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SOUTH KOREA's embattled president accepted the resignation of her justice minister yesterday, the latest in a series of personnel reshuffles she's made amid a political scandal that's threatening her leadership. [More on p12](#)

PHILIPPINES An improvised bomb found in a trash bin near the U.S. Embassy and detonated by police has the same design as one used by local sympathizers of the Islamic State group in a Sept. 2 bomb attack that killed 15 people in southern Davao city, the Philippine police chief says.



NORTH KOREA is observing a three-day period of mourning for Fidel Castro, seen by the North as a rare comrade-in-arms against the common enemy of the United States. The North has ordered flags outside official buildings be flown at half-staff to honor Castro, and reports from Pyongyang said that a delegation of senior North Korean officials has left for Havana to attend Castro's memorial services. [More on p15](#)

INDIA Thousands of people demonstrate across India to protest the government's sudden decision to withdraw large-denomination currency from circulation, a move that has caused enormous hardship to millions of people in the country's predominantly cash-based economy.

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Macau Food Festival sees more visitors than last year



The 16th Macau Food Festival officially ended on Sunday. This year's 17-day food event saw a 10 percent increase in the number of visitors, according to a report by Jornal Cheng Pou. According to the organizers, several package tours included visits to the festival location. Despite a few rainy days, business was estimated to have increased slightly as compared to last year. The organizers have also expressed their satisfaction towards this year's festival. The next food festival will be organized for November 2017.

Kiang Wu's youngest diabetes patient is 13-year-old

Kiang Wu Hospital organized a walking event last Sunday, with the aim of reminding the public to be cautious with their health and to be mindful of the risk of diabetes. Over 200 people participated in the walking event. Kiang Wu Hospital disclosed that it had recently received its youngest diabetes patient, who is 13 years old and has a family history of diabetes. In addition, the children reportedly do not undergo enough physical activity. The hospital also announced that it is establishing a weight management center with the aim of combating diabetes. It intends to begin with addressing more severe cases of obesity in local residents.

Taiwan expands definition of Macau and HK students

Taiwan's latest education policy allows Macau students who obtained Portuguese passports after 1999 to study in the island with the same welfare rights as students with Macau or Hong Kong passports. Prior to this new policy, Taiwan only recognized students from the two SARs, who had held Hong Kong or Macau passports. Portuguese passport-holders from Macau will be granted special welfare rights provided by Taiwan's education authority. The new policy allows Macau students, who hold both a Macau and a Portuguese passport, to be recognized as students from Macau.

CULTURE

Latest '6075' art fair concludes

THE second "6075 Macau Hotel Art Fair" was held over the weekend at the Regency Art Hotel in Taipa, attracting more than 2,000 visitors according to a statement issued by organizer SOCIL Cultural Development and Management Company (SOCIL Cultural).

The art fair was attended by 39 galleries and art organizations and 60 artists from a total of seven countries and regions: Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, mainland China, Japan, Myanmar and Malaysia. At the same time, overseas art organizations, galleries and celebrity endorsers attended, providing direct sales opportunities for the artists, according to SOCIL Cultural's statement.

Several schools visited over the course of the weekend in-



cluding Xin Hua Eveing Secondary School, Millennium Secondary School, Hou Kong Middle School, Kwong Tai Middle School Macau and Xin Hua Middle School with the intent of raising awareness of local art and nurturing students' interest in artistic creation.

"[From] the 60 local and overseas artists [who] brought their

best selected art works to the '6075' this time, approximately 500 pieces of art works have been sold," said Sabrina Ho, who is one of the founders of SOCIL Cultural, according to the statement.

"I hope the upcoming '6075' will continue to provide more opportunities for young artists, and bring more art to en-

thusiasts, so as to promote the diversified development of the cultural arts industry in Macau," added Ho.

Meanwhile, several award winners of the "Dr. Stanley Ho Foundation Art Award" - namely Lai Chiu-Chen from Taiwan, Yang Yang from mainland China and Tang Kuok Hou from Macau - were granted MOP20,000 each in cash prizes.

