macau's economy is still in recovery.

The question of how it will be possible to define a trade union when Macau has more than 7,000 associations was asked again, as well as how the new law could meet the requirements of international agreements and of the MSAR Basic Law.

These three topics were the ones that drew the most attention from the opposing lawmakers. Many of them also pointed out that the current labor affairs law is able to protect the rights of employees, so there is no need to establish a trade union law.

Tsui Wai Kwan voiced his support of the establishment of such a law, however, he acknowledged that now would not be the right time. "The economy is still not diversified enough; the single [gaming] industry is still weak.



Fong Chi Keong was, as usual, the most vociferous in his opposition to the law

The current industry is not prepared for embracing the great impact [that will be generated by the laws]," explained Tsui. The lawmaker believes that in the present moment "there are no conditions [...] to adopt this law."

Ng Kuok Cheong argued that the economy does not have any bearing on the likelihood of the law being passed. "When Macau's economy was in its peak and Macau was at the top of the world, the law was rejected. There is no reason for it to be rejected again," said Ng.

In the articles written down in the law, a penalty system says that a maximum fine of MOP250,000 might be applied to employers when they break the law.

Fong Chi Keong was, as usual, the most vociferous

in his opposition to the law. He believes that, according to what is written in the articles, SMEs would not be able to survive, as any complaints coming from employees can lead to a fine levied against the employers.

"Since I was born until now, there was never a trade union law, it has always been about fines and nothing happened. This law will ruin the whole society, because it will create a special social class. I don't want to see this class," said Fong. "Almost in every legislature, we receive a trade union law proposal. That means that such law is not needed. Why do you insist?" he said. According to Fong, the only problems in Macau related to unscrupulous employers happen in the construction industry and are

not generalized. "There is already a Labor Law, society is harmonious and tolerant, associations have space to express their opinions."

Gabriel Tong expressed strong doubts towards the bill, saying, "these laws cannot fill in the gap in terms of trade union laws in the territory, and they are unable to comply with international agreements. If it is passed, all those who voted pass should explain this to the society."

The last point that was discussed was brought forward by Melinda Chan. She questioned if the law would include expat workers besides Macau residents.

The law's proponents, including Kwan Tsui Hang, remarked that no workers should be excluded from the trade union laws.

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PARKING LOTS MANAGEMENT: Chan Meng Keng said that "some government officials have illegally outsourced public tenders, and that the government has allowed public parking lots to become dirty and run down." Chan claims that once DSAT had outsourced public parking lots' contracts to management companies it would then stop its supervision of said companies. "The parking lots are built with public money, [...] DSAT does not check the receipt handed in by the companies afterwards. It's a world-class joke," said Chan.

TRANSPORTATION: Zheng Anting is worried about Macau's cross-sea transportation, which he considers to be lagging behind, thus affecting the city's economic and social development. The government wrote down on the region's five-year plan that the fourth cross-sea bridge will be put into operation in 2020. Zheng thinks that the bridge cannot help ease the transportation pressure alongside the region between the center of the Macau peninsula and Taipa. He suggested the government to rebuild the Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge as well as to consider rebuilding it into a six-way bridge with specific lanes for motorbikes. He also pointed out that the government should consider building a tunnel at the roundabout at the junction of the Taipa Olympic Centre and the Galaxy.

RISING POPULISM: Tsui Wai Kwan addressed the fact that populist beliefs are increasing among the residents of the city. Tsui said that the reaction to the latest two typhoon predictions have led the government's administration to feel affected by populism. He added that the public criticism towards the meteorological authority's predictions for typhoons Nida and Haima have rendered the department unable to raise the right signals. Society's doubts towards the planned containment buildings, which will meet WHO standards, have proved that the populism is already making an impact on the formation of laws. He stated that if the government continues to be swayed by populism, there will be horrible consequences. "Making decisions based on subjective expectations is called the rule of man, not the rule of law," said Tsui, adding that the public's attitude should guide legislation onto the right track.

Financial entities entitled to check customers' background

FINANCIAL entities will not encounter inconvenience under the regions' latest version of laws regarding the prevention of money laundering activities, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, said during yesterday's Legislative Assembly meeting.

Lawmakers passed the amendments of two laws, including the aforementioned. The other law is related to anti-terrorism.

According to the law, financial entities are now required to check their clients' basic identities and are obliged to preserve this information.

Lawmaker Gabriel Tong agreed with

the amendments, although he also raised his doubts. He said that the amendments comply with international standards, and are also related to the development of Macau. However, he questioned if the authority has taken financial industry's convenience into consideration.

Leong, in reply to Tong's question, said "it will not cause inconvenience to the financial industry."

He claims that the industry has been conducting a series of measures which comply with the new amendments. "The financial entities, they do basic background confirmation. The big transactions are not inclu-

ded in the group whose background is being checked. However, [when a] continuous business relationship [takes place] with the financial entities, and when the activity is producing more values, then the customers should be inspected," explained Leong.

The law of prevention and suppression of money laundering contains expanded definitions of money laundering. The extended list of activities considered to be related to money laundering include bribery and acts of corruption, smuggling, crimes of copyright infringement, crimes against industrial rights, and prostitution. **JZ**

Tigerair flight in forced return to Macau



A Tigerair flight departing Macau and bound for Singapore on Tuesday was forced to return to Macau after an engine issue which affected cabin pressure, according to Shin Min Daily News. Some 172 passengers were on board the flight, which departed from Macau at around 7 p.m. According to the Straits Times, one passenger recalls that the plane “shook violently” 15 minutes into the journey, before the captain announced they were returning to Macau. The incident marks the third problem in four days for the airline. On November 5, a bird struck an airplane causing it to return to its origin in Hong Kong while on Monday passengers were subject to a 5-hour delay at Changi Airport due to another problem.

Telecommunication exhibition opens today

The “Telecommunication over Decades” special exhibition at the gallery of Carmo Post Office will be open to the public starting from today. The opening hours are from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Fridays through Sundays, and public holidays. The exhibition reflects the development of communication methods and equipment that greatly influenced the lives of the residents over the past 50 years.

MUSIC

Young local violinist awarded in int’l competition

YOUNG Macau violinist Sophia Feinga Su recently won the third prize in the ‘8th International Louis Spohr Competition for Young Violinists,’ making her the first young local musician to receive an award in an international competition in a category other than piano.

15-year old Su is currently studying in the Juilliard School in the United States, with a scholarship from the Cultural Affairs Bureau.

Seven musicians from the Juilliard School participated in the competition, but only Su was selected for the finals and was awarded the third prize in the Category II (for those born between 1999 and 2001).

The ‘International Louis Spohr Competition for Young Violinists,’ which takes place in Germany, is an international competition for young musicians held every three years. Over 100 young



Sophia Feinga Su

musicians from 24 countries and regions participated in the competition.

According to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Su was encouraged by her mother to learn piano at the age of three before she studied violin with her father.

In 2006, she participated in the ‘24th Macao Young Musicians Competition,’ in which she won first prize in the Violin Elementary Solo category.

She was then admitted at the Macau Conservatory School of Music of the Cultural Affairs Bureau.

In 2008, at the age of six, she was the youngest winner of the Cultural Affairs Bureau Prize in the ‘Macao Young Musicians Competition.’

In 2012, Su participated and won the first prize in the ‘Yundi Macao Young Musicians Competition,’ being hailed as a “genius violinist from Macau” by the press.

Su has extensive performance experience and has given solo concerts at the Juilliard School in the past two years. With the support of the local government, the young violinist gave a solo concert at the variety show for the 10th anniversary of the region’s handover to China.

Last year, in cooperation with the Macau Orchestra, she participated in the Linz Bruckner Festival 2015 in Europe and performed for the first time in the concert for Macau resident musicians “Bravo Macao!” that was integrated into the Macau International Music Festival.

Su has also taken part in several concerts in cooperation with the Macau Orchestra and the Macau Chinese Orchestra.

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Barrier Gates Closing Schedule for the Macau Grand Prix

The Suncity Group 63rd Macau Grand Prix will be held from November 17 to 20 this year. To minimize disruption to traffic due to the closure of some roads, the organizer has increased the number of the barrier gates along the circuit this year, to a total of 140. However, due to certain constraints, some roads will remain closed throughout the event. The Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee seeks the understanding of motorists and asks for attention to be given the closing schedule for all barrier gates, as well as to respect the temporary signage and instructions from the Traffic Authorities.

