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HONG KONG Tens of thousands of pro-China protesters have rallied yesterday in Hong Kong, according to BBC. Demonstrators waved Chinese flags, and chanted “oppose Hong Kong independence; support Beijing’s ruling”. Last week, the Chinese government issued a rare ruling on Hong Kong’s law, effectively disqualifying two pro-independence lawmakers from parliament.



US Three of President-elect Donald Trump’s children will run his Trump Organization during his time in office. “We are in the process of vetting various structures with the goal of the immediate transfer of management of The Trump Organization and its portfolio of businesses to Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric Trump along with a team of highly skilled executives,” the New York-based company said.

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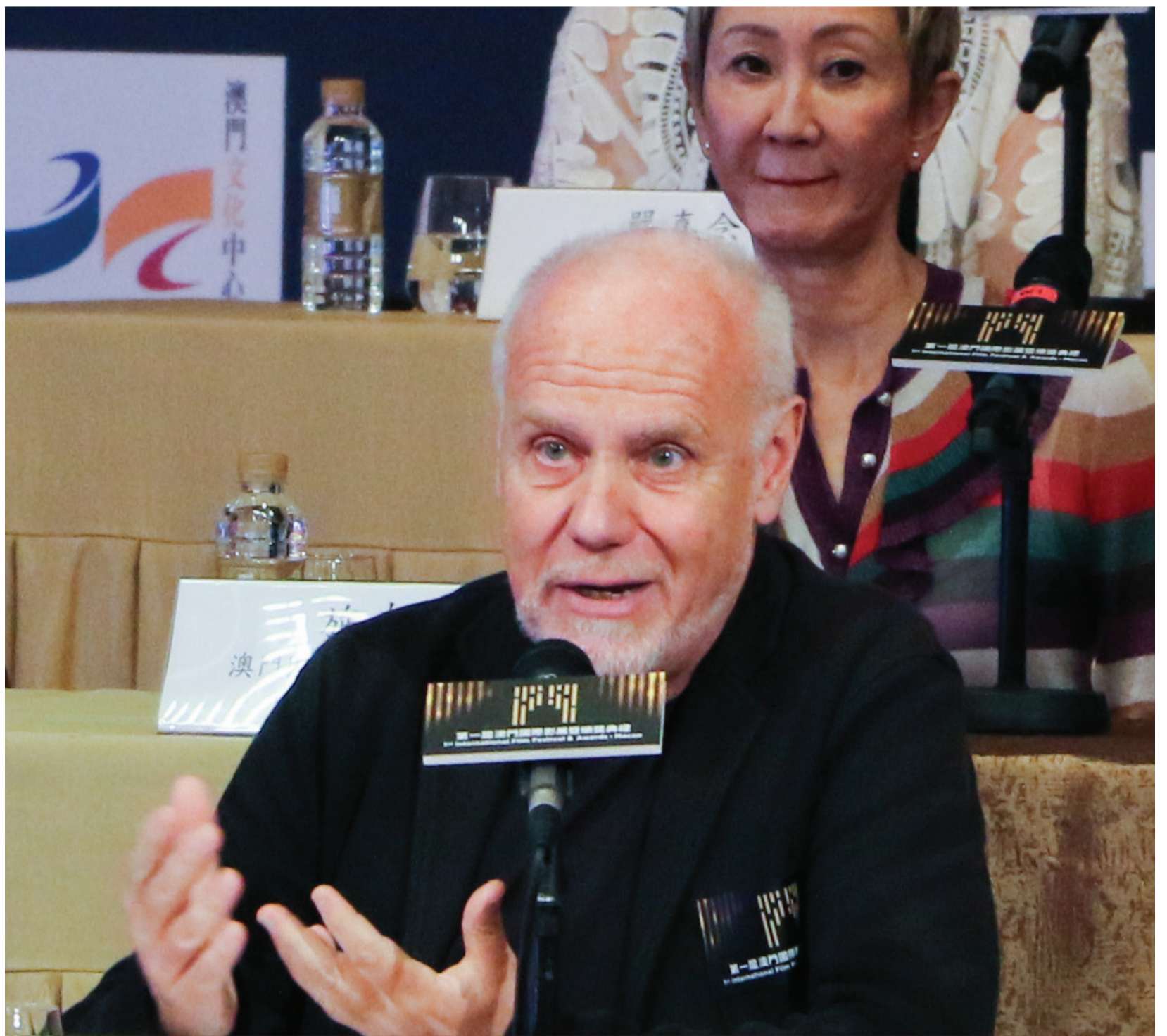
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Science and technology reference center established at MUST



A science and technology reference center was officially opened last week at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST). The center serves as a platform for cross-region involved documents, specifically holding references related to mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The vice rector of MUST, Pang Chuan, disclosed the two goals of MUST in the establishment of this center: "On one hand, the center can enhance the cooperation and partnership between the four regions' higher educational institutes, especially their libraries and reference departments; on the other hand, the center can ensure that MUST is secured with references that can be quickly found, and it will also serve other schools, as well as governmental departments, and local researchers."

Additional fire hydrants to equip Taipa landfill

In a notice published last Friday the Environment Protection Bureau (DSPA) informed that extra fire hydrants will equip the Taipa landfill. Last week, a fire broke out in the landfill, which brought the authority's attention to the existing safety issues. The department further informed that the public work authority has already started the installation of the first batch of fire hydrants at the Taipa landfill. These works will be complete by the end of this month. The DSPA also announced that soon it will have a meeting with the transportation industry.

Authorities paying attention to cross-region app-based taxi services

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) and the Public Security Police Force (PSP) announced that they are paying close attention to alleged cross-region app-based taxi hailing services, according to a notice published last Friday by the DSAT. Last Thursday, mainland company Yongche launched an app that provides the aforementioned service. The company advertises that the service can take passengers directly to both sides of the border without having to line up at its checkpoints for further inspection. Both the DSAT and PSP claim that once any unregulated situations are noticed, they will rigorously combat the infractions.

Brexit and US election as starting points to discuss democracy in Macau

Renato Marques

A roundtable debate, organized by Macao Civic Power (MCP), was held yesterday afternoon at the Portuguese Bookshop with the purpose of discussing the topic of democratic systems and elections.

Special focus was placed on the reasons behind the results of the recently held US elections and its potential implications for Macau.

The decision of the British citizens to leave the European Union (EU), known as "Brexit", was another catalyst of discussion, a point that one of the core members of the organization, Agnes Lam, noted, "[the US elections and Brexit] are not really in discussion, we just use them as a starting point to discuss the issue in Macau."

According to Lam, the issue of the participation of eligible voters is important common ground between the US elections, the Brexit and the Macau elections for the Legislative Assembly (AL).

"If you look at the US presidential elections and also Brexit you find that [in both cases] there is only one quarter of the people that vote," she said, remarking that this also happened in the case of the recent election of Donald Trump.

"It is more or less the same thing in the UK [regarding the exit from the EU], one quarter voted, another quarter



Agnes Lam (third from left) and other participants in the debate

that didn't register, a quarter that didn't vote and another voting to stay..."

In the US election, voter turnout was around 126 million votes already counted, which means about 55 percent of voting age citizens casted ballots this year. Many adult citizens of the US cannot vote because they are not registered or because they are ineligible due to legal reasons.

Lam also said that there is the potential for the cases mentioned to replicate in the region in the AL elections. "If you look at the case in Macau [the demographic] is more or less the same. We have only half of the population that are registered voters and only half of those actually vote," Lam mentioned as evidence of the pattern she was highlighting between the several elections.

Lam's wish was to use the debate to call the local popu-

lation's attention to the voting pattern and to share her belief that a system cannot be truly democratic when the people under its care do not participate.

The scholar also reaffirmed that there are a lot of lessons to take from these elections and encouraged reflection on whether the system is really working and if the politicians in Macau are able to motivate enough people to vote.

Not wanting to announce if she is planning to run for the upcoming AL elections, Lam highlighted that the core of these discussions is to "tell people that they have the chance to change society through this simple system."

Among the five academics who also participated in the discussion panel, where Macau and Hong Kong examples were also addressed, was professor and Cross-strait Relations Commentator, Camões Tam.

Tam affirmed that he was "the only commentator in Hong Kong and Macau to predict Donald Trump's election" and therefore he was not surprised by the results, claiming that the results achieved have to do with the "dissatisfaction of people living in the central and southern areas of the USA that are poorer than the East or West Coast areas." He continued, saying that, "these people are mostly countrymen [that have] seen their life affected by large scale immigration and other factors that reduced their life quality and status."

Tam also remarked that the votes for Trump are due to the fact that "the right-wing section of US people is falling down very quick and there is no other political party that protects their interests," noting that the democrats have traditionally been the faction that supports minority interests while the Republicans only protect the interests of the tycoons, wealthiest groups and Wall Street establishment people," he said, remarking that this was a "fight back" against the establishment in place for the last few years.

MCP representatives said that through these kinds of initiatives, they aim to arouse public interest in political discussion and inspire civil participation in order to review and construct social values for the entire civil society.

First of 18 Australian casino employees released in China

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

ONE of 18 employees of Australia's largest casino operator detained in China a month ago for suspected gambling crimes has been released on bail, the company said on Saturday.

A Chinese national who was a junior Crown Resorts Ltd. employee was the first of the staff to be released, the company said in a statement. Crown did not identify the employee.

Jenny Chiang, a 33-year-old Shanghai-based Chinese citizen who had worked for Crown for more than five years as an executive assistant, was re-

leased on Friday, The Australian newspaper reported.