The second "6075 Macau Hotel Art Fair" is supported by the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ), which in turn presented art works of young local artists. The bureau donated all the sales income to Macau Tung Sin Tong Charitable Society and Fuhong Society of Macau in support of local charities.

HERITAGE

'Macanese Families' 2nd ed. to launch at UM

A book launch, organized by Albergue ASCM and sponsored by the Macao Foundation, will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Auditorium of the University of Macau (UM) for Jorge Forjaz's "Macanese Families - II Edition."

This second edition will include a general review of the work and an update to almost all of the book's chapters and sub-chapters. It will also feature the addition of 80 new chapters and over 3,000 photographs across the book's five volumes, as well as a volume of indexes detailing all the names included in the work.

The first edition of the book was ini-

tially presented to the public during the 2nd Meeting of Macanese Communities in 1996 during a ceremony held at the Tourism Activities Centre.

Forjaz presented the results of a five-year study in the Macanese communities across China (particularly in Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shanghai and Harbin) and also in Japan, Thailand and Singapore. Later the communities also settled in Brazil, Canada, the U.S.A., Australia and Portugal.

According to a statement from Albergue SCM, the work was well-received by the Macanese community.

"For this work, Forjaz earned the ac-

colades of his peers and the gratitude of Macanese all over the world. Generations to come will treasure these books," commented Professor Henry "Quito" d'Assumpção, as cited by Albergue SCM.

In 2011, Albergue SCM invited the author to a conference to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the work's publication. After the conference, Forjaz agreed to review and update the first edition, which led to the publication of the second edition five years later.

The book will be launched on the occasion of the worldwide Gathering of the Macanese held in Macau every three years.

ENTERTAINMENT

Parade ambassadors prepare for Sunday's event

THE "Parade through Macao, Latin City," which celebrates the 17th anniversary of Macau's handover to China, will be held on Sunday.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is once again organizing the event. This year, the IC has joined hands with several local associations and organizations to recruit VIVA Ambassadors who will be responsible for providing assistance during the event. The VIVA Ambassadors declared their commitment to the event in an oath ceremony, which was



held on Saturday at Tong Nam School.

After the oath ceremony,

over 400 VIVA Ambassadors attended training sessions, site inspections and rehearsals. During the Parade, they will be assigned different tasks including crowd control, the maintenance of public order and souvenir distribution, as well as providing assistance during the interactions between the performers and the public. VIVA Ambassadors' participation is crucial to this event as they will ensure the public will be able to enjoy the event in an orderly, safe and pleasurable environment.

This year's "Parade through Macao, Latin City" carries forward the motto "An Annual Celebration for the Entire City - VIVA" and is themed "VIVA's Adventures through Shan Hai".

According to a statement issued by the IC, "VIVA will cross a time gate and depart to the mysterious land of the Classic of Mountains and Seas (Shan Hai Jing), kicking off a fantastic adventure and taking part in the 'Peace, Love and Cultural Integration' party, celebrating the handover."

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AFTER two presentations on the policy address for 2017 from the Secretariats of Administration and Justice and Economy and Finance, which left lawmakers with a feeling of disappointment, yesterday arrived the Secretary for Security. Wong Sio Chak was arguably the first to present a concrete plan with concrete measures. His 2017 action plan garnered positive feedback from many lawmakers yesterday afternoon at the Legislative Assembly (AL).

Although for some the plan is perhaps a little too ambitious, it nevertheless marks a turning point from the earlier plans presented by Wong's Secretariat colleagues, which were criticized for being incipient and scarce in real measures.

Organized in seven different chapters, the plan presented in the initial speech by Wong highlighted the goal of the "implementation of a modern policing concept and model."

Addressing on the measures to achieve that objective, the secretary said: "After the restructuring, the Unitary Police Services [SPU] will assume competencies of Civil Protection," announcing "with the purpose of increasing their capability to solve problems, the new Civil Protection Operational Centre construction will be concluded during the next year," leading the way to a series of new measures like "a night-time inspection operation with the purpose of fining any illicit acts performed by taxi drivers."