14 th November (Monday)	Street	Location
15:00	Av. da Amizade	Corner near the Casino Oceanus (Av. da Amizade - Avenida do Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues)
		Exit from former Casino Macau Palace
		Exit from the garage of Hotel Grand Lapa
		Entrance and exit from the World Trade Center
	Est. de Cacilhas	Exit from the garage of the Chong Tou San Chong Garden
		Depósito de Pólvora
		From the flyover near the Reservoir to Hoi Fu Garden
		Zebra crossing behind Hou Kong Middle School sports field
	Est. D. Maria II	Exit from the garage of Correios de Macau
	Rua dos Pescadores	Locations under constructions
Exit from Macao Water		

15 th November (Tuesday)	Street	Location
10:00	Est. de Cacilhas	Exit from the garage of the Cheng Pek Kok (Approx.60m)
	Av. da Amizade	Exit from the garage of Edifício Seng Vo and Edifício Jubilee Court (Approx.110m including Mobil Petrol Station)
15:00	Est. dos Parses	Exit from the garage of the Monetary Authority of Macao
	Av. da Amizade	Rua de Nagasaki (PJ)
		Corner next to the Hotel Landmark Plaza (Av. da Amizade-Alameda Dr. Carlos d'Assumpção)
	Av. Ramal dos Mouros	Exit from work shop

16 th November (Wednesday)	Street	Location
10:00	Av. da Amizade	Amizade Bridge- exit to Av. de Amizade (Approx.100m, including the barrier gates in Amizade Bridge Exit)
15:00	Av. Ramal dos Mouros	Exit of the Reservoir overpass to Bagueio Court
19:00	Est. D. Maria II	Main entrance of CEM

During 17th – 20th November, all barrier gates installed at the access to any public road will be closed from 00:00 until the end of the races every day, for further information, please call: 2872 8482.

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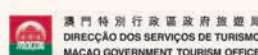
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Gov't spends MOP6.6 million per month renting storage

The Financial Services Bureau (DSF) revealed, in a reply to lawmaker Kwan Tsui Hang's written inquiry, that the government has been paying MOP6.6 million per month in rented storage. According to DSF, if accounting for all public services departments, the Macau government has been renting 58,700 square meters of storage space. DSF informed that in the planned new governmental multiple function building, to be located at Estrada de Pac On in Taipa, a 25,000 square meter storage area will be built. This space will enable the government to rent less, and is estimated to help the government to save MOP2.8 million per month.

Former SJM employees accuse company

Several former employees of SJM, who proclaim to have been unreasonably fired by the company, visited the Office for Personal Data Protection (GPDP) to report the gaming operator for having violated their privacy. According to a report by All About Macau, one of the complainants, surnamed Lei, said that SJM attached their personal information, including the full story behind their dismissal, on all 18 of SJM's casino bulletin boards. The complainants believe that this behavior can have a negative influence on their future employment as well as over their reputation. They require SJM to clarify the incident and apologize to them.

DSSOPT pledges to combat illegal construction

The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) called on the public not to build extra houses on top of common roofs, stairs, corridors and other spaces which are shared by all property owners within each independent building. The announcement was triggered by a report regarding incidents that occurred at a five-story building located on Travessa Do Mata Tigre. DSSOPT, after having received complaints from the public, inspected the aforementioned building. The department found that illegal houses on the building's roof were blocking the emergency exits to the roof. DSSOPT pledges to fiercely combat these illegal incidents.

RETAIL

Sa Sa confident in Macau's prospects

A Sa Sa International Holdings Ltd statement has revealed that the company's reliance on mainland Chinese visitors has also led to its vulnerability in the Hong Kong retail market as "political instability and anti-mainland tourist sentiment have impacted the overall market in Hong Kong."

Conversely, Sa Sa noted that the Central Government has listed Macau tourism as a key sector for economic growth, which has given the company grounds for optimism about its Macau market and its retail sector.

"Tourist facilities in Macau are now growing rapidly to attract and accommodate new tourists," the statement issued by the company's CEO, Simon Kwok, and taken from Sa Sa's 2016 Annual Report, read.

The statement recalled that during the fiscal year ending March 31, medicines and cosmetics sales in Hong Kong decreased 4.4 percent while the overall retail market declined by 6.4 percent.

During the same period, cosmetics and sanitary articles sales in Macau grew 11.4 percent,



showing that the cosmetics industry remains comparatively resilient in that market.

"Overall, our sales and profitability have weakened, with our retail sales in Hong Kong and Macau decreasing by 14.2 percent," the CEO revealed.

However the group believes

that Hong Kong will continue to enjoy the advantages of being adjacent to economically robust southern China.

The company based this optimism on the fast-growing mainland Chinese middle class whose levels of affluence will steadily rise, and who will conti-

nuce to increase their spending, according to the statement.

Sa Sa also believes that transportation infrastructure such as the high-speed rail link and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau bridge would help Hong Kong become further integrated with China.

Toxic cargo ship prevented from unloading

A Romanian ship carrying around 150 containers of toxic waste has been refused entry and permission to unload the chemicals at multiple ports along the coast of China, including Macau.

After being denied permission to unload its cargo in Shanghai, Macau and then Hong Kong, it was rumored that the ship's crew had set sail for Port Klang in Malaysia.

Malaysia's Natural Resources and Environment Minister, Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, denied the rumors, asserting that the ship had not arrived in Port Klang as it had been prevented from leaving the Hong Kong port.

According to the minister, local author-

ities had received a warning from Hong Kong that the ship could be heading in the country's direction.

"We got a tip-off from the Hong Kong authorities and I immediately informed the maritime police and other agencies to stop the ship from leaving Hong Kong. The ship did not reach out waters," said Wan, as cited by Free Malaysia Today.

After being refused permission to unload in Shanghai and Macau, "the ship then headed towards the port in Hong Kong. [...] Authorities then came aboard and conducted a check on the containers and after investigations they discovered the hazardous materials and did not allow the vessel to unload," he added.

The crew then decided to try their luck in Malaysia, hoping to go undetected by splitting the cargo into a greater number of smaller containers.

However, the minister informed Hong Kong environmental authorities that Malaysian authorities would "not allow the ship to enter our waters and the vessel should not be allowed to leave Hong Kong port."

Wan said that the ship had been carrying some 150 containers of toxic waste, suspected to contain arsenic and cadmium.

This was not the first time that a foreign ship has tried to unload its toxic cargo illegally in Malaysia. Previous incidents have resulted in costly lawsuits filed against companies by the Malaysian government. **DB**

THE total population of Macau stood at 647,700 as of end-September, a decrease of 4,800 quarter-to-quarter, according to information released from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) yesterday. Female residents accounted for 51.4 percent of the total.

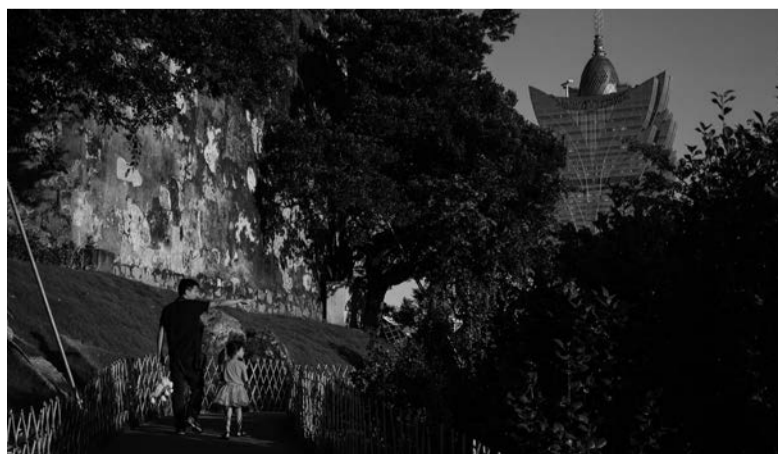
DSEC revealed there were 1,885 live births delivered in the third quarter of 2016, an increase of 15 percent quarter-to-quarter.

Male babies totaled 1,003 and the sex ratio at birth stood at 113.7, corresponding to 113.7 male babies per 100 female babies.

In the first three quarters of 2016, a total of 5,188 live births were recorded, down slightly, by five, year-on-year.

Mortality has totaled 480, a

Region's population declines



decrease of 85 compared to the corresponding quarter from the previous year. According to the data, the top three underlying

causes of death were Neoplasms, Diseases of the Circulatory System and Diseases of the Respiratory System.

From January to September this year, mortality increased by 186 year-on-year to 1,703, of which mortality due to neoplasms went up by 32.