The head of Crown's VIP International team, Jason O'Connor, was among three Australian and 15 Chinese employees detained on Oct. 13 and 14 in raids across China. They had been caught up in an apparent crackdown on overseas tours for high rollers.

The Chinese foreign ministry said the employees had been detained for suspected involvement in gambling crimes, but did not provide further details.

Casino gambling is illegal on the mainland and Chinese law prohibits

agents from organizing groups of more than 10 Chinese citizens to gamble abroad. The crime is punishable by up to three years' imprisonment. The industry has been known to skirt the ban by touting destination packages.

Casino operators have sought to lure Chinese high-rollers who have avoided Macau since President Xi Jinping's ongoing corruption crackdown deters visits to the offshore enclave that is the only place in China where casinos are legal.

Last year, police arrested 13 South Korean casino managers and 34 Chinese agents for selling packages with free tours, free hotels and sexual services. **AP**

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INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL & AWARDS MACAO

Mueller leaves top job over disputes with local planners

MARCO Mueller (or Müller), the renowned former artistic director of the prestigious Venice Film Festival and the International Film Festival of Rome, has announced his resignation from the first edition of the International Film Festival and Awards Macao (IFFAM), just weeks before it is due to launch. His decision came into effect yesterday.

Although Mueller is yet to formally explain his resignation, multiple sources have confirmed to the Times that the reason for his departure is due to “differences of opinion” with the festival’s organizing committee, which are believed to have plagued Mueller’s relationship with local planners from the start.

Penny Lam, a local documentary filmmaker and the curator of the Macau International Documentary Film Festival, told the Times yesterday about rumors in the Macau film sector that the relationship has been “tense” since the renowned director was recruited to the role. “I’ve heard rumors that Mueller and the organizing committee do not have a good relationship,” said Lam, adding that, “it has always been tense.”

A source close to the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) – a principle organizer behind the inaugural film festival – confirmed “there have been tensions in the relationship [between Mueller and the committee] from the very beginning. As far as I have known there were always problems [...] on a weekly basis.”

The source, who asked not to be identified, claims that the problems mostly relate to the festival’s funding and how it

Observers say the relationship has been ‘tense’ since the director was first recruited

is not being used to Mueller’s liking.

The organizing committee of IFFAM Macao noted in an emailed statement that Mueller’s resignation is “due to ongoing differences of opinion between him and Macau Films & Television Productions and Culture Association (MFTPA),” another organizer behind the festival.

However the Times’ anonymous source claims that it was not just differences of opinion that drove Mueller away, but rather a “chaotic” system of organization that empowers less qualified individuals to act as decision-makers for the festival’s planning, impeding Mueller’s ability to act as its director.

“None of the people in the organizing committee know anything about film or organizing film festivals – they are organized by casinos or God knows who” said the source, alluding to the influence of Suncity Group boss Alvin Chau, who



serves as MFTPA president. “These people are very wealthy and invite their family [members] to join the organizing committee. They know all the right people but know nothing about film.”

Critics of the organizing process behind the festival and other cultural events in the MSAR repeatedly discuss the widespread practice of nepotism. Mueller’s resignation would seem to be a consequence of well-connected people being brought into the fold to assume positions critical to the events’ success.

Despite the fact that some of the organizers have a background in film production, they do not know “how to organize a festival at all,” the source continued to tell the Times, “which is why Mueller was brought in.”

“We have so much money here in Macau that we could organize a great festival, but it is currently being wasted [...] I guess [Mueller] is tired of having his hands tied by people who don’t know anything

has a contract, so I don’t know how he can [resign]. Even if he is not happy, he has to finish the festival. [...] On the other hand, I heard that the festival has already confirmed a lot of films, so I don’t know what the impact will be.”

Describing the fallout as an “incident”, the organizing committee of IFFAM wrote in an emailed statement to the Times that it “will not affect the organization of the Festival as planned.”

Additionally, the statement specified that the organizing committee has “decided not to commission a new Festival Director but to designate all the work and responsibilities concerned to the Secretariat.”

As for Marco Mueller, it is unlikely that his sudden withdrawal from the festival will impact his future career or reputation. Having served as artistic director for two of the most prestigious film festivals worldwide, his skills are likely to continue being in demand.

“This would not really affect him because he has been in the industry for so long. There are still other festivals in China that want him,” replied the unidentified source when questioned on the matter.

The inaugural edition of IFFAM is to be staged at the Macau Cultural Center and the Macau Science Center between December 8 and 13, attracting some 500 participants, according to the organizers.

At a press conference in May this year, MGTO director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes remarked that IFFAM was intended to introduce world-class exchange opportunities in the film sector and raise the city’s international profile.

According to a statement issued by the office after the press conference, the MGTO director said that “the event will unleash the synergistic effect between culture and tourism and enrich the cultural appeal” of Macau.

Another setback for Alexis Tam

OBSERVERS are speculating that one factor which may have driven Marco Mueller away from the festival in such an unexpected manner is the “chaotic” nature of the organization behind the event.

It is not the first time this year that international consultants have resigned voicing similar criticism.

As reported by the Times in September, leading Macau Grand Prix consultant, Barry Bland, whose Motor Race Consultants company has been involved in the racing event since 1983, announced his withdrawal citing rushed developments that have become characteristic of local organizers.

The claims were seconded by some of the regular participants at the Guia Circuit race, with several teams reporting communication problems and a lack of response from local organizers.

Mueller’s resignation marks another blow to the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, who has faced numerous setbacks to his ambitious projects this year.

In a statement made by Tam to Radio Macau, the secretary simply said, “it was a personal and unexpected decision” by Mueller. A press conference will be held today where more information will be disseminated. **DB**

LACKING ARTISTIC CREDIBILITY

A SOURCE close to MGTO lambasted the role of festival organizers in Macau in an interview with the Times last night. The source said that practitioners in Macau’s fledgling film sector do not take “these commercial events” seriously. He believes these commercial

events are “just for show”. “Most of the other festivals [in Macau] have been disastrous to say the least - they have little to no credibility,” he said. “Most people in the film community in Macau have no respect for them... except for the smaller [independent] ones.”

THE Macao Museum of Art (MAM) inaugurated the contemporary art exhibition "Ad Lib – Recent Works of Konstantin Bessmertny" which is on display at the Gallery of Special Exhibitions of MAM.

The exhibition features a total of 34 recent works by the Macau based artist Konstantin Bessmertny in such forms as paintings, sculptures, installations and mixed media, offering viewers a bustling and humorous visual feast until May 28.

In addition, guided tours in Cantonese will be held on the weekends and public holidays from November 26, between 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours reserved for groups and schools, along with the "Amusing - Children's Guided Tour Programme", will be available from November 29.

"Ad lib" is an abbreviation of the Latin "ad libitum", and is an expression pertaining to liberty. The application of the term in the exhibition title shows that the artist does not wish to give the exhibition a definite theme. Instead, he chooses to give viewers an unexpected and entertaining collection aimed as a response to different phenomena happening in society.

Konstantin Bessmertny was born in Blagoveshchensk, USSR in 1964 and graduated from the



"The Battle of Vegas (Macau)"



The artist (left) presents his works to the IC vice president

ART

'Ad Lib' – Bessmertny works on display at MAM

Institute of Fine Arts in Vladivostok, specializing in classical painting and has resided in Macau for over two decades. His profound studies of dimensions and cultures in the fields of literature, music, history, politics, are reflected in multiple mediums and with great precision and intelligence.

Bessmertny said on Friday that it has been a long time since he last exhibited in Macau. "I have more time to specially select and exhibit works that can be best understood and appreciated in Macau, some of them are site specific and are specially produced to be shown just

here," the artist said.

The artist said that he was thankful to the museum, which gave him the privilege to use the place to show the public his art pieces. "The Macao Museum of Art for me is the best exhibition platform in Macau," he confessed.

Leung Hio Ming, the vice pre-

sident of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, said that "Bessmertny has been an old friend of Macau's art world and a member of the society of Macau."

Leung also said that some of Bessmertny's works will be shown in different public spaces such as libraries, squares and other recreational spaces. **JZ**

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AFTER the Court of Final Appeal announced its charges against the former Public Prosecutor General Ho Chio Meng, a veteran lawyer was in disbelief, stressing that his case is moving swiftly due to media pressure.

Macau Lawyers Association President Jorge Neto Valente told Radio Macau that there is injustice in the process that has allowed Ho's case to move faster than others, describing the accusation as "shocking."

On Thursday the former Prosecutor General was accused of over 1,500 counts of various crimes.

Valente in disbelief over Ho's charges

"From what I saw, from what I know exists, I am shocked by the way the story was made, which is what is on the papers and makes any normal person frightened and worried," Valente explained.

According to Valente, the accusation makes it seem as though Ho was dedicated exclusively to committing crimes. Valente pressed the irrational nature of the accusation, asking, "How is it possible to develop such a conspiracy

theory and write 10,000 pages worth of a lawsuit accusing one person of more than 1,000 crimes?"

Ho, the former prosecutor general was arrested on February 27 on accusations of fraud, unlawful economic advantage, abuse of power and document forgery related to the acquisition of goods and services for the Public Prosecutor Office.

Valente believes that Ho's case is moving more promptly than others due to



Neto Valente

media pressure, considering the manipulation of the system as a "great injustice."

"And now, nine months after the Public Prosecutions Office and the pre-trial judge received the case, the lawyer of the former Prosecutor General, of the defendant, has 20 days to read the cases' 10,000 pages and prepare a response document. This is the justice that we have," he lamented.

Ho is expected to face the court on December 5.