Other announcements include the creation of the "Tourist Police" in the islands [Taipa, Coloane] that will join the "Mobile Police Stations," to be made available at the most important tourist sites in the region. The idea is to provide support to tourists, as well as equip Public Security Police Force (PSP) patrol teams with portable video cameras "in order to guarantee the security of the officers and the population."

In the chapter on regional cooperation, several mechanisms are addressed with a particular focus on the creation of a mechanism for urgent communi-



Wong Sio Chak (center)

POLICY ADDRESS

Wong Sio Chak delivers 'full steam ahead' plan for 2017

cation with Guangdong province, namely on nuclear security.

Internally there are also updates and changes to be performed, for example in the "creation of a new juridical regime for the staff of the Macau Security Force (FSM)," that after collecting opinions for the past three months, will ready to enter into the legislature next year.

Electing for "policing close to citizens," Wong also announced that all police corporations and services will improve their communication with residents, namely by improving and updating functions on the websites as well as the disclosure of information related to police work. This, he hopes, will ferment "close-ties" between the police and the population, im-

■ The new Civil Protection Operational Centre construction will be concluded during the next year

proving the image of the forces.

Another of the areas that the secretary promises to address during the year is on quality of the service at the border checkpoints. "The quality of the services at the border cross points isn't only related to the security and quality of traveling local residents, but also of the entrepreneurs and tourists that visit Macau. [This is] an important requisite for Macau to become a 'World Leisure and Tourism Center'," he said. Wong added that the services "will learn from the lessons of the past [that teach us] the need for improvement in our activities."

The focus will include a "third system of redundancy" for the checkpoints in order to avoid situations like the one which occurred on April 30, when a malfunction in the system created

chaos at the border. Moreover, a new "automatic system for the border cross of vehicles at four checkpoints, namely, Border Gate, Cotai, Industrial Park Zhuhai-Macau and the new border area to be created at the HKMZ bridge, will be adopted.

In addition to the praise Wong received from many lawmakers, there was also a great deal of concern.

Topping the list of concerns was the lack of human resources and the difficulty in attracting new recruits for the FSM.

Ho Ion Sang was the first to address the problem, highlighting the fact that the new area of "maritime sovereignty" will increase the pressure over the demand for staff, exacerbated by the construction of the new cross border links.

The secretary acknowledged the problem of staff "overloading", adding that "training takes time;

around 18 months. We need two to three years for the candidates to be ready and we don't have much of a choice," he said, remarking that the rate of success on the hiring of new recruits from the number of applicants is only about 50 percent.

"There are a lot of withdrawals during the process. The profession is not attractive enough," Wong said, adding: "We are trying to tackle this problem with the use of technology in order to economize human resource as much as we can."

Lawmaker Angela Leong highlighted the "workload" and the "new forms of criminality" in her questions, seeking clarification on the preparation of FSM staff to approach the problems. In his reply, the secretary made use of current statistics to determine that the FSM will need a total of 1,121 new staff members over the next 3 years.

Macau vehicles to start to drive in Hengqin on Dec. 20

DECEMBER 20 was the date advanced by the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, for the entry into force of measures that will allow cars from Macau to tour some areas of Hengqin Island.

The information was delivered through a reply to a question posed by lawmaker Angela Leong. "The kick-off will be on December 20. The works are taking place. We have already received the preliminary solution from the governor of Zhuhai and I will meet him in two days' time to discuss the final details," Wong said. "After that [meeting] we will be able to disclose the complete information about it."

CYBERCRIMES NEED HEAVY PUNISHMENT

QUESTIONED AT the AL regarding the evolution and seriousness of cybercrimes, Wong Sio Chak said, "Without cyber security, there isn't public security", paraphrasing a popular quote from Chinese President Xi Jinping who previously stated, "Without cyber security, there is no national security." According to Wong, the penal framework

with "light penalties [just one year of imprisonment for unlawful computer invasion] do not produce enough of a deterrent." He called for an update to the law that would establish heavier penalties for cases where IT systems of public services and utilities providers, such as hospitals, electric and water suppliers, are compromised.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Light Festival' organizers hope to dazzle Macau

THE "Macao Light Festival 2016 - Treasure of Light" will run from December 4 to December 31, presenting video mapping projections, light installations and interactive games as well as a music and light show at various locations in Macau.