Meanwhile in the third quarter of 2016, there were 1,573 Chinese immigrants and 373 individuals granted right of abode, up by 302 and 34 respectively quarter-to-quarter.

Non-resident workers totaled 180,277 at the end of the third quarter, a decrease of 2,182 over the previous quarter.

A total of 929 cases of marriage registration were recorded in the third quarter, down by 79 quarter-to-quarter.

In the first three quarters of 2016, marriage registration cases increased by 159 year-on-year to 2,912.

MGM executive speculates on Trump casino impact

IN an interview with the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday, MGM Resorts chief executive speculated that U.S. president-elect Donald Trump's rhetoric against China might hurt casino interests in East Asia, specifically in Macau.

MGM Resorts, Wynn Resorts and Las Vegas Sands all have Macau-based subsidiaries with significant assets in Macau, that could come under pressure if relations between China and the U.S. sour.

"There's no doubt that China and America disagree on many, many topics but there's been a degree of respect [in the past]," said Murren, also chair of the main casino industry trade association, the American Gaming Association, hinting that that might change with Trump in the White House.

On the other hand, some analysts disagree. They are predicting that the net impact of a Trump presidency will be neutral or may even spur a boost in tourism to Macau from the mainland Chinese market.

Union Gaming analyst John Decree told The Street that "the relationship between the gaming industry and Macau is pretty insulated from China's broader market, so even if there are escalating tensions, the casinos in the region probably won't be affected."

However, if China yields to Trump's electoral demands that the country stops artificially devaluing the yuan, Macau could see an increase in the number of tourists from mainland China as they find themselves with a relative increase in purchasing power in the territory. **DB**

Ho accused of committing over 1,500 counts

THE Court of Final Appeal (TUI) has announced its charges against the former Prosecutor General Ho Chio Meng, who is expected to face the court on December 5. Ho is being charged with 1,536 counts of various crimes.

The former MP head was arrested on February 27, accused of fraud, unlawful economic advantage, abuse of power and document forgery related to the acquisition of goods and services for the MP. The case involves several others, including Ho's relatives.

TUI's statement, which was issued yesterday, lists the crimes levied against Ho, including 434 counts of unlawful participation in businesses, 56 counts of money laundering (plus 75 together with



Ho Chio Meng

other suspects), 69 counts of abuse of power and 19 counts of fraud involving large amounts of money. The list is long and there's even one count of "damaging goods under public domain."

Ho had been the region's top prosecutor after the handover until 2014, when he was replaced and became deputy prosecutor. In February 2015, he was appointed as coordinator of the Committee on Criminal and Legal Studies, the major roles of which are to monitor the development of legal and judicial reforms on criminal matters, and to propose related suggestions and revisions. Ho has on several occasions been considered a potential candidate for the position of Chief Executive, a possibility that he never denied. **PB**

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15. Question: I'm only here for 3 months, can I rent an apartment?

Yes, it is possible, but it's not easy. There is usually great difficulty attached to renting an apartment for less than 6 months. Most owners consider it too much trouble, and many agents refuse to handle such short leases. However, it is possible to rent for shorter periods.

One option is using a 'Corporate Rental program' where the rental agreement is signed under the company name, and the agreement provides the tenant with more flexibility than a traditional long-term lease. Another option offered by JML is using a 'studio' in a hotel, which of course has the advantages of not having to pay deposits, having use of facilities such as a swimming pool, gym etc available, and not having to pay for utilities.

'Air BnB' is also used in Macau, although the service is illegal and does carry with it an element of risk, including the possibility of legal repercussions, security issues regarding access to the apartment and safety concerns especially in older buildings.

14. Question: What happens if I don't pay the rent?

Not paying rent is a bad idea in Macau. Once a rent is overdue for 9 days or more, the landlord is entitled to charge a late fee premium of 50 percent of the rental amount. If a rent remains overdue for 30 days

or more, the landlord can now charge a late fee premium of 100 percent of the rental amount. In other words, once a rent is 30 days late, you would now owe double the normal rental amount.

This is why it is so important to pay rent at the end of a tenancy agreement. The 2-month security deposit cannot be used in lieu of rent, and if you don't pay rent for the last 2 months, the debt owed will be equal to 4 months rent.

13. Question: What's the difference between gross and net area?

The net area is the area inside the walls of the apartment that can be used by the occupants.

The gross area is the net area plus a proportional amount of the common areas of the building such as the lobby, lift space and recreational club. The net area in modern buildings with recreation facilities is usually around 70 percent of the gross area. This is sometimes referred to as the 'efficiency' or the 'ratio' of the building.

12. Question: What happens when the leasehold runs out on my property?

Leasehold property in Macau is under Portuguese law, and the leasehold is until 2049 (2 years after Hong Kong). Leases ending earlier than 2049 are renewed on a 10-year basis, and will continue to do so until 2049.

At that point, the government will announce new lease terms and of course

the price of the lease. The leasing of land is usually a government's main sources of income, but it is also a measure of their credibility. A government that tries to rebuke land ownership rights and property titles would effectively destroy any confidence in the country, and is therefore extremely unlikely. It is more likely that the government will, at that time, issue new leases that expire in 2099, by which time I will be approximately 130 years old and less able to move if I have to...

11. Question: How much notice do I have to give on my rental apartment?

As a tenant, you have a few choices. When the tenancy agreement is coming to an end, you can let the owner know you will not extend at any point leading up to the end of the lease.

If it is prior to the end of the agreement, you can give notice in accordance with the contract. For example, it may say that the agreement can be terminated with 2 months notice.

If the agreement does not have a termination clause, you can give the owner 3 months notice.

When a lease is broken, the owner has the right to retain part or all of the security deposit dependent on the notice period and the wording in the tenancy agreement.

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MARKETS

Asian shares join Wall Street rally as focus shifts to Trump's stimulus plan

ASIAN shares rallied yesterday, extending a surprising global recovery as Donald Trump's conciliatory acceptance speech comments helped soothe world financial markets spooked by his unexpected U.S. election victory.

The rebound in Asia took its lead from Wall Street, where stocks initially wavered before advancing the rest of the day. Major U.S. benchmarks all finished more than 1 percent higher, with the Dow Jones industrial average near a record high close.

Japan's share benchmark, the Nikkei 225 index, which was among the biggest losers on Wednesday, jumped 6 percent at the open. By midday it was up 5.7 percent at 17,178.87.

The dollar also recovered in currency trading. It was at 105.33 yen after dropping to near 101 yen the day before.

In other Asian trading, South Korea's KOSPI advanced 1.9 percent to 1,996.31 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 2 percent to 22,865.45. The Shanghai Composite index in mainland China rose 1 percent to 3,158.34 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 surged 2.7 percent to 5,297.10.

Benchmarks in Taiwan, Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand also advanced.

Trump pledged in his speech



to unify a deeply divided nation, helping to calm jitters in global financial markets. Investors had worried because his campaign promises carried few policy details, making him an unknown quantity compared with his rival, Hillary Clinton, seen as a safe choice.

"The stunning turn in senti-

ment suggests there is now a consensus building that much of the policy announced during the campaign was a sales pitch rather than a commitment to act," said Michael McCarthy, chief strategist at CMC Markets.

"Investors ignored the potential for damage to international trade and growth prospects and

focused on Republican control of both houses of Congress as well as the White House. This offers the prospect of reform that could stimulate the U.S. economy," he added.

Investors hope Trump plans for infrastructure spending, tax cuts and lighter regulation will benefit the U.S. economy, the

world's biggest.

On Wall Street, Dow climbed 1.4 percent to close at 18,589.69. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 1.1 percent to 2,163.26. The Nasdaq composite index 1.1 percent, to 5,251.07.

In other currencies, the Mexican peso was steady after declining 8 percent versus the dollar on fears Trump would cancel favorable trade deals with Mexico. The dollar weakened 0.4 percent to 19.78 Mexican pesos. The euro edged up to USD1.0945 from \$1.0930.

Oil prices stabilized. Benchmark U.S. crude futures slipped 15 cents to \$45.12 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 29 cents to close at \$45.27 a barrel Wednesday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, edged up 1 cent to \$46.37 a barrel in London. AP

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Trump faces China economy that's changed much in eight years

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump will confront a Chinese economy that is vastly bigger and more mature but less of a growth motor than the one faced by the last Republican administration. It's also dealing with a host of new challenges.