Macau Grand Prix show at Tap Seac concludes

THE showcase of all of the GT racing cars, which are set to compete in the FIA GT World Cup concluded yesterday. Some of the two-wheel machines that will contest the 50th edition of the Motorcycle Grand Prix were also showcased, along with vintage motorbikes.



The exhibition gave an up-close preview of the racing machinery that will be in action on the 6.2km Guia street circuit from November 17 to 20. Mi-

chael Rutter, who has a record-setting eight Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix victories to his name, was a special guest, as was the 2015 winner Peter Hi-

ckman.

Sports car fans also witnessed the line-up of racing supercars, including the new Mercedes-AMG GT3 which will make its Macau debut later this week as defending FIA GT World Cup champion Maro Engel's car. Among the cars that were admired were the Audi R8 LMS of "Mr. Macau" Edoardo Mortara, the Porsche 911 GT3 R (991) of 2015 Le Mans 24 Hour winner Earl Bamber; and Macau dri-

ver André Couto's Lamborghini Huracán GT3.

The Grand Prix's two-wheel

fans turned up to see the motorcycles that the world's best road racers will race between the region's steel Armco barriers and the collection of classic motorcycles representing more than five decades of history.

43 BUSES TO CHANGE ROUTES DURING MACAU GP

A TOTAL of 43 bus routes will be changed during the 63rd Macau Grand Prix, which will take place from November 17 until 20. The Transport Bureau (DSAT) informed that 16 buses which normally pass by the Macau Ferry will

not stop at this location; instead, they will stop at the Macau Forum, where the DSAT will arrange two additional bus services, 12X and 31, to pick up the passengers who would like to continue their travel with the ferry.

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HEALTH

World Diabetes Day marked in town

TODAY is World Diabetes Day and Macau-based experts say that local residents are being diagnosed as diabetic at younger ages. They add that as many as 40,000 Macau residents have diabetes. Type two diabetes is caused by obesity and is one of the common chronic diseases in Macau. The youngest diabetic in Macau is only 12 years old.

The Health Bureau and the Macau Committee on Chronic Diseases (CPLD) held a "Celebrating World Diabetes Day – Cycling Walk" at the cycling track at the Taipa Waterfront Recreation Area at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

As of last year there were 415 million people with diabetes worldwide and it has been predicted that there will be an increase to 642 million by 2040. Although the number of diabetics is increasing, it can still be prevented by the adoption of a healthy lifestyle and participating in regular physical activity, say experts.

Through their efforts, the Health Bureau and CPLD would like to encourage Macau residents to plan a regular sports timetable and do a mild form of exercise for 30 minutes every day.

The expert, who works at Centro Hospitalar Conde de Sao Januario, said that medicine is just one small part of the treatment and he advises Macau residents to be mindful of their dietary habits.

Lynzy Valles

THE 16th Macau Food Festival has seen substantial numbers of Macau residents and tourists over the weekend; particularly at this edition's newest element, the 'Malaysian Village.'

Over one hundred Macau food merchants are participating in the event to bring out the unique food culture of Macau. Besides those, the 'Malaysian Village' is featuring performances and gastronomy from Sarawak, East Malaysia.

The theme of this year's edition of the festival is "Superchef! Eat Smart – Smart Generation." The aim of the theme is to introduce the idea of reducing food wastage. The organizing committee has gathered 120 local restaurants and invited 26 food and beverage merchants from Malaysia to join the event.

According to Pauline Lim, event sponsorship manager of the Sarawak Tourism Board, the Malaysian quarter is presenting authentic Sarawak dishes and also traditional performances in a bid to encourage tourists to visit Borneo, the island where Sarawak is located.

"We're bringing in our Asian

'Malaysian Village' popular at food festival



Aspect of the 'Malaysian Village'



Sarawak tourism official Pauline Lim (left)

food and the food that we bring is very much local food from Sarawak," she told the Times. "I think you may not be able to find it in Macau it's very unique, especially our signature dishes such as Sarawak Laksa, Kolo Mee and Kek Lapis."

Lim hopes that Macau residents and visitors left the festival with more knowledge about the Malaysian state.

"The state of Sarawak is very rich in culture, adventure and nature. We try to [promote] this outside [the state...] We're trying to reach out to Macau," she said.

The "Malaysian village" has largely been visited by food enthusiasts over the weekend. Lim stressed that the public has been enthusiastic in trying out their cuisine, noting that the booths offer dishes that could only be tasted during the festival.

Some visitors could be seen participating in the performance at the space, located at lower level of Sai Van Lake Square.

According to a participant, the festival serves as a place for family and friends to be united.

"It's enjoyable. Every year when they have this thing, it's very nice for the whole of Macau to enjoy [these] things together," the participant explained.

The visitor also highlighted that the region should bring in different food and traditions from outside the territory.

The 16th Macau Food Festival is convened at Sai Van Lake Square until November 27. The annual food festival is organized by the United Association of Food and Beverage Merchants of Macau.

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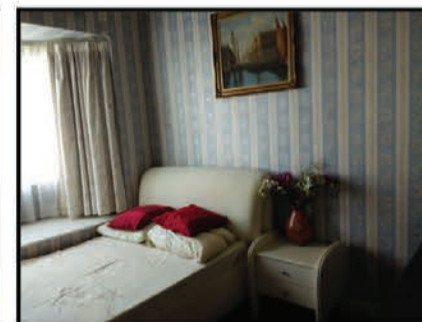
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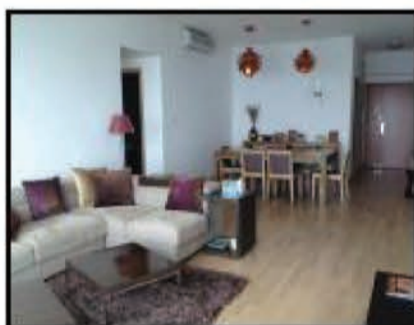
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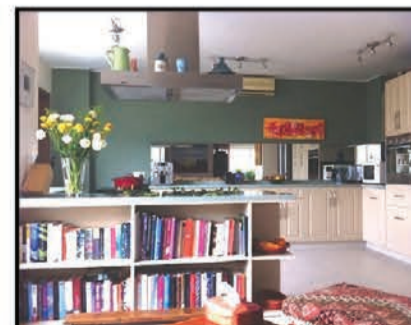
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Chinese ship opens new trade route via Pakistani port



Gwadar port, about 700 kilometers west of Karachi

Munir Ahmed, Islamabad

PAKISTAN'S top civilian and military leaders traveled to the country's southwest yesterday to open a new international trade route by seeing off a Chinese ship that's exporting goods to the Middle East and Africa from the newly built Gwadar port.

The first convoy of Chinese trucks carrying goods for sale abroad has arrived in Pakistan amid tight security using a road linking Gwadar to China's northwestern Xinjiang region, the government said in a statement.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said that Pakistan will provide best possible security to foreign investors to enable them to use the Chinese-funded port for international trade.

Amid security concerns for foreign workers, the Pakistani army has created a special force to guard the new trade routes and the port, which is located in insurgency-wracked Baluchistan province where an overnight blast at a shrine killed nearly 50 people.

The attack was claimed

by the Islamic State group and Pakistani officials said it was aimed at harming the Chinese-funded projects in the southwest and elsewhere in the country.

China is building a network of roads and power plants under a project known as China-Pakistan Economic Corridor that is expected to absorb USD46 billion in Chinese investment in the coming decades.

China and Pakistan have long maintained close political and military relations, based partly on mutual antipathy toward neighbor India. Gwadar port is located on the Arabian Sea and it occupies a strategic location between South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East. The port is also located at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, just outside the Straits of Hormuz.

China is seeking convenient and reliable access to the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. Chinese ships now use the Strait of Malacca, a narrow passage between the Malay Peninsula and Indonesia. The proposed new route would give China access to the Persian Gulf region and the Middle East. **AP**

IMF approves biggest-ever Mideast loan to revive Egypt's economy

Ahmed Feteha, Andrew Mayeda

The International Monetary Fund approved a USD12 billion loan program for Egypt to restore investor confidence and help revive an economy battered by years of political turmoil.

The Washington-based lender's executive board approved the three-year loan on Friday. Approval of the IMF loan program, the largest of its kind on record in the Middle East, comes a week after Egypt floated its currency to end a crippling currency crisis and raised the price of subsidized fuel to reign in one of the region's largest budget deficits.

The program will help Egypt restore macroeconomic stability and promote inclusive growth, the IMF said in a statement. Egypt will receive an immediate disbursement of \$2.75 billion, the fund said.

The loan will help boost Egypt's foreign currency inflows, which have dwindled since the 2011 Arab Spring uprising resulted in the ouster of longtime ruler Hosni Mubarak.

As part of its effort to increase inflows, the government plans to issue \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion in international bonds



Women buy bread from the window of a bakery in Cairo, Egypt

The program will help Egypt restore macroeconomic stability and promote inclusive growth

this year. Though the roadshow was scheduled to start in November, El-Garhy said Thursday the debt sale might be delayed due to "fluctuations in markets."

See also: IMF loan only part of what Egypt needs – a BI Primer

The central bank on Nov. 3 removed all restrictions on the exchange rate, and raised interest

rates by 3 percentage points so the banking system could absorb liquidity from the currency black market. Egyptian stocks gained 25 percent since then, with the pound weakening by about 45 percent, according to data from the National Bank of Egypt.

The measures have started to bear fruit, with lenders and businesses reporting improvements in foreign currency liquidity. **Bloomberg**

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SINGAPORE AND PHILIPPINES WIN MGM LION DANCE COMPETITION

The sixth "MGM Lion Dance Championship – Macau International Invitational" came to conclusion yesterday at MGM Macau's Grande Praça.