The organizer, Macao Government Tourist Office (MGTO), held a press conference last week to introduce the event's program.

According to the organizers, the festival will introduce innovative projection techniques and new interactive elements to encourage more citizens and visitors to participate in the event.

MGTO director Helena de Sena Fernandes stated that the Light Festival will be inaugurated on December 4, the same day as the Macau International Marathon and the Parade through Macao, Latin City. "As the organizer, MGTO will put unsparing efforts to present a spectacular



Macao Light Festival, hoping to set off a mass fervor for the dazzling event again, and forge the Festival into a signature annual event," she remarked.

The "Macao Light Festival 2016 - Treasure of Light" will be staged from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The route covers a total of eight venues including the Nam

Van Lake Nautical Centre, Avenida Panorâmica do Lago Nam Van, Anim'Arte Nam Van, St. Lawrence's Church, the Mandarin's House, Lilau Square, the Moorish Barracks and Barra Square. Revolving around a quest for the "Treasure of Light," the festival invites citizens and visitors to embark on an

adventure as "explorers" look for the seven lost Energy Gems of Mazu, which symbolize 'hope,' 'perseverance,' 'health,' 'happiness,' 'harvest,' 'bravery' and 'faithfulness.'

The production team of the festival this year is comprised mainly of Macau residents and partners from Hong Kong. The entire production features innovative projection techniques of video mapping which is not confined to an architecture façade. The video mapping show at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre will be projected upon a cascade of water. In addition, more interactive elements as well as a new music and light show will be included to attract more spectators. A new mobile application named "Treasure of Light" is being launched this year, featuring maps of the covered routes, programs, theme games, the latest information and a selfie-taking feature. The content of the app is available in Chinese and English.

Four video mapping shows namely "Sailing", "Inheritance", "Source of Water" and "Carrying-on" will be staged at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre, the Mandarin's House, Lilau Square and Barra Square respectively. The shows will help the audience to travel back into the old days of Macau to experience its moving stories.

Other features of the festival are the seven sets of light installations in total will be rolled out at various locations, including "Lake of Treasure" comprising 360 LED glow balls at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre, "Path of Treasure" at Avenida Panorâmica do Lago Nam Van, "Light Painting, Neon Sketching and Street of Illusion" at Anim'Arte Nam Van, "Blessing Stairways" at St. Lawrence's Church, "Tree of Blessing" at Lilau Square, "Cave of Gems" at the Moorish Barracks and "Harbor of Hope" at Barra Square. Most of the light installations will shine with new interactive elements. Among them, the "Light Painting" will enable spectators to create their own graffiti of light and share photos on social network, while "Neon Sketching" will allow participants to sketch their own art pieces in neon light.

The inaugural edition of the "Macao Light Festival - Journey of Lights" was held one year ago.

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Q&A MACAO SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL

'For the audience, this is an opportunity to see the performers up close'

FOUR concertos are being held in the city as part of the Macao Sacred Music Festival 2016, which began this year on November 26 (Saturday) and will run until December 2 (Friday).

The Times sat down with two of the performers, Heloise Gaillard and Mailys de Villoutreys, as well as Xavier Garnier, director of the Alliance Française and one of the key organizers behind the festival, to understand more about their concerto performances.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) - What are some of the highlights of the music festival?

Heloise Gaillard (HG) - The festival includes music by Antonio Vivaldi [...], the most famous Baroque composer, as he was the founder of the form of concerto for soloists. It is Baroque music so it contrasts with effect and emotion. It is very particular when you hear it for the first time. One of the pieces is "La Noite", or "The Night". We can hear seven movements, which are very different from each other. This music really describes the atmosphere of the night. "La Noite" is the only concerto with seven movements [among the major] productions of Vivaldi.