Once driven by exports and investment, China's growth model has shifted to depend more heavily on consumer spending and services. The government irked America for years by holding down its currency even as capital flooded in, and now it's trying to cushion the yuan's decline as capital flees. Gross domestic product has more than doubled over the past eight years, yet it's now expanding at the slowest pace since 1990 and debt has reached levels some economists find alarming.

The challenges will factor into the Trump administration's efforts to reshape the relationship with the world's second-largest economy, following pledges on the campaign trail to fight what he calls unfair trade practices and declare China a currency manipulator. Yet China's growing economic clout will probably make it a more formidable adversary than it would have been eight years ago.

"China has become a larger, more powerful and a more influential economy," said Eswar Prasad, a former chief of the International Monetary Fund's China division and now a professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. "The notion of the U.S. being able to damage Chinese interests is not that viable a threat anymore."

The Asian nation in 2010 surpassed Japan's economy as No.



Currency Exchanges and night life in Mong Kok, Hong Kong

2 even as its expansion moderated and debt ballooned. GDP growth is seen slowing to a rate of 3 percent to 6.5 percent in 2021, at best less than half the pace in 2007, when its double-digit expansion was fueled by a mix of cheap, low-end manufacturing that was designed for export and massive borrowing by local governments to fund infrastructure spending.

China's multi-year growth sprint came at a cost. Total debt surged 465 percent over the past decade, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. Corporate debt jumped to 165 per-

cent of GDP from 105 percent. The IMF has flagged China's increasing debt pile as a possible threat to the banking system and global growth.

How China manages the yuan will be among the most pressing economic issues facing the incoming Trump administration. A 1.9 percent devaluation last year along with changes to how the yuan is traded caused bonds and stocks to sell off around the world. Investors worried that China was weakening its currency to help exporters.

While those fears have since subsided, they haven't gone

away. Pressure remains on China's capital borders to get money out as the yuan weakens. While the currency is down about 2 percent since the devaluation in August 2015, it has appreciated by more than 20 percent since the nation abolished the dollar peg in 2005.

Chinese companies and investors are rushing to buy overseas assets at a record pace, forcing authorities to enforce strict rules on getting currency out of the country. Meanwhile the government is spending its international reserves - down more than USD800 billion

since mid-2014 - to prop up the yuan. Capital flowed out of the nation to the tune of \$970 billion in the 12 months through October.

That's all in stark contrast with a decade earlier when China's authorities were grappling with surging inflows and were trying to contain the yuan's upward trajectory. Back then, U.S. officials were among those encouraging China to let the currency appreciate to rein in a ballooning current-account surplus.

Trump's comments about the yuan on the campaign trail reveal a dated outlook on the currency. Calling China a "ma-

Total debt surged 465 percent over the past decade, according to Bloomberg Intelligence

nipulator, grand-master level," in September he talked of applying tariffs if the nation devalues its currency to "gain an unfair advantage over the United States." Export data shows little evidence that the softening currency is doing much good for China's manufacturing sector.

With the current-account surplus lower and China now focused on supporting the yuan rather than keeping it weak, attention will turn to China's current major imbalance - the debt buildup, according to Tom Orlik, chief Asia economist for Bloomberg Intelligence in Beijing.

"A rapid unwinding of China's domestic imbalances, though it is not the central scenario for the years ahead, would risk a global shock rivaling the 2008 financial crisis," Orlik said. "Smaller disruptions, along the lines of 2015's equity market boom and bust, will continue to send ripples across the Pacific."

Even with China's challenges, the nation likely won't hesitate to fight any potential moves from Trump, such as new tariffs or accusations about its currency. For now, the government in Beijing said it will keep working to boost economic ties with Washington, Commerce Ministry spokesman Shen Danyang said in a briefing.

If a trade showdown happens, "China is likely to go tit for tat" with Trump, said Andrew Polk, Beijing-based head of China research at Medley Global Advisors, which advises hedge funds and other institutional investors. "I expect the Chinese to be more reactive than proactive on this front."

Bloomberg

TRUMP blasted China repeatedly during his campaign, but Beijing sees him as vastly preferable to Hillary Clinton, who China mistrusts over her guiding of America's diplomatic and military "pivot" to Asia and her willingness to confront authoritarian regimes. Many analysts said Trump's isolationist foreign policy will give China more maneuvering room to pursue its territorial claims in the East and South China seas. "With Hillary, [the Chinese] know they will be constrained and confronted, whereas Trump may offer them new strategic opportunities," said David Zweig, director of the Center on China's Transnational Relations at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

While China could take a serious economic blow if Trump follows through on his protectionist threats, few expect him

'No need to take Trump's trade protectionism too seriously'

to live up to all his rhetoric.

"There's no need to take Trump's trade protectionism too seriously," Dong Tao, Asia chief economist at Credit Suisse First Boston, wrote on his personal blog.

"He doesn't understand that the greatest beneficiaries of cheap Chinese products are the very grassroots American voters who lifted him to power," he wrote. "He doesn't understand that America has long stopped producing low-end consumer goods and suppressing Chinese products will not increase American employment."

"Chinese products have always been a target for attacks in elections, but once

[the politicians] assume power, officials from the U.S. Treasury and State Department will give them economics classes."

Tao also noted that the Trans-Pacific Partnership has essentially "come to an end."

Without mentioning Trump directly, China's government noted there were long-established methods to deal with trade disputes with the new U.S. administration.

"I believe that as mature, large countries, China and the U.S. are able to handle such issues," Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told reporters. **AP**

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

Chinese police official named head of Interpol, drawing criticism

A top Chinese police official was elected president of Interpol yesterday, setting off alarm bells among rights advocates over abuses and a lack of transparency within China's legal system, as well as the potential misuse of the police organization to attack Beijing's political opponents.

Vice Public Security Minister Meng Hongwei was named as the first Chinese to hold the post at the organization's general assembly on the Indonesian island of Bali, Interpol announced in a press release.

The Lyon, France-based International Criminal Police Organization has 190 member nations and has the power to issue "red notices." It's the closest instrument to an international arrest warrant in use today. Interpol circulates those notices to member countries listing people who are wanted for extradition.

While Interpol's charter officially bars it from undertaking "any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character," critics say some governments, primarily Russia and Iran, have abused the system to harass and detain opponents of their regimes. Interpol says it has a special vetting process to prevent that from happening.

Quoted in the Interpol release, Meng said he takes over at a time when the world is facing some of the most serious global public security challenges since World War II.

"Interpol, guided by the best set of principles and mechanisms to date, has made a significant contribution to promoting international police cooperation," Meng was quoted as saying. "Interpol should continue to adhere to these principles and strategies, while further innovating our work mechanisms in order to adapt to the changing security situation we see today."

Interpol's president is a largely symbolic but still influential figure who heads its executive committee responsible for providing guidance and direction and implementing decisions made by its general



China's Vice Minister of Public Security Meng Hongwei

assembly. Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock is the organization's chief full-time official and heads the executive committee.

Meng, who takes over from Mireille Ballestrazzi of France for a four-year term, will assume his new duties immediately.

His election comes as Chinese President Xi Jinping is seeking to give new momentum to his 4-year-old campaign against corruption, including a push to seek the return of former officials and other suspects who had fled abroad. China filed a list of 100 of its most-wanted suspects with Interpol in April 2014, about one third of whom have since been repatriated to face justice at home.

The anti-corruption drive is led by the Communist Party's

internal watchdog body, the highly secretive Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, rather than the police, prompting questions about its transparency and fairness.

More than 1 million officials have been handed punishments ranging from lengthy prison terms to administrative demerits or demotions. While authorities deny their targets are selected for political purposes, several of the highest-profile suspects have been associated with Xi's predecessor Hu Jintao and other rivals.

China's police and judicial systems have been routinely criticized for abuses, including confessions under torture, arbitrary travel bans and the disappearance and detention without charges of political dissidents and their family mem-

bers. That has prompted reluctance among many Western nations to sign extradition treaties with China or return suspects wanted for non-violent crimes.

China also stands accused of abducting independent book sellers who published tomes on sensitive political topics from Hong Kong and Thailand. U.S. officials have meanwhile complained that China has asked for the return of corruption suspects while providing little or no information about the allegations against them.

Given those circumstances, Meng's election is an "alarming prospect," said Maya Wang, Hong Kong-based researcher with Human Rights Watch.

"While we think it's important to fight corruption, the campaign has been politicized and undermines judicial inde-

Interpol's president is a largely symbolic but still influential figure who heads its executive committee

pendence," Wang said. Meng's election "will probably embolden and encourage abuses in the system," she said, citing recent reports of close Chinese ally Russia's use of Interpol to attack President Vladimir Putin's political opponents.