Yi Wei Athletic Association from Singapore took home the champion title of "Male Lion Dance Championship", while the Wushu Federation from Philippines won in Macau's first "Female Lion Dance Championship".

The "MGM Lion Dance Championship 2016" saw 23 elite lion dance troupes from 10 countries and regions strive for the top titles.

In the male category, Yi Wei Athletic Association from Singapore bested the other 14 teams by a score of 9.19.

Chinese Shenzhen City Fuyong Street Huaide Lion Dance Group from China and Persekutuan Tarian Naga & Singa Malaysia Team B – Kuantan Builder's Association Lion & Dragon Dance Group from Malaysia finished as the first and second runners-up with scores of 9.18 and 9.13 respectively.

In the female category, Wushu Federation from Philippines won the Championship with a score of 8.90, while Associação Desportiva e Recreativa Hong Wai from Macau and Persekutuan Tarian Naga & Singa Malaysia Team B – Kuantan Builder's Association Lion & Dragon Dance Group from Malaysia finished second and third with scores of 8.83 and 8.76 respectively.

CEO of MGM China Holdings, Grant Bowie, stated: "This is a sport that requires trust among team members, builds courage and integrity, which are qualities we would like to foster among the youth in our community."

The CEO expressed his hope that the MGM Lion Dance Championship will become one of Macau's staple annual events that "brings the world to our city."

The "MGM Lion Dance Championship – Macau International Invitational" was first launched in 2010 by MGM as a way to promote this particular aspect of Chinese culture into an internationally recognized sport, while passing on the heritage to younger generations and a wider audience.



Fosun bets new tech to woo Chinese to pay up for Iraq war movie

FOSUN Group, the Chinese conglomerate that owns Club Med and Cirque du Soleil, is betting on new technology to boost its foray into the feature film industry, backing a Studio 8 Iraq war movie to be shown at five times the standard frame rate.

Filmed at 120 frames-per-second, the USD48 million "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" opened Friday in five specially equipped cinemas in Beijing, Shanghai, New York, Los Angeles and Taipei. The theaters use 4K and 3D projection gear to bring the industry's highest-resolution, a premium viewing experience strategy that helped the 2009 film "Avatar" become the biggest grossing movie on record.

Fosun in 2014 bought a 48 percent stake in Studio 8, founded by former Warner Bros. Pictures President Jeff Robinov. The insurance, real estate and pharmaceutical group also owns part of Bona Film Group, which co-produced and is distributing "Billy Lynn" in China, Hong Kong, Ma-



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cau and Taiwan. "This is a cinematic revolution," Bona Film Chief Executive Officer Yu Dong said Nov. 6 at a briefing on the film's planned debut. He compared the film's potential to "Avatar's" run in IMAX theaters, the large-format cinema that demands higher ticket prices.

Director James Cameron's science fiction adventure "Avatar" was released at about 28,000 cinemas in China, including 12 IMAX screens. The large-format IMAX screens brought in 1.2 billion yuan of the movie's 1.3 billion yuan in total China ticket sales, according to Yu. He said he hopes "Billy Lynn" will also bring

in 100 million yuan (\$15 million) per screen.

Tickets for the 120 fps version of "Billy Lynn" in 3D and 4K will sell for between 200 yuan and 300 yuan (\$30 and \$44), four to six times the average price for a conventional movie. Seven other cinemas across the country will present a 3D, 2K version of the film at 120fps on equipment developed by Dolby Laboratories Inc. The movie will also be shown elsewhere at frame rates such as 60fps and in the global standard, 24fps.

A higher frame rate packs more images onto the screen per second, making motion look smoother and more natural and giving 3D effects

a more lifelike appearance.

Prior to "Billy Lynn" the highest frame-rate major feature film was 2012's "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," which was shot in 48 fps.

Oscar-winning Director Ang Lee's film tells the story of Billy Lynn, a U.S. infantryman, who is brought home for a "victory tour" to boost support for the war after a frightening battle in Iraq. The story is told through flashbacks to the fighting, while Lynn is set to appear during the halftime festivities at a Thanksgiving Day football game.

In addition to Studio 8 and

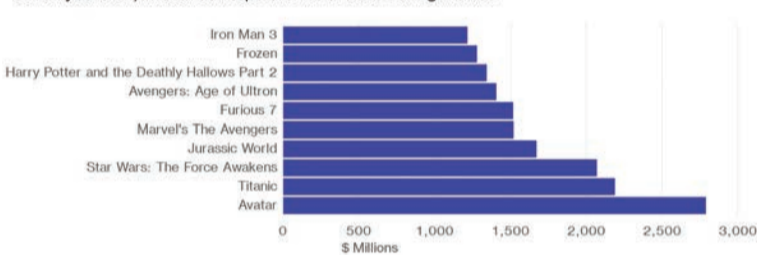
Bona, Sony Picture's Columbia Tristar Motion Picture Group also co-produced "Billy Lynn" and will distribute it in other markets. The film is the first major movie for Studio 8, which has 30 movies under development.

Taiwan-born Director Lee has built a following among film fans with hits such as "Life of Pi," in 2012, "Brokeback Mountain," in 2005 and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" in 2000.

Lee's appeal in China runs deep, said Rob Cain, president of Pacific Bridge Pictures. "So there's a natural factor for "Billy Lynn" to succeed in China." **Bloomberg**

Box-Office Hits

Seven years on, Avatar still tops the list of best-selling movies



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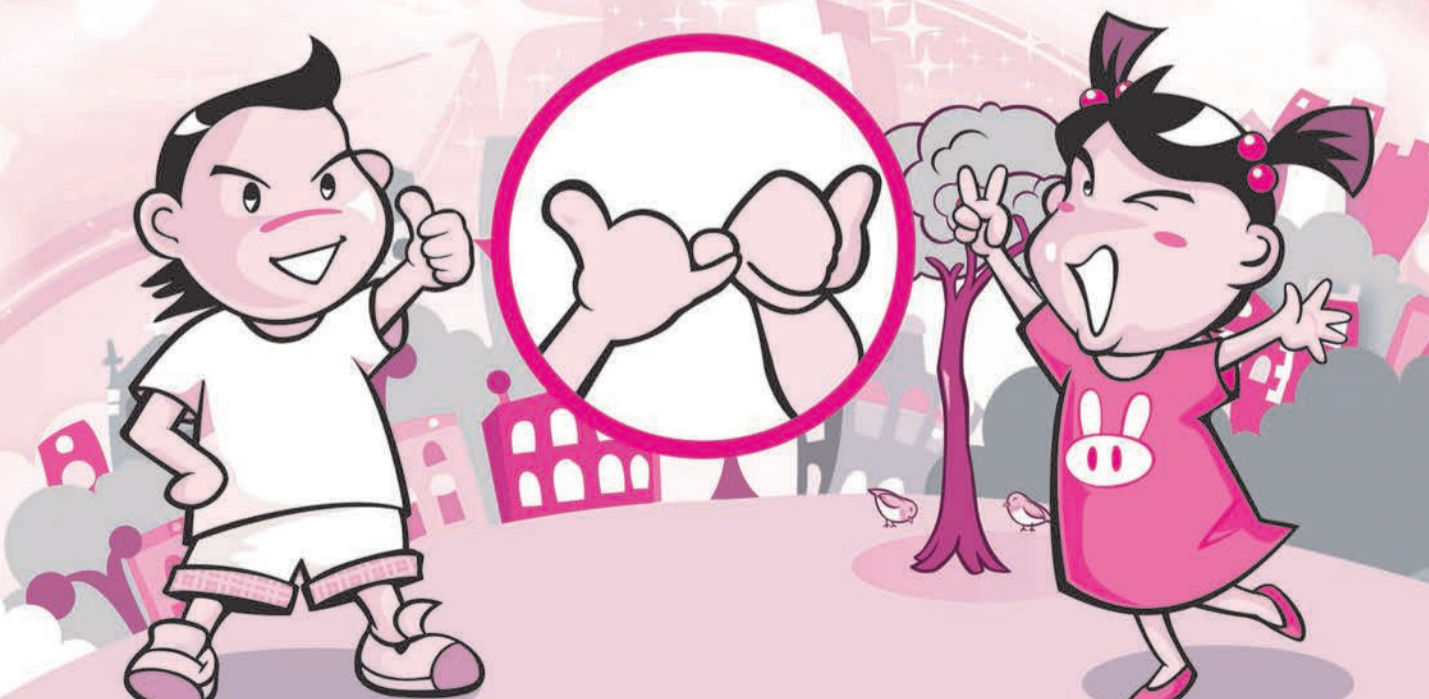
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ALIBABA Group Holding Ltd. managed to set another Singles' Day record even as sales growth lagged last year's, as the nation's economic slowdown prompted consumers to throttle back.

Sales on its e-commerce platform climbed 32 percent to 120.7 billion yuan (USD17.8 billion), easily topping last year's total of 91.2 billion yuan. But that growth pace dwindled from last year's 60 percent, a function of the scale that Chinese's biggest shopping day has achieved as well as an economy expanding at its slowest pace in a quarter century.

Dwarfing both America's Cyber Monday and Black Friday, the 24-hour online promotion is closely watched for clues on the health of the economy and its largest online retailer. Billionaire Jack Ma's Alibaba pioneered the annual shopping spree in 2009 and has since transformed it into a social phenomenon, replicated by rivals including JD.com Inc. and now involving thousands of marquee labels across the world.

The e-commerce giant turned up the star-wattage for 2016, enlisting actress Scarlett Johansson, sports celebrity David Beckham, basketball legend Kobe Bryant and pop-rock band One Republic to headline a pre-sale gala and drum up international attention. Pop star Katy Perry pulled out at the last minute because of a family emergency.