MDT - What is it like playing for Chinese audiences?

HG - This is not the first time that we are in China, because a year and a half ago we went to Wuhan, Peking [Beijing], Shanghai, and Hong Kong. The audiences [in China] were very interesting because there were a lot of different people - some very young, some very old. In France, because we are an old European country, the music is more [intended] for a specific audience. There are also many differences between China and Hong Kong [audiences].

MDT - What do you expect from Macau audiences?

HG - We do not expect anything from Macau! We are happy [to be here] but we



Xavier Garnier, Mailys de Villoutreys (center) and Heloise Gaillard

It is Baroque music, and we cannot play that kind of music in some churches because the priests in Macau are very strict.

XAVIER GARNIER

are not expecting anything! When the audience came to Venice in Vivaldi's time, they could not see the performance because they were behind curtains, so they could only hear it. But today in Macau, the audience can be actually be there [laughs].

MDT - There will be performances today, tomorrow and on Friday, but you have already performed on Saturday. What was the reception like?

Xavier Garnier (XG) - We have already received some feedback... people are very curious about the concerto at the Mandarin House [tomorrow]... because this is very new and different. People are used to concertos in churches, but not in the Mandarin's House. Maybe this can

be something that connects to the history of Macau. Not only the Western history, the Portuguese history, but also the Chinese history... because Macau is in between the two histories.

MDT - What are your impressions of Macau as a city?

Mailys de Villoutreys (MV) - We visited the Historic Center [of Macau] and it is very interesting. There is this mix of Mediterranean feeling and China. There were a lot of people...

HG - There were really a lot of people... it seems like a very touristic place.

XG - Certainly, there are [some] 30 million tourists every year from China. You cannot even walk [because it is so busy].

HG - We visited St. Domingo's Church [Saint Dominic's Church], which is just the perfect venue [for our performances] in terms of its dimensions.

MDT - So why did you choose the Mandarin House as a venue?

XG - It is Baroque music, and we cannot play that kind of [non-sacred] music in some churches because the priests in Macau are very strict. They will want to check the program and so that is why we chose the Mandarin's House. [The priests] are very strict in Macau... They would not allow us to play non-sacred music [in the church].

HG - Some of them [the rooms] are very big, but still smaller [than other locations in which we perform]. We are actually used to performing in small rooms or salons... the rooms in the Mandarin's House are still small but a bit bigger than other places. For the audience, this is an opportunity to see the performers up close, in a more intimate [setting].

XG - For sure, the Mandarin's House is a good venue and we will use different rooms. **DB/RM**

AL candidates may be invited to retract from previous stances

The Legislative Assembly (AL) Second Standing Committee yesterday continued to analyze changes to the Legislative Assembly electoral law, including the controversial and recent proposal that only those who state their loyalty to the MSAR and "never acted against the Basic Law" may be elected as lawmakers. At the end of yesterday's meeting, the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, told the committee that the Electoral Affairs Commission would assess how sincere candidates were when making the declarations anticipated under the proposed revision of the election law. The main issue is acknowledgement of China's sovereignty over the MSAR. "Other ideas that contradict the Basic Law" may also be grounds for voiding a candidacy, although Sonia Chan said that candidates may be invited to retract from previous statements and thus be allowed to run as lawmakers. The Second Standing Committee president, Chan Chak Mo, said that the members of the committee do not see the loyalty statement as an issue and will not debate it again before the proposal goes to vote at the AL plenary.

Unemployment rate remains unchanged

The unemployment rate for August-October 2016 held stable as in the previous period (July-September 2016), at 1.9 percent. According to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), the underemployment rate was 0.7 percent, up by 0.2 percentage points. The total labour force was numbered at 397,000 and the labour force participation rate stood at 72.3 percent. Total employment decreased by 4,700 from July-September to 389,500. In terms of industry analysis, employment in the gambling and construction saw a decrease, while the tourism sector saw an increase. The number of the unemployed was