Nicholas Bequelin, Amnesty International's regional director for East Asia, tweeted: "This is extraordinarily worrying given China's longstanding practice of trying to use Interpol to arrest dissidents and refugees abroad."

At the same time, China's 3-decade-old economic boom has produced waves of embezzlement, bribery, corruption and other forms of white-collar crime that have forced the government to spread a wide net to track down suspects and their illicit earnings. China also says it faces security threats from cross-border extremist Islamic groups seeking to overthrow Chinese rule over the far-western region of Xinjiang.

Along with electing Meng, Interpol also approved a call for the "systematic collection and recording of biometric information as part of terrorist profiles" shared by the organization.

About 830 police chiefs and senior law enforcement officials from 164 countries joined in the four-day meeting. China became a member in 1984. AP

Vice-premier in London as UK seeks investment

CHINA'S vice-premier is holding talks yesterday with Britain's Treasury chief as the two countries try to smooth over a rocky patch in their growing economic relationship.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond is meeting a dele-



Prime Minister Theresa May (R) greets China's Vice Premier, Ma Kai

gation led by Vice Premier Ma Kai as Britain seeks more Chinese investment in U.K. infrastructure.

"The mutual benefits are clear," Hammond said, noting that China is the world's second largest economy.

Ma is also meeting Pri-

me Minister Theresa May.

The U.K.-China relationship wobbled in July when May unexpectedly delayed approval of a nuclear power plant being built with Chinese investment. May eventually approved the Hinkley Point power plant in Sep-

tember.

"I'm determined that as we leave the European Union, we build a truly global Britain that is open for business," she said in a statement ahead of the talks.

She said Britain and China were in a "golden era of relations" — echoing a phrase used by Chinese President Xi Jinping during a state visit to Britain last year. AP

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SINGAPORE

Police names Low 'person of interest' in 1MDB-linked probe

SINGAPORE police identified Malaysian financier Low Taek Jho, also known as Jho Low, as a "key person of interest" in a money laundering probe surrounding 1Malaysia Development Bhd., according to testimony in court yesterday.

The country's investigation into Low started in 2015, officer Oh Yong Yang said during an obstruction of justice hearing involving an ex-BSI SA banker, Yeo Jiawei. Oh described the probe as a complex sophisticated money laundering investigation involving billions of dollars.

Yeo is accused of obstructing justice in the sprawling corruption and money laundering probe, the first banker to be charged from the 1MDB investigations. The Malaysian investment fund is at the heart of multiple investigations across the globe, with U.S. prosecutors characterizing Low as the controller of a scheme involving dozens of illicit payments draining billions from 1MDB.

The Malaysian fund has consistently denied any wrongdoing. Low had previously described his role with 1MDB as informal consulting that didn't break any laws. His Hong Kong-based company Jynwel Capital didn't immediately reply to an e-mail request for comment.

Low, known for partying with Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton, directed funds from 1MDB

STRAITSTIMES



Low Taek Jho

to connected individuals and for his and his associates' "personal gratification," U.S. pro-

secutors say. He bought art and real estate and paid for lavish parties and gambling, and hel-

ped Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak's stepson launch his career as a movie mogul by

supplying the funding for the hit movie "The Wolf of Wall Street," they said. Najib, who formerly chaired 1MDB's advisory board, has consistently denied wrongdoing.

Singapore regulators have ordered BSI and Falcon Private Bank to stop operations for money laundering breaches in moving funds associated with 1MDB.

Yeo, the ex-BSI banker, usually addressed Jho Low as "boss," Yeo's former BSI supervisor Kevin Swampillai testified in Singapore court on Nov. 1. Yeo is believed to have worked with Low after leaving BSI, Swampillai said.

Other key people of interest to Singapore authorities include Low's associate Eric Tan Kim Loong and former Aabar Investments CEO Ahmed Badawy Al-Husseiny, Oh said.

Yeo was also a consultant and adviser to Al-Husseiny, who was a former chairman of Falcon. The Monetary Authority of Singapore last month said Al-Husseiny "misled and influenced" Falcon's Singapore branch to process unusually large 1MDB-related transactions despite multiple red flags. **Bloomberg**

JAPAN

Journalist denies allegation he is IS sympathizer

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

A Japanese journalist deported from Iraq denied yesterday allegations by Kurdish officials that he is a sympathizer of the Islamic State extremist group.

Kosuke Tsuneoka told reporters in Tokyo that he was in Mosul only to report as a journalist on the battle to retake the IS-held city. Iraqi and Kurdish troops are currently fighting to expel the militant group out of Mosul.

"Let me remind you that I'm not an IS member, not even a supporter," said the Muslim convert who also goes by Shamil Tsuneoka. "I'm fundamentally against the belief of the Islamic State group [...] That is not the Islam that I believe in."

Tsuneoka, a journalist who has covered militant groups in the Middle East, was arrested Oct. 27 after he was going through a security check and found to be car-



Kosuke Tsuneoka

rying a key chain with an IS logo. He said it was given to him by a bus passenger on an earlier reporting trip. He said he kept it hoping to trace its origin.

He said it was merely his "stupidity" to have kept the key chain in a pocket of his backpack that he handed in for a security check. He was handcuffed at the spot and taken into custody for interrogation by Kurdish intelligence officials, Tsu-

neoka said. "Obviously I was suspected as an IS member trying to sneak into a news conference," he said.

The Kurdistan Region Security Council accused him of having links to the IS group. They said an investigation showed Tsuneoka had contacted IS members through his smartphone and has posted photos suggesting his link with the fighters on social media.

Tsuneoka said Kurdish intelligence officials asked him for details about how they communicated. The Kurdistan authority handed him over to Japan's Foreign Ministry on Monday for deportation out of the country, with his case still pending.

Tsuneoka said he hopes to be cleared soon so he could return to Mosul and resume reporting despite what he had just gone through. He said he was the only Japanese reporter there at the time and felt strongly about the need to inform the Japanese of the situation.

"I hope to go back," Tsuneoka said. "Someone must keep reporting on the situation." **AP**

VIETNAM

Gov't scraps plans for its first nuclear power plants

VIETNAM'S government is scrapping plans to construct the country's first two nuclear power plants, citing slowing demand for electricity and the declining price of other sources of energy, state media reported yesterday.

The state-controlled Tuoi Tre newspaper said the lawmaking National Assembly will ratify the government decision later this month.

In 2009, the assembly approved construction of two nuclear power plants with a combined capacity of 4,000 megawatts. A contract to build the first plant was awarded to companies from Russia and one for the second plant was given to companies from Japan.

Construction was initially scheduled to start in 2014, but has been delayed several times. In early 2014, the government pushed back the plants' construction to 2020.

The newspaper quoted Duong Quang Thanh, head of the state-run Electricity of Vietnam Group, which was to pay for the plants, as saying they are not economically

viable because of other cheaper sources of power.

Thanh said when the plants were approved in 2009, the government had projected power demand growth of 17-20 percent per year, but that has been revised to 11 percent for 2016-2020 and 7-8 percent in 2021-2030.

"Currently, power demand growth is not high, while domestically generated and imported sources of energy are sufficient for social-economic development. In particular, prices of imported sources of energy are much cheaper now," he said. "Nuclear power, therefore, cannot compete economically with other sources of energy."

Currently, coal, oil and gas-fired power plants produce about half of Vietnam's power needs. Much of the rest comes from hydropower.

Tuoi Tre quoted Le Hong Tinh, vice chairman of the National Assembly's Science, Technology and Environment Committee, as saying that another reason for the government's decision was that the price tag for the plants had doubled to USD18 billion. **AP**

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USA

'Not my president': Trump denounced in protests across the country

A day after Donald Trump's election to the presidency, campaign divisions appeared to widen as many thousands of demonstrators — some with signs with messages declaring “NOT MY PRESIDENT” — flooded streets across the country to protest his surprise triumph.

From New England to heartland cities like Kansas City and along the West Coast, demonstrators bore flags and effigies of the president-elect, disrupting traffic and declaring that they refused to accept Trump's victory.

Flames lit up the night sky in California cities yesterday [Macau time] as thousands of protesters burned a giant papier-mache Trump head in Los Angeles and started fires in Oakland intersections.

Los Angeles demonstrators also beat a Trump piñata and sprayed the Los Angeles Times building and news vans with anti-Trump profanity. One protester outside LA City Hall read a sign that simply said “this is very bad.”