Executives had set the bar high, confidently predicting another record-breaking endeavor even as a weakening yuan curbed enthusiasm for foreign wares.

"The consumption potential of 1.3 billion people in China is being uncovered," Ma said, speaking at a press event. "We can see the huge potential of the Chinese market."

China's economy is increasingly dependent on its more than a billion consumers as global growth fizzles. Final consumption accounted for more than half of economic output last year. Shoppers have so far shrugged off a slowdown in the world's second largest economy, with retail sales rising by 10.7 percent in September, a record for the year. The growing



Employees work on computers while a monitor displays live updates of sales figures during the Singles' Day online shopping event in Shenzhen

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Alibaba tops Singles' Day record despite sales growth slowdown

middle-class is now demanding better quality products, and innovative ways to shop.

"Many foreign brands, with and without local China presence, will use this shopping event to further raise their brand profile with Chinese consumers," said Andria Cheng, an analyst at eMarketer.

Singles' Day was invented by college students in the 1990s as a counter to Valentine's Day, according to the Communist Party-owned People's Daily. Written numerically, Nov. 11 is reminiscent of "bare branches," a local expression for bachelors and spinsters. It's since morphed into a consumption phenomenon involving months of planning, millions of logistics and technology personnel, and a nationwide cascade of ads and promotions.

The best-selling items on Friday included Apple's iPhones, Nike and Adidas gear and Haier appliances, the company said on its official blog.

Some 14,000 brands are hawking their products. Ali-

baba is touting a virtual reality service to let Chinese buy from Macy's in New York and Tokyo's Otaku Mode. It's added live-streaming to its sites and even a location-based Pokemon Go-like mobile game to try and drum up interest.

"Consumer behavior is changing," Alibaba Chief Executive Officer Daniel Zhang said during the gala. "Shopping has become entertainment."

For the first six years, results were tabulated in Alibaba's hometown of Hangzhou in eastern China. This year, it relocated its command center to the southern city of Shenzhen just across the border from Hong Kong, to try and capture international attention. Ma, who aims to get half the company's revenue from beyond China by around 2025, has said that he wants to introduce the shopping festival to the U.S. and U.K.

"Maybe in our 10th, 15th or 20th anniversary for Nov.11 we might go to the U.S., or Europe, or Japan, we might hold

our holiday all over the world," Evans said.

Last year, a third of buyers made purchases abroad during the event - Nike sneakers and Levi's jeans were among the hotter items. Global retail e-commerce is expected to grow by 24 percent to \$1.91 trillion in transactions this year, according to eMarketer. In China alone, that number will increase by 36 percent to \$899 billion, it said.

Alibaba's event however has drawn controversy around how it accounts for purchases, or gross merchandise volume. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has been looking

■ Sales on Alibaba's e-commerce platform climbed 32pct to 120.7b yuan

into data from last year's promotion, responding in part to concerns that the total may include sales faked by third-party merchants or transactions that haven't been paid for. Vice Chairman Joseph Tsai has said the company is cooperating with the regulator, sharing facts in an investigation it voluntarily disclosed.

Allegations of numbers-inflation have surfaced locally as well. On Tuesday, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce said it had summoned the largest online retailers - including Alibaba, JD, Tencent Holdings Ltd. and Amazon.com Inc. - to a meeting, warning them against inflating sales, touting fake goods or predatory tactics on the day.

"There's a lot of fuzziness into that number," Paul Sweeney, an analyst with Bloomberg Intelligence, told Bloomberg Television. But "most investors look at the gross merchandise value that they report more for the directional tone that they set." **Bloomberg**

Beijing pledges to allow more foreign ownership of brokerages

CHINA said it's committed to letting overseas banks own bigger stakes in securities and fund-management joint ventures in the nation, in a statement that was released after financial and economic talks last week with the U.K.

A 49 percent ownership

limit will gradually be raised, the Ministry of Finance said in a statement Friday, without saying when or by how much. Foreign investors' participation can boost the industry's competitiveness and global influence, it said.

China also pledged to help companies increase

investment in the U.K and support London as an offshore yuan center.

China was considering sweeping changes to its securities industry to let foreign banks control joint ventures and broaden their offerings, people with knowledge of the matter told Bloomberg in March

last year. Regulators planned to give foreign-owned joint ventures permission to expand into areas beyond stock and bond underwriting, the people said at the time.

In response to the Bloomberg article, the China Securities Regulatory Commission said

that it would study further opening the securities and futures industry, after already letting Hong Kong and Macau companies take control of their ventures under economic partnership agreements.

Loosening restrictions will let foreign banks more effectively compete

with incumbents such as Citic Securities Co. in Asia's largest equities market. Greater foreign participation could also help China develop its securities industry, more than a decade after Goldman Sachs Group Inc. set up a joint venture in Beijing. **Bloomberg**

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

THE United States has agreed to resettle an unspecified number of refugees languishing in Pacific island camps in a deal that is expected to inspire more asylum seekers to attempt to reach Australia by boat, officials said yesterday.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull would not say whether he had discussed the deal with President-elect Donald Trump during their telephone conversation on Thursday. The Obama administration had agreed to resettle refugees among almost 1,300 asylum seekers held at Australia's expense on the island nations of Nauru and Papua New Guinea. Another 370 who came to Australia for medical treatment then refused to return to the islands would also be eligible.

"We deal with one administration at a time and there is only one president of the United States at a time," Turnbull told reporters.

Trump has called for a moratorium or tight restrictions on Muslim immigration. Most of the asylum seekers are Muslims from the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry confirmed that the United States had "agreed to consider referrals" from the United Nations refugee agency on Australia's refugees.

"We are going to work to protect vulnerable refugees around the world, and we'll share that responsibility with our friends in the regions that are most affected by this challenge," Kerry told reporters in New Zealand.

Australia refuses to resettle any refugee who has arrived by boat since the date the tough policy was announced on July 19, 2013.

Australia pays Nauru and Papua

US to resettle Australia's refugees languishing on islands



A group of asylum seekers hold up their identity after landing in Manus Island, Papua New Guinea

New Guinea to house boat arrivals and has been searching for countries that will resettle them.

Few refugees have accepted offers to resettle in Papua New Guinea and Cambodia because most hope that Australia will eventually take them in.

Any refugee who refuses to go to the U.S. would be given a 20-year visa to stay on Nauru, a tiny impoverished atoll with a population of 10,000 people, Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said.

The Refugee Council of Australia, an advocacy group, welcomed the deal as a vital first step in ending the indefinite detention of asylum seekers on the islands. London-based rights group Amnesty International accused Australia of taking "an extreme step in shirking responsibility."

U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials are expected in Australia this week to begin assessing refugees.

Turnbull would not say how many refugees the United States might take, but said the most vulnerable would be given priority.

"Our priority is the resettlement of woman, children and families," Turnbull said. "This will be an orderly process. It will take time. It will not be rushed."

Refugees who arrive in the future would not be sent to the United States, he said.

"We anticipate that people smugglers will seek to use this agreement as a marketing opportunity to tempt vulnerable people onto these perilous sea journeys," Turnbull said. "We have put in place the largest and most capable ma-

ritime surveillance and response fleet Australia has ever deployed."

Australian Border Force Commissioner Roman Quaedvlieg said ships had been positioned to turn boats back to Indonesia if asylum seekers attempt to reach Australia in the hope of being sent to the U.S.

Few refugees have accepted offers to resettle in Papua New Guinea and Cambodia

No people smuggling operation has successfully delivered asylum seekers to Australia by boat since July 2014.

Turnbull announced at Obama's Leaders' Summit on Refugees in September that Australia would participate in the U.S.-led program to resettle Central American refugees from a camp in Costa Rica. Australia would also increase its refugee intake by 5,000 to 18,750 a year.

Turnbull said at the time that the agreement to resettle Hondurans and El Salvadoreans was "not linked to any other resettlement discussions" involving Australia's refugees getting to the U.S.

Refugee Action Coalition spokesman Ian Rintoul said some refugees on Nauru were "hopeful" of resettlement in the United States, but were frustrated by the lack of detail. There seemed no short-term hope for asylum seekers on Papua New Guinea's Manus Island, a male-only camp holding 873 men.

"There are some people who if the United States is offered to them, certainly they will take it," Rintoul said, adding that several would prefer Australia where they had family.

Rights groups have been scathing about conditions on the island immigration camps. Two asylum seekers set themselves on fire on Nauru this year and two local men have been convicted of murdering an Iranian asylum seeker during a 2004 riot at the Manus Island camp. AP

Powerful quake strikes New Zealand, triggering small tsunami

A powerful earthquake struck New Zealand's South Island yesterday [Macau time], shaking residents awake, causing damage to buildings and prompting emergency services to warn people along the coast to move to higher ground to avoid tsunami waves.

The magnitude-7.8 earthquake struck just after midnight in a mostly rural area close to the city of Christchurch, but appeared to be more strongly felt in Wellington, the capital, more than 200 kilometers to the north. The quake was followed by a number of strong aftershocks.

The quake tem-



People evacuated from buildings along Dixon Street stand and sit on the street and the sidewalk in Wellington

porarily knocked out New Zealand's emergency call number, 111, police reported. It caused items to fall from shelves and windows to break in Wellington, and forced

hundreds of tourists onto the streets as hotels were evacuated. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries in the city.

New Zealand's Ministry of Civil Defence and

Emergency Management reported that a tsunami wave struck at about 1:50 a.m. and warned residents living in low-lying areas anywhere along the country's east coast to move to higher ground.

Information from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center indicated that the tsunami waves could be highest around the South Island town of Kaikoura, at about 1.5 meters (5 feet). The Hawaii-based center said it did not expect the quake to generate a destructive Pacific-wide tsunami.

Within New Zealand, there was confusion about the tsunami threat.

The ministry had ear-

lier sent out a message on Twitter saying there was no tsunami threat to the country. But then it sent out another message — "situation has changed - tsunami is possible" — before reporting that a tsunami had hit.

The ministry said people on the coast near the epicenter could expect waves of between 3 and 5 meters.

While there were no immediate reports of any major damage or injuries in Christchurch, the quake brought back memories of a magnitude-6.3 earthquake that struck the city in 2011, destroying much of the downtown area and

killing 185 people in one of New Zealand's worst disasters. The latest quake was centered farther away from Christchurch than the one in 2011, which caused an estimated USD25 billion in damage.

The quake was far less violent than the one that struck her city in 2011, Christchurch resident Hannah Gin said, adding that there was no jarring up and down or side to side, just a long, rolling sensation. But it went on for much longer than the typical quakes that strike the area, she said. She was less concerned about running for cover than she was about vomiting from the motion sickness, she said with a chuckle.

The quake was centered 93 kilometers northeast of Christchurch, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. AP

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DONALD Trump elicited wild cheers on the campaign trail by pledging to “drain the swamp” in Washington, but the president-elect’s transition team is populated largely with creatures of the capital, including former federal bureaucrats, think-tank academics, corporate lawyers and special-interest lobbyists.

An internal organizational chart for the Trump transition team lists more than 30 names, some well-known within the GOP establishment. They are tasked with helping to select and vet Trump’s Cabinet, as well as map out the key policy initiatives the new administration will pursue.

Their areas of experience and policy expertise on the chart hint at future efforts to restrict abortion, strip away consumer protections, boost defense spending and dismantle environmental regulations. Key members of Trump’s team are also advocates for sweeping privatization of government programs, including Social Security.

“Personnel is policy,” said Republican operative Ron Kaufman, who also served in George W. Bush’s White House.

The team will not necessarily carry over into the Trump administration — though members of past transition teams often have. Instead, they are in charge of putting together hiring recommendations, working with outgoing appointees and laying the groundwork for administration’s opening months.

“For people who voted for him thinking that he’d shake things up, I don’t think they thought he was going to privatize everything,” said Dean Baker, a progressive economist and founder of the Center for Economic and Policy Research. “He runs this populist, anti-Wall Street campaign, and he turns to Wall Street and lobbying guys.”

The behind-the-scenes transition operation is being run by Ron Nichol, a senior partner at The Boston Group, a management consulting firm where 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney launched his business career. A former nuclear submarine officer, Nichol oversees five teams targeted at “Agency Transformation and Innovation.”

Overseeing the transition for domestic issues is Ken Blackwell, the former Ohio secretary of state, state treasurer and Cincinnati mayor. He is a senior fellow at the Family Research Council, which opposes same-sex marriage and abortion rights.

Veteran agribusiness lobbyist Michael Torrey is tasked with transforming the Agriculture Department. Energy industry lobbyist Mike McKenna, who represents electricity and chemical companies, is leading the Energy Department transition team.

Trump relies on Washington insiders to build administration



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For the Interior Department there is David Bernhardt, a top lawyer at the agency under President George W. Bush who represents mining companies seeking to use resources on federal lands and Indian reservations. Lobbyist Steven Hart, who focuses on tax and employee benefits, is leading the transition team for the Labor Department.

Cindy Hayden, a former congressional staffer who is now the top lobbyist for Altria, the parent company of cigarette-maker Philip Morris, is overseeing the transition for the Homeland Security Department. Jeff Eisenach, a consultant and former lobbyist who has called for deregulation of the telecommunications industry, is overseeing the transition for the Federal Communications Commission.

The man put in charge of staffing for the Social Security Administration, Michael Korbey, is a former lobbyist who led President George W. Bush’s effort to privatize America’s retirement system. Trump campaigned on keeping Social

Security within the federal government.

One of Trump’s campaign pledges was to spending up to USD1 trillion over 10 years on infrastructure projects. But his selection to oversee the transition for the Transportation Department, Shirley Ybarra, has been a champion of “public-private partnerships” to build toll roads and bridges. A former Virginia state transportation secretary, Ybarra now works as a policy analyst with the libertarian-leaning Reason Foundation, which has received support from conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch.

Trump has also pledged to renegotiate the Paris climate treaty signed in December, saying efforts to restrict the carbon emissions are harming American industries such as coal mining. Trump’s pick to oversee the transition for the Environmental Protection Agency is Myron Ebell from the conservative Competitive Enterprise Institute, which has voiced the false view that man-made global warming is a hoax. Ebell has called for dismantling environmental protections and assigning international carbon-cutting agreements to the “dustbin of history.”

Trump has pledged to transform a national economy he said was hobbled by bad trade deals and rigged against American workers by Wall Street and the big banks. His list of advisers indicates an interest in rolling back many of the reforms made in the wake of the 2008 recession and appears to signal an interest in deregula-

ting the financial sector.

David Malpass, who is overseeing the Treasury Department transition, was Bear Stearns’ chief economist in the years before the firm’s 2008 collapse. A few months before the recession began, Malpass wrote a Wall Street Journal op-ed titled “Don’t Panic About the Credit Market.”

“Housing and debt markets are not that big a part of the U.S. economy, or of job creation,” Malpass said in August 2007, predicting continued economic growth. He has complained about the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the brainchild of progressive Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

Dan DiMicco, who is overseeing the transition of the U.S. trade representative’s office, fits in well with Trump’s avowed hard line on tariffs. The former chief executive of steel company NUCOR and a board member at Duke Energy, he’s likely to steer the U.S. toward far more aggressive trade policy. In his

2015 book, DiMicco declared that the United States is already in a trade war with China — and that it’s losing.

Former Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., is taking the lead on crafting Trump’s national security team. The former chairman of the House intelligence committee, Rogers serves on boards for consulting firms IronNet Cybersecurity and Next Century Corp.

At the Justice Department, Kevin O’Connor, a former U.S. attorney for Connecticut, is overseeing the transition. He briefly served as chief of staff to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, a George W. Bush appointee who resigned from the Justice Department in 2007 amid a scandal over the firing of U.S. attorneys. He was also a partner at the law firm of close Trump adviser Rudy Giuliani.

Jim Carafano is the Heritage Foundation’s vice president for Foreign and Defense Policy Studies and is leading the transition at the State Department. A 25-year Army veteran, Carafano has been advising Trump on terrorism and border security. In a recent radio interview, Carafano said he told Trump that the next administration must pay more attention to transnational criminal cartels, toughen border security and fight al-Qaida globally.

Trump has tapped retired Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg, who is close to Trump military adviser Michael Flynn, to oversee the transition for the Defense Department. Kellogg was chief operating officer for Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, which governed the country after the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Working with Kellogg is Mira Ricardel, a former acting assistant defense secretary during the George W. Bush administration who more recently served as vice president of business development for Boeing Strategic Missile & Defense Systems, a major military contractor. **AP**

THOUSANDS MARCH IN NATIONWIDE ANTI-TRUMP PROTESTS

TENS OF thousands of people marched in streets across the United States on Saturday, staging the fourth day of protests of Donald Trump’s surprise victory as president. The protests — held in big cities such as Los Angeles, New York and Chicago as well as smaller ones, such as Worcester, Massachusetts, and Iowa City, Iowa — were largely peaceful Saturday, although two police officers were slightly injured during protests in

Indianapolis. Protesters rallied at New York’s Union Square before taking their cause up Fifth Avenue toward Trump Tower, where they were held back by police barricades. The Republican president-elect was holed up inside his tower apartment, working with aides on the transition to the White House. Among those railing against him was filmmaker Michael Moore, who tweeted a demand that Trump “step aside.”

France remembers the 130 killed in Paris attacks one year ago

Elaine Ganley, Paris

As a somber silence marked France's anniversary commemorations yesterday of coordinated attacks on Paris, with the only voices reading names of the 130 victims of the Islamist extremists and the son of the first person to die.

Michael Dias lauded the lessons of integration his father Manuel, an immigrant from Portugal, taught him so youth can integrate instead of turning themselves into "cannon fodder."

Under heavy security, President Francois Hollande unveiled a plaque outside the Stade de France "in memory of Manuel Dias," pulling away a French flag covering it on a wall at one of the entrances to the French national stadium, where Dias was killed on Nov. 13, 2015, by a suicide bomber.

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo joined the president six other sites where crowds ate, drank or re-



People console each at the Bataclan concert hall in Paris

veiled in music at the Bataclan concert hall. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Three teams of extremists coming from neighboring Belgium targeted six bars and eateries, turning scenes of Friday night fun into bloodbaths.

At the Stade de France, on the northern edge of Paris, Michael Dias said his father Manuel was "living proof that integration is possible, necessary" to end the madness of violence carried out

by those who felt excluded.

Learning to live again after extremists killed his father was "a personal challenge, but it concerns us all," Dias said, crediting his father, who came to France at 18, with life lessons like the need for education.

"It is by knowledge, by intelligence that the children of tomorrow can stop humiliating themselves as cannon fodder in the service of criminal, mafia-style interests [...] as is the case today. [They are] incapable of

reflection, thinking about the world and expressing the unease and social exclusion they feel."

The final stop, the Bataclan concert hall — which reopened Saturday night with a concert by British pop star Sting — was the site of the bloodiest and longest attack. There, 90 people were killed by three attackers who also took a group of people hostage. The youngest and oldest victims of the night of horror were a 17-year-old and a 68-year-old — both killed at the Bataclan.