Late in the evening several hundred people blocked one of



Protesters march along Fifth Avenue outside Trump Tower

the city's busiest freeways, U.S. 101 between downtown and Hollywood.

City News Service reported that 13 people were arrested as officers in full riot gear walked the protesters off the freeway.

By 1:30 a.m., the freeway

was clear of demonstrators but lanes remained closed for cleanup.

In Oakland, several thousand people gathered in Frank Ogawa Palaza, police said, clogging intersections and freeway on-ramps.

Late-night hosts mark Trump's election with jokes, therapy

LATE-NIGHT hosts pivoted from candidate Donald Trump to President-elect Trump, combining punchlines and audience group counseling after the billionaire's defeat of Hillary Clinton.

“For years I've come out every night and asked how you're doing, but I've never meant it. Tonight I actually mean it. Does anyone need a hug?” Conan O'Brien said in his monologue on TBS. Despite divisions among voters, he said, “the optimist in me chooses, today, to be happy that we have fair and free elections at all. It's an amazing thing.”

And then there were the jokes. “The first thing I did this morning was call my old high school bully and congratulate him,” O'Brien said.

ABC's Jimmy Kimmel took viewers through the stages of grief, including denial (“No, the host of the ‘Celebrity Apprentice’ is not our president”) and bargaining (“Maybe he'll only build the wall waist-high, to keep short people out”) and, finally, acceptance.

“No matter how you feel about it, Donald Trump is the president of the United States. Of America. So thank God we legalized marijuana yesterday,” Kimmel said, referring to pot-related measures passed by voters in several states.

Like O'Brien, Stephen Colbert began his monologue by asking CBS' “The Late Show” studio audience how they were doing, drawing cheers and applause.

“I'm glad. That's better than I thought,” he said, suggesting the country was facing “four very interesting years.”

“This is what it feels like when America's made great again. I was wondering, and I was really hoping it would feel better because this sucks,” he said, drawing out the last word. Noting anti-Trump protests in New York and other cities nationwide, Colbert advised viewers, “Don't ever be cowed by what happens in the next four years.”

For parents struggling to explain Trump's victory

to their children, he suggested lying: “Tell them anything. Tell them the president is Elsa from ‘Frozen.’”

NBC's “Tonight” host Jimmy Fallon focused on serving up jokes rather than angst.

“Republicans hope he'll keep his promise to build the wall, and Democrats hope he'll keep his promise not to accept the election results,” he said. “And after the results came in, Donald Trump gave a big victory speech. Yep, he said he couldn't have done it without the love of his life, his rock, his better half FBI Director James Comey.”

CBS' “Late Late Show” host James Corden, recalling the excitement of moving from England to America with his wife and son two years ago, said after the “nastiest” of campaigns it was critical to remember the nation's values.

“This country isn't about one election result. This country is about the people who live here. It's you. It's how you treat one another, it's the tone you set that will define who we are” and reaffirm that America is great, he said.

Seth Meyers, who had sharply criticized Trump's campaign on his “Late Night” show on NBC, struck a philosophical tone in hashing over Tuesday's election.

“I felt a lot of emotions last night and into today: some sadness, some anger, some fear. But I'm also aware that those are the same emotions a lot of Trump supporters felt, emotions that led them to make their choice. And it would be wrong for me to think my emotions are somehow more authentic than their emotions.”

“We're always better as a society when we have empathy for one another, so I would just say to those Trump voters, congratulations. I sincerely hope he addresses your concerns,” Meyers said, adding that he also hopes for compassion for all Americans from the Trump administration.

His show will be on watch, he said, to see if Trump fulfills the campaign promises he made. **AP**

In Chicago, where thousands had recently poured into the streets to celebrate the Chicago Cubs' first World Series victory in over a century, several thousand people marched through the Loop. They gathered outside Trump Tower, chanting “Not my president!”

Chicago resident Michael Burke said he believes the president-elect will “divide the country and stir up hatred.” He added there was a constitutional duty not to accept that outcome.

Police said that an estimated 1,800 to 2,000 people participated in the Chicago protests. Police reported five arrests, including two for obstructing traffic, but said there were no major incidents.

A similar protest in Manhattan drew about 1,000 people. Outside Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in midtown, police installed barricades to keep the demonstrators at bay.

Hundreds of protesters gathered near Philadelphia's City Hall despite chilly, wet weather. Participants — who included both supporters of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who lost to Clinton in the primary — expressed anger at both Republicans and Democrats over the election's outcome.

In Boston, thousands of anti-Trump protesters streamed through downtown, chanting “Trump's a racist” and carrying signs that said “Impeach Trump” and “Abolish Electoral College.” Clinton appears to be on pace to win the popular vote, despite losing the electoral count that decides the presidential race.

The protesters gathered on Boston Common before marching toward the Massachusetts Statehouse, with beefed-up security including extra police officers.

Hundreds also gathered in Providence, Rhode Island, and Portland, Maine.

A protest that began at the

Minnesota State Capitol with about 100 people swelled at its moved into downtown St. Paul, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported. Protesters blocked downtown streets and traveled west on University Avenue where they shouted expletives about Trump in English and Spanish.

There were other Midwest protest marches in Omaha, Nebraska, and Kansas City, Missouri.

Marchers protesting Trump's election chanted and carried signs in front of the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Media outlets broadcast video Wednesday night showing a peaceful crowd in front of the new downtown hotel. Many chanted “No racist USA, no Trump, no KKK.”

Another group stood outside the White House. They held candles, listened to speeches and sang songs.

In Richmond, Virginia, 10 people were arrested after protesters sat in travel lanes of the Downtown Expressway and refused to leave. Earlier, hundreds had gathered near Monroe Park and blocked the streets near Virginia Commonwealth University with some marchers chanting “No Trump. No KKK. No fascist USA.”

Dallas activists gathered by the dozens outside the city's sports arena, the American Airlines Center.

In Oregon, dozens of people blocked traffic in downtown Portland, burned American flags and forced a delay for trains on two light-rail lines.

Hundreds massed in downtown Seattle streets.

Many held anti-Trump and Black Lives Matter signs and chanted slogans, including “Misogyny has to go,” and “The people united, will never be defeated.”

Five people were shot and injured in an area near the protest, but police said the shootings and the demonstration were unrelated. **AP**

GIULIANI: PROTESTERS ‘A BUNCH OF CRYBABIES’

A TOP adviser to Donald Trump is dismissing post-election protesters as “a bunch of crybabies.”

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani was asked yesterday about protests in several cities following Trump's victory.

Giuliani said on Fox News Channel's “Fox and Friends” that most of the protesters are college-age

students and seem to be “1 percent of 1 percent of 1 percent.”

Giuliani said he would advise the president-elect to tell them to calm down and after a year, “you'll be living in a better country. If not, go cry then.”

Giuliani is widely expected to get a major position in the Trump administration.

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FRIDAY

13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:45	RTPi Live
16:30	UEFA Europa League: Braga - Konyaspor (Repeated)
18:10	Precious Pearl (Repeated)
19:00	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Documentary Serie
21:45	Documentary Serie
22:10	Precious Pearl
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Movie
01:00	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:50	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:35	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	Soap Opera
16:40	Miscellaneous
17:05	Documentary Serie
18:30	Miscellaneous
18:55	Contest
19:40	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Comedy
22:00	Revenge S.4
22:45	Non-Daily Portuguese News
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Comedy
00:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:05	RTPi Live

SUNDAY

10:30	Young Children
11:00	Sunday Mass (Live)
12:00	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	Zig Zag
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19:20	Comedy
20:10	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
22:00	Apple's Broken Promises
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Non-Daily Portuguese News
23:45	Miscellaneous
00:30	2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers Highlights
00:50	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
01:20	RTPi Live
03:45	2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers: Portugal - Latvia (Live)
05:45	RTPi Live

Offbeat

TWO TOOK TAXI TO ROB HOUSE AND THEN STIFFED DRIVER

Authorities say two men took a taxi to a home they planned to rob but then stiffed the driver on the fare, leading him to report them to police.

Deal police say 46-year-old Kenneth Burke and 38-year-old Timothy Foote are charged with burglary, conspiracy, theft and criminal trespass.

Authorities say the men told the driver to wait outside the home Friday, and they soon returned with a television and liquor bottles. The driver then took them to an apartment in Asbury Park, but they didn't pay the fare.