Families of victims, security and rescue forces and some still trying to heal were among those present at the ceremonies. In addition to those killed, nine people remain hospitalized from the attacks and others are paralyzed. The government says more than 600 people are still receiving psychological treatment after the attacks.

Sting, in a T-shirt with a guitar slung over his shoulder, asked concert-goers in fluent French to observe a minute of silence

as he opened the show.

"We've got two important things to do tonight," the 65-year-old singer said. "First, to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the attacks a year ago [...] and to celebrate the life and the music of this historic venue. [...] We shall not forget them."

He then strummed out a string of hits, including "Fragile" and "Message in a Bottle."

Elodie Suigo, who lost six friends in the attack, said that it was a hard night, even though she loved the music.

"It was difficult going through that door. I don't think I was the only one... We cannot say it was a magical moment because of everything that changed in our lives. But [Sting] is a really great man," she said.

With more than 400 rounds fired within 10 minutes at the restaurants, the coordinated attacks were a wake-up call for France and for Europe. They followed the January 2015 newsroom massacre at the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris and a Kosher grocery store that left 17 dead. But the complex planning behind the Nov. 13 attacks and the high number of deaths revealed a degree of French vulnerability not previously suspected by authorities. AP

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Offbeat

BIKERS HELP SPRINGSTEEN, STRANDED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

AP PHOTO



Coming across Bruce Springsteen on a broken down motorcycle on the side of the road could probably be a lyric from one of his songs, but it really happened for a group of guys from New Jersey. A group from the Freehold American Legion was riding after a Veterans Day event Friday when Dan Barkalow says he saw a stranded motorcyclist up ahead near Allaire State Park in Wall Township.

"Bikers gotta stick together," Barkalow said.

"I stopped to see if he needed help, and it was Bruce." Barkalow says they tried to help get his bike running, but when they couldn't, Springsteen — wearing a brown riding jacket and a red handkerchief — hopped on the back of Ryan Bailey's bike and they headed to a local bar.

"We sat there and shot the breeze for a half hour, 45 minutes till his ride showed up," Barkalow said. "Nice guy, real down to earth. Just talked about motorcycles and his old Freehold days."

Springsteen was raised in Freehold and still lives in New Jersey. The American Legion post says Springsteen is eligible to join since his father was a veteran.

"It was nice to help out," Bailey said. "One Freehold person helping out another." **AP**

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Duration: 121min



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ROOM 3
(2D) 2.15, 4.00, 7.30 pm
(3D) 5.45 pm
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Duration: 121min

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this day in history



1991 US ACCUSES LIBYANS OF LOCKERBIE BOMBING

Two Libyan intelligence officers have been accused of masterminding the Lockerbie bombing.

The United States has called on Libyan leader Colonel Gaddafi to hand over the two men, Abdel Basset Ali Al-Megrahi and Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah.

The men have been indicted in the US on 193 charges, including three which carry the death penalty.

Arrest warrants have also been issued for the two Libyans in Scotland on charges of murder and conspiracy in relation to bombing of Pan Am flight 103 in December 1988.

The plane was en route from London to New York when it exploded over Lockerbie in Scotland, killing all 259 people on board and 11 people on the ground.

President George Bush is to consult British Prime Minister John Major and other world leaders over the next few days to decide the international response.

Both President Bush and Mr Major have refused to rule out military action if Libya fails to hand over the suspects for trial.

However, Libya's ambassador to France, Saeeb Mujber, has said his country would not comply with the indictments. Mr Mujber told the BBC that surrendering the two men would be to surrender Libya's sovereignty.

Libya had been implicated as an excuse for a military assault, he added. "This is a political thing. This is a lynching to bring Libya to its knees," Mr Mujber said.

But the US acting Attorney General, William Barr, said a fragment from the Toshiba radio-cassette recorder which contained the bomb linked the accused to the crime.

"Scientists determined that it was part of the bomb's timing device and traced it to its manufacturer - a Swiss company that had sold it to a high-level Libyan intelligence official," Mr Barr said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Abdelbaset ali Mohmed al-Megrahi and Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah were not brought to trial for another decade. After years of wrangling, Colonel Gaddafi finally allowed them to be tried in a neutral country under Scottish law.

In January 2001 Abdelbaset ali Mohmed al-Megrahi was jailed for life following an 84-day trial at Camp Zeist in the Netherlands.

His alleged accomplice, Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah, was found not guilty. Al-Megrahi is serving his sentence at Barlinnie Prison in Glasgow, Scotland in a specially-built isolation unit, dubbed "Gaddafi's Café".

In 2002 his appeal against conviction was rejected.

YOUR STARS

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Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You don't usually waste time coolly calculating your odds of success...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Now is the best time for you to make plans - for tomorrow, next week or the next ten years...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 A budgetary issue is stuck in your mind today - so make sure that you're giving it your full attention...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Things are really starting to click today - so make sure that you're keeping up with events...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your conscience is bugging you - but not over anything major. It's likely just something small that you keep forgetting to do...

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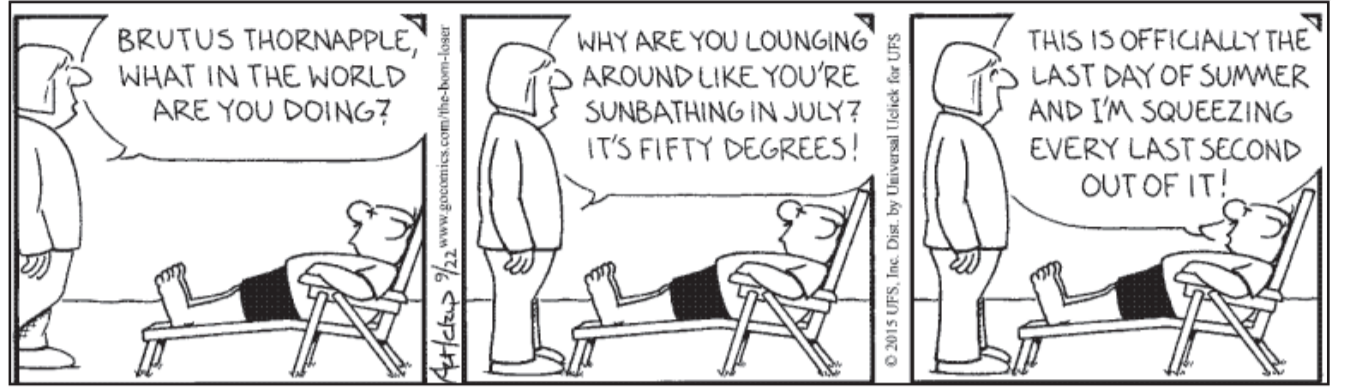
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Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You've reached a place emotionally in which you're pretty sure that you're ready to confront that old baggage...

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FOOTBALL

Mexico wins first World Cup qualifier in US since 1972

A pro-American crowd of 24,650 chanted "Dos a cero!" at the start.

Mexican supporters yelled "Dos a uno!" as they left.

Rafa Marquez scored a tiebreaking goal on a header in the 89th minute, giving Mexico a 2-1 victory Friday night and its first victory at the United States in World Cup qualifying since 1972.

After winning four straight home qualifiers against Mexico by 2-0 scores — all in Columbus — the U.S. hoped to open the final round of the North and Central American and Caribbean region with another victory. Instead, the Americans began the hexagonal with a loss for the second straight cycle, and they play Tuesday night [Wednesday, Macau time] at Costa Rica, where they have never won in qualifying.

"It gets a sense of anger in us. It gets a sense of absolutely urgency," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "It's not a problem,



AP PHOTO

but it's obviously disappointing."

Miguel Layun put Mexico ahead in the 20th minute, but Bobby Wood

tied it in the 49th.

The U.S. dominated the second half before the 37-year-old Marquez, unmarked and drifting

across the penalty area at the near post, got a glancing nod on Layun's corner kick. The Mexican captain lifted the ball over goalkeeper Brad Guzan for his 17th international goal.

Mexico's previous win at the U.S. in qualifying was also by a 2-1 score, at the Los Angeles Coliseum. "I think we deserved this match," Layun said. "We were focused."

Klinsmann said John Brooks was supposed to mark Marquez on the corner kick. Jozy Altidore blocked the defender from getting there. "We lost him there. Individual mistake," Klinsmann said.

The Americans had been 30-0-2 at home in qualifying since a 3-2 loss to Honduras at Washington's RFK Stadium in September 2001.

"They're very good in terms of when they have a little time circulating

the ball, and they start to find space," American captain Michael Bradley said.

Guzan had lost the U.S. goalkeeper job to Tim Howard, who started at the last two World Cups. But Howard pulled a muscle in his right leg on a goal kick and was replaced in the 40th minute.

Howard was to have a scan Saturday, a day before the U.S. travels, and Klinsmann said Howard likely will miss the match at Costa Rica.

"He knows it's not looking that good," Klinsmann said.

The top three teams in the six-nation round qualify for the World Cup, and the fourth-place country advances to a playoff.

With the U.S. struggling early in what Klinsmann called a 3-4-3 formation, Mexico could have led 3-0. Howard tipped

Jesus Corona's 10th-minute shot off a post and Carlos Vela's 25th-minute header hit a crossbar.

"Out midfielders didn't get into the one-on-one battles we expected them to," Klinsmann said, citing Jermaine Jones and Bradley.

After switching to a more familiar 4-4-2 in the 27th minute, the Americans began to find their rhythm, and Wood scored off a pass from Altidore.

It was 44 degrees at game time, half the 90-degree temperature for the 2013 match in Columbus, when the U.S. clinched its seventh straight World Cup berth.

Mexico went ahead after Bradley and Giovanni dos Santos battled for the ball 30 yards out. The ball skipped to Layun, who took a touch, and his right-footed shot deflected off Timmy Chandler past Howard's left for his fourth international goal in 46 appearances.

Wood tied the score after Brooks forced a turnover. Altidore turned his defender and passed to Wood, who took two touches as he split defenders. His 8-yard, left-footed shot deflected off a leg of Layun for his eighth goal in 28 international appearances. Wood also scored against Mexico last fall during an extra-time loss in the playoff for a berth in the 2017 Confederations Cup.

Altidore and Wood have combined for seven goals in 11 games they've started together. AP

Violence at Romania-Poland football match, 2 hospitalized



Supporters clash during the World Cup Group E, qualifying soccer match between Romania and Poland

tionalities of the 12 fined were not disclosed.

Alis Grasu, a spokeswoman for the ambulance service, said a Pole with stomach pains and a Romanian with a heart condition were hospitalized. Neither condition was life-threatening.

Police fired tear gas before the Group E match, with fans throwing flares on the pitch during the game.

Poland's star striker Robert Lewandowski needed medical attention as he collapsed after a flare thrown in the 55th minute. The referee temporarily stopped the match and Lewandowski returned to the game several minutes later. He scored twice in Poland's 3-0 win against Romania. AP

BUCHAREST police have questioned 17 football fans after clashes at the World Cup qualifier between Romania and Poland on Friday.

Police said 12 Poles and five Romanians were taken for questioning, with 12 fined for the clashes. The na-

Usain Bolt to train with Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund

BORUSSIA Dortmund's chief has confirmed that nine-time Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt will practice with the Bundesliga team.

Hans-Joachim Watzke tells Kicker magazine on Sunday that "it was no joke" and "not a marketing move."

Watzke was responding to a



Jamaica's Usain Bolt

report in a Guardian newspaper that Bolt planned to train with Dortmund, one of the top Bundesliga teams.

Dortmund and Bolt are both sponsored by the same Germany-based sports goods company — Puma, whose president contacted Dortmund to say that Bolt had asked about training with the

team.

Watzke said he welcomed the idea and that Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel also looked forward to it. Watzke said the timing of the practice remains to be determined.

Asked if Bolt could have a future in Dortmund, Watzke replied, "we don't even need to talk about it." AP

opinion

Insight
Paulo Barbosa



THE MONETARY AUTHORITY OF TRUMP

"Politicians don't talk. They make sounds. It's just noise."

Character played by Robert Redford
"The Candidate" (1972)

Donald Trump's unexpected rise to the US presidency sent waves of shock worldwide and Macau's response was no exception. On November 9, the day the result was known, the Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM) issued a statement that apparently reacted to Trump's win without mentioning it.

"In response to possible large uncertainties in the markets," the authority said that surveillance and response mechanisms were initiated, namely AMCM's Crisis Management Group, expected to closely monitor changes in the international financial markets. On Trump's victory day, AMCM stressed that it "will implement timely standby measures if needed in order to maintain the stability of Macau's economy and financial system."

This statement shows AMCM's deep mistrust towards the next US administration. I wonder if a similar statement would have been issued had Hillary Clinton won.

Mistrust and unpredictability - factors that are loathed by the markets - were also common features in the media coverage following the election. As media outlets repeated, we are now in "unchartered waters." Are we?

The liberal New York Times (NYT), which waged an uncompromising war on Trump's candidacy (one can wonder if a reference newspaper should play that role, but their scoops on the candidate's past misdemeanors were not disproved), was horrified with the election result. On November 9, the paper issued an editorial stating that there were many things we do not know about Trump. There were also things we do know, according to the NYT:

"We know Mr Trump is the most unprepared president-elect in modern history. We know that by words and actions, he has shown himself to be temperamentally unfit to lead a diverse nation of 320 million people. We know he has threatened to prosecute and jail his political opponents, and he has said he would curtail the freedom of the press. We know he lies without compunction. He has said he intends to cut taxes for the wealthy and to withdraw the health care protection of the Affordable Care Act from tens of millions of Americans. He has insulted women and threatened Muslims and immigrants, and he has recruited as his allies a dark combination of racists, white supremacists and anti-Semites."

Part of this analysis falls short of being accurate because it does not take into consideration the reality TV/post fact era we live in. Many shocking things said by Trump during the campaign were slogans and sentences used for effect. It started with vicious attacks on his presidential primary opponents and continued into the general election. The aim of these attacks - to win the election - was achieved.

After he won, "crooked Hillary" went from "the most corrupted person ever to seek office of presidency" to something completely different in his victory speech: "Hillary has worked very long and very hard over a long period of time, and we owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country. [applause] I mean that very sincerely."

Trump will not do many of the things he said during the campaign. He does not even have the power for that, because the US political system has many safeguards in place. What he can do is cause another financial crisis (which would have dire consequences in Macau, let us be reminded that the pataca is pegged to the dollar) by deregulating the markets and making us go back to 2008 (not 1932, as some say, comparing him to a fascist).

Economic guru Paul Krugman said: "Tuesday's fallout will last for decades, maybe generations." There are reasons to be concerned, but no legitimacy to "reject the president elect," as crowds of protesters now claim.

Whatever people may think about Trump, he won the election, and, as pointed out by his adversaries, deserves a chance to govern. Democracy works like that. Those who lose must accept the result and operate as opposition, checking if legality is upheld.

The US is a mature democracy and has had divisive presidents in the past. The voters will judge Trump's policies in the next election. Meanwhile, if he does something to warrant it he may face impeachment, as Nixon did.

THE BUZZ BRITISH MAN AIMS TO SWIM ATLANTIC: FROM SENEGAL TO BRAZIL

A former British police officer has begun an attempt to set a world record by swimming every mile of the Atlantic Ocean from Africa to South America.

Ben Hooper walked down a beach in Dakar, Senegal, and into the Atlantic Ocean Sunday, launching a swim that will take him nearly 3,200 kms to Brazil.

Flanked by two boats and a crew of less than

a dozen, the 38-year-old Hooper hopes to next step on land in March, after swimming about eight hours a day through shark-infested waters.

Inspired by his daughter, Hooper hopes to encourage others to swim and to raise money for select charities.

Hooper says if he gets to Brazil with the help of currents, he will swim until he fulfills the full Atlantic mileage.

UN bribery case defendant asks judge to toss out statements



Ng Lap Seng (center)

Larry Neumeister, New York

A Chinese billionaire's former chief assistant awaiting trial in a United Nations bribery case wants a judge to toss out statements he made to the FBI after his arrest, saying he hadn't slept in more than 24 hours when he was questioned.

Jeff Yin said in a declaration in Manhattan federal court he was suffering from a lack of sleep when he was arrested in September 2015. He said an agent who identified himself as Ryan told him answering questions was for his benefit and investigators just wanted him to clarify some things.

He said he was told agents "weren't after me" and only wanted him to answer some questions.

"As the interrogation went on and I asked the agents some clarifying questions, I started to understand that they weren't there to help me and I started to feel scared," he wrote in a letter dated September from Yorbalinda, California, where he's awaiting a January trial in Manhattan.

Yin was the chief assistant to Chinese billionaire Ng Lap Seng. Prosecutors say more than USD1 million in bribes was paid to U.N. diplomats from 2011 through 2014 by Ng and other Chinese businessmen who hoped to gain support for projects, including a conference center Ng hoped to build in Macau, where he lived.

Yin and his former boss have pleaded not guilty. When they were arrested,

prosecutors said they had lied about plans for \$4.5 million in cash brought into the U.S. over several years aboard private jets.

Yin said in his declaration that he arrived in the United States on Sept. 16, 2015, after an 18-hour flight from Beijing and had a long work day on Sept. 17. He said on Sept. 18 he went to work at 7 a.m. and later that day went to a casino with Ng, who doesn't speak English, to help with interpretation and to provide logistical assistance. He said they didn't leave the casino until 5 a.m. and he was arrested hours later in his hotel lobby.

In court papers submitted with the declaration, Yin's attorneys wrote that Yin had no experience with the criminal justice system and trusted the FBI agents he encountered.

Yet, they wrote, agents repeatedly misled Yin before reading him his rights.

"Under the totality of the circumstances, including that Mr. Yin's arraignment was unnecessarily delayed and he was threatened with jail if he did not waive his rights, his statements were involuntary," they said.

Prosecutors didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Paulo Barbosa



A religious parade held on Saturday passes besides St Lawrence Church.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	40-60 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	45-65 Moderate
Ambient	60-80 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



PAKISTAN The death toll from a bomb blast at a Sufi shrine in southwest Pakistan has risen to 50 people with more than 100 wounded. The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the suicide attack

AUSTRALIA The United States has agreed to resettle an unspecified number of refugees languishing in Pacific island camps in a deal that is expected to inspire more asylum seekers to attempt to reach Australia by boat, officials say.

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VENEZUELA Representatives of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and opposition parties, following a second round of talks brokered by the Vatican, agreed on a tentative road map to address a political and economic impasse that's driven the oil-rich nation to its knees. The Vatican delegate, Claudio Maria Celli, discussed developments at a press conference that followed four hours of talks in Caracas on Saturday.



RWANDA Two Rwandan men accused of participating in the 1994 genocide against Tutsis have arrived in Kigali, Rwanda, following their extradition from the Netherlands, an official said Saturday. The suspects - Jean-Claude Iyamuremye, 40, and Jean Baptiste Mugimba, 57 - were handed over Saturday to Rwandan authorities by Dutch officials at Kigali International Airport.