The driver called Asbury Park police, who soon notified Deal police about the burglary.

Bail was set at USD20,000. It wasn't clear yesterday if either had an attorney.

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ROOM 1
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ROOM 2
2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm
Director: Ron Howard
Starring: Tom Hanks, Felicity Jones, Irrfan Khan
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 121min



TROLLS

ROOM 3
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(3D) 5.45 pm
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Duration: 121min

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ROOM 3
(2D) 9.30 pm
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Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams
Language: English (Cantonese)
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this day in history



1975: DIVIDED ANGOLA GETS INDEPENDENCE

The southern African state of Angola has gained its independence from former colonial power Portugal.

The leader of one of the country's rival factions, Dr Agostinho Neto, of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), has been proclaimed the country's first president.

In the capital, Luanda, huge crowds cheered and soldiers fired shots into the air as the new country's flag was raised at midnight.

However, the main groups vying for power held separate independence ceremonies.

The MPLA held a huge ceremony at a stadium in the capital, Luanda, attended by a representative from the Soviet Union.

In a speech, Dr Neto was critical of the Portuguese for not recognising the MPLA as the "sole legitimate representative" of the Angolan people.

Meanwhile, the rival Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) announced it had joined forces with another liberation movement to form a national council which would act as Angola's government.

Angola's independence ends nearly 500 years of Portuguese rule.

Initially the Portuguese used Angola as a "slave pool" for its more lucrative colony in Brazil and mined Angola's precious gemstones and metals.

Resistance to Portuguese rule was widespread by the mid-20th century but was complicated by clashes between the various African communities.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

After Angola's independence the civil war intensified and was bolstered by foreign involvement.

The Soviet Union and Cuba supported the left-wing MPLA and the US and South Africa backed Unita.

After 16 years of fighting in which up to 300,000 people died, a peace deal made it possible for elections to be held.

But Unita rejected the outcome and resumed the war.

However, the death of Unita leader Jonas Savimbi in February 2002 raised the prospect of peace.

In April 2002 the Angolan army and Unita signed a formal ceasefire in Luanda to end the 27-year conflict.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You and your people need to work together today... though maybe not all as part of one large group.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21

Your experience with foreign cultures could be intense or passing but today, you need to step up your mental game and show someone from far away how things roll in your world.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Your relationship issues are boiling down to power struggles today... but don't lose hope! You just need to make sure that you're trying new things and experimenting with new ways of relating.

Libra Sep. 23-Oct. 22

It's time to take this terrific energy and do something really great with it! You have to explore new territory or make sure that someone close is where they really need to be. Go for it!

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You need to impress someone today... so it's a good thing you've got your game face on! You should be able to show them how sweet it can be if only they believe in what you've got to offer.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You are feeling a bit more excited over a new plan or project than anyone else, but that's easily explained: It's yours! Your terrific energy practically guarantees a rousing success, too, so enjoy!

Taurus April 20-May 20

People are extra weird today... so make sure that you're not playing their game. If they seem to be trying to get a rise out of you, there's no need to play your part. Things should get better in a few days.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22

A troublemaker is just trying to stir things up... so see if you can respond in a cool fashion and avoid taking the emotional bait. If you can pull it off, you should be a big winner.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Open up to new ideas... at least one of the silliest-sounding ones you're facing is a sure-fire winner! Take a deep breath, let go of your skepticism, and see what happens when you dive in.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You need to reconnect with your family today... though it may come to you! Things are a little overwhelming, but you can handle whatever comes your way. Things are getting real!

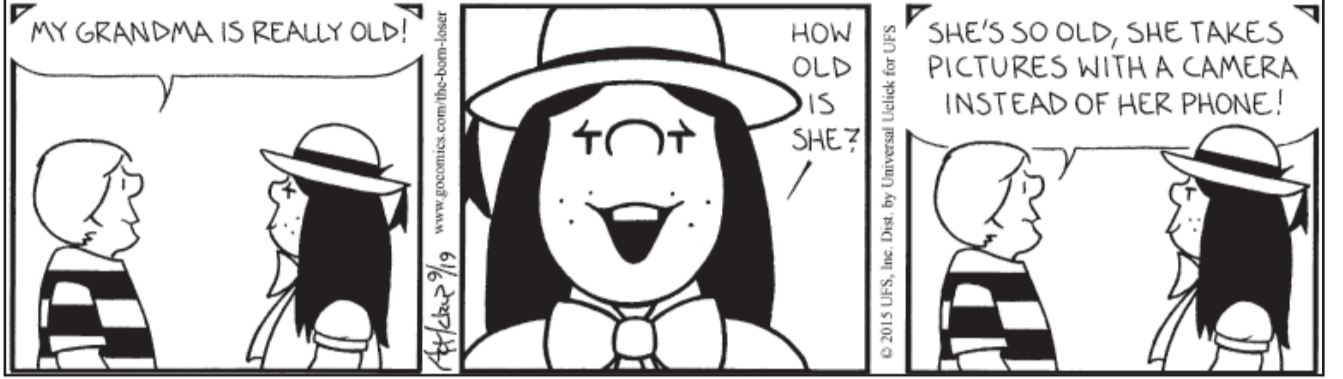
Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You've got to make sure that you know what's coming... even if it's just the broad outline. You can't specifically read the future, but you should be able to get a good idea of what to expect.

Pisces Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You have got to work together today... your own energy isn't quite enough to get what you want on your own. There's nothing wrong with that, of course! Just ask those you trust for help.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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9x9 Sudoku grid for Easy difficulty

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9x9 Sudoku grid for Easy+ difficulty

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Hard

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WEATHER

CHINA

Weather forecast table for major Chinese cities including Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

WORLD

Weather forecast table for major world cities including Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

CROSSWORDS

CROSS: 1- Horse's gait; 5- On the main; 9- Nut of an oak; 14- Top-rated; 15- Perjurer; 16- Salk's conquest; 17- Hot times abroad; 18- Variety; 20- Linger aimlessly; 22- Compass point opposite WSW; 23- Biblical gift bearers; 24- Patron saint of sailors; 26- Able was...; 28- Participant in a forum; 32- Most desperate; 36- rule; 37- Available; 39- Happen; 40- "The Sweetest Taboo" singer; 42- Understand?; 44- Scat queen; 45- Muse; 47- Vows; 49- Poetic pugilist; 50- Yes...; Bob!; 52- Adjustable resistor; 54- Blame; 56- Village People hit; 57- Spool; 60- Snitch; 62- With hands on hips and elbows bent outward; 66- One who ascends in a balloon; 69- In... land; 70- Like some college walls; 71- Et...; 72-... about; 73- Sows; 74- Actor Baldwin; 75- Holds up;

DOWN: 1- Chinese weight; 2-... Rooter; 3- Dedicated to the... Love; 4- Final taker; 5- Frightening; 6- Bro's sibling; 7- Relaxation; 8- Rice...; 9- Liable; 10- Trade; 11- Olive genus; 12- Circular band; 13- Denier's words; 19- Vibrating component of a woodwind instrument; 21- London greeting; 25- Bony prefix; 27-... de Janeiro; 28- Personal histories; 29- Japanese beer brand; 30- Low point; 31- Golden Horde member; 33- Razzle-dazzle; 34- Roman general; 35- Distinguishing characteristic; 38- Succinct; 41- Registered; 43- Pertaining to the subject; 46- Barbie's boyfriend; 48- Short stocking; 51- Monetary unit of the Netherlands; 53- Mariner; 55- Capital city of Yemen; 57- Baseball stats; 58- Gutter location; 59- Writer Wiesel; 61- Work the soil; 63- Look... hands!; 64- Amoeba-like alien; The...; 65- Crew needs; 67- Takes too much; 68- Sprechen... Deutsch?;

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DONALD Trump's election as U.S. president has the potential to influence Los Angeles' chances of hosting the 2024 Olympics. For better or worse.

Some International Olympic Committee members — who will choose among Los Angeles, Paris and Budapest, Hungary, in a vote next September — cited possible pros and cons of Trump's role in the American bid.

As a polarizing presidential candidate, Trump's words on Muslims, Mexicans and other issues could have offended some of the 98 IOC members from around the world who will select the host city.

"It may have," the IOC's longest-serving member, Dick Pound of Canada, told The Associated Press.

At the same time, Pound did not rule out the possibility that Trump could help win votes if he travels to Lima, Peru, in September to pitch the Los Angeles bid in person to the IOC ahead of the secret ballot.

"If he is there, and evidently he is someone who feeds off his audience, there is no reason to think he can't work this audience as well," Pound said.

South African IOC member Sam Ramsamy, whose country has been described by Trump

Olympic voters weigh Trump effect on Los Angeles 2024 bid



AP PHOTO

as a "very dangerous mess," dismissed any lingering effect with 10 months left before the 2024 Olympic vote.

"He has been rude to everybody," Ramsamy told the AP. "I don't believe it will affect bidding in any way."

In a statement Wednesday congratulating Trump, the Los Angeles 2024 bid committee said the Olympics can "transcend politics and can help unify our diverse communities and

our world."

Citing 88 percent support for its bid, the committee pointed to strong bipartisan support at all levels of government.

"We look forward to working closely with President-elect Trump and his administration across the federal government" to deliver a successful Olympics, the statement said.

IOC President Thomas Bach offered a brief statement to the AP on Trump's election. "Let

me congratulate President-elect Trump on his victory and wish him all the best for his term in office for all the people of the United States and of the world," he said.

Swiss IOC member Rene Fasel suggested that if Trump spoke offensively during the presidential race, it was a tactic to woo voters that worked.

"You saw his speech today and it's already a different man," Fasel said, citing Trump's first

“He has been rude to everybody [...] I don't believe it will affect bidding in any way.”

SAM RAMSAMY
IOC MEMBER

public address as president-elect which sought to be more inclusive.

While Trump has little track record with the Olympic movement, his opponent, Hillary Clinton, was a supporter of New York's failed bid for the 2012 Games and has attended several Olympics. She was First Lady when the U.S. last hosted the Summer Games — in Atlanta in 1996. **MDT/AP**

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THE KING IS NAKED

Until the jaw-dropping election of Donald Trump on November 9, all the feverish political discussions I have had on and off-line for almost a month somehow revolved around the controversial oath-taking and its ensuing rejection of the Youngspiration pair of newly elected Hong Kong legislators, Yau Wai-ching and Baggio Leung. That was the talk of the day (and night), and even those who professed to be "bored" or simply annoyed could not help commenting, discussing, and arguing. On my own Facebook page, that gave rise to the longest exchange of comments and responses I had ever had — and mainly with two "Friends"!

The bigger the stake, the higher the level of engagement. The saga aspect of the whole story, with its almost perfectly choreographed traumatic scene — visible and audible — on October 12 and its ensuing twists and turns for almost a month, largely explains the riveting effect it has produced. Moreover, the responsibility of the sudden changes of wind has been rather evenly shared: if the young radicals were the trigger, the pro-establishment forces "voluntarily" chose an unusually buoyant counter-attack to prevent the retaking of the oath, regarding which pan-democrats, old and new, objected vehemently, both vocally and physically.

The atmosphere was not subdued anymore in the LegCo chamber, and fingers were pointed at one another. Furthermore, all three sources of power were embroiled in the situation: the legislature, with its somewhat democratic legitimacy, entrenched the controversy, challenged in less than a week by the executive, requesting a judicial review from the High Court to not only prevent the Youngspiration legislators to retake their oath but to do it for good and thus unseat them.

Unity in both camps was initially far from absolute: not everybody agreed with the rather provocative stance of Yau and Leung among the pan-democrats and some pro-establishment voices were not acting outraged yet and believed things could be settled with a slap on the wrist. The just sworn-in president of the LegCo, Andrew Leung, was himself originally in favour of giving the troublemakers a second chance. When the first whispers of a possible intervention by the central authorities started to be heard, Secretary for Justice Rimsky Yuen indicated that "the dispute [...] should be resolved within the Hong Kong judicial system". After much denial and confusing signs, the admission that an interpretation by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) regarding oath-taking was in the tubes came from a long-time representative for Hong Kong in the NPC (herself already in Beijing), Maria Tam. And the government's face was somehow salvaged by the revelation that the interpretation had been requested by the Chairman of the NPC, Zhang Dejiang.

When the interpretation was ultimately made public, what the Central authorities consider acceptable or not became more forceful, to the point where the "one country-two systems" principle was irremediably breached: not only does the interpretation venture into law-making by defining the penalties incurred by the "offenders"—thus going farther than the interpretation power—but also provides ample room for political manipulation (define "a manner which is not sincere or not solemn..."). Hence the 13,000-strong participants in the preventive demonstration organised on November 6 to expose a possible abuse of power and the silent march by the legal profession gathering 2,000 people on November 8 to denounce what Democratic Party founder Martin Lee has called "a tank crashing into the legal system".

What is truly unacceptable for Beijing is thus the self-determination agenda of some radical young democrats, even though the irony is that there was no significant independence-leaning claim in Hong Kong until two years ago — the PRC under the leadership of Xi Jinping has therefore managed to accomplish in less than three years what the British could not do in 155! And to make matters worse, insult was added to injury, although one could debate the actual insulting load of the "People's Refucking of Chee-na". The target is a regime, and Chee-na or Shina is not derogative per se, but rather a challenge to the centrality of the "Middle Kingdom". But in the end, patriots only deal with absolutes!

THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LEGALIZED IN CALIFORNIA, NEVADA

Among the hundreds of referenda voted on Tuesday, there were bills on several states on the use of recreational and medical marijuana.

The marijuana legalization movement scored its biggest victory yet as voters in California,

Massachusetts and Nevada approved recreational pot, making the drug fully legal in the nation's most populous state and giving it a foothold in the densely populated Northeast.

Voters in Florida, North Dakota and Arkansas approved medical marijuana measures.

AP PHOTO



China auto sales rise 20.3 percent in October

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINA'S auto sales rose 20.3 percent in October from a year earlier, propelled by surging demand for sport utility vehicles, an industry group reported yesterday.

Dealers sold 2.3 million cars, minivans and SUVs in the world's biggest auto market, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. Total vehicle sales including trucks and buses climbed 18.6 percent to 2.6 million units.

Sales growth plunged last year, slamming global brands that look to China to drive revenue. They rebounded after Beijing sus-

pending a sales tax, though growth is expected to drop back to single digits after the tax cut expires at the end of the year.

Strong demand in lower-priced market segments has helped Chinese automakers recover market share from bigger, richer global rivals.

October's SUV sales rose 43.3 percent over a year earlier to 896,000 units. Sales of Chinese-brand SUVs increased 60.4 percent to 557,000, expanding the Chinese share of that market by 6.6 percentage points to 62.2 percent.

Sales of sedans rose 10.1 percent to 1.2 million, while those of Chinese-branded sedans expanded 8.3 percent to 243,000.

Total auto sales for the first 10 months of the year rose 15.4 percent over the same time last year to 19.1 million.

General Motors Co. said sales of GM-brand cars by the company and its Chinese manufacturing partners rose 5.7 percent in October to 345,733. This year's sales to date rose to just over 3 million units.

Ford Motor Co. said sales rose 14 percent from a year earlier to 107,618. Year-to-date sales rose 10 percent to 966,000.

Nissan Motor Co. said October sales rose 16.1 percent to 127,200. Toyota Motor Co. said sales rose 9.6 percent to 99,200. Toyota's year-to-date sales were up 11 percent to 989,300. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	30-50 Good
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good
Ambient	30-50 Good

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

IRAN'S semi-official Fars news agency is reporting that the armed forces chief of staff has criticized Donald Trump for his past harsh words about confronting Iranian boats in the Persian Gulf. The report quotes Gen. Mohammad Hossein Bagheri as saying, "The person who has recently achieved power, has talked off the top of his head! Threatening Iran in the Persian Gulf is just a joke."

RUSSIA Business-focused social network LinkedIn faces being blocked in Russia after a court ruled it broke a law on data storage. Moscow city court spokeswoman Ulyana Solopova said the court rejected an appeal yesterday by LinkedIn against a district court's decision that the company had broken a law that requires personal data on Russian citizens to be stored on servers within Russia.

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CYPRUS authorities say they are towing a boat crammed with as many as 150 people believed to be Syrian migrants to a harbor. The boat is believed to have set off from Mersin, Turkey.

TURKEY A Turkish judge assigned to a United Nations war crimes panel has been detained by Turkish authorities in the aftermath of a failed coup in July, despite having diplomatic immunity, a senior judge said Wednesday.

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CHINA-BRITAIN China's vice-premier is holding talks with Britain's Treasury chief as the two countries try to smooth over a rocky patch in their growing economic relationship. Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond is meeting a delegation led by Vice Premier Ma Kai as Britain seeks more Chinese investment in U.K. infrastructure. More on p11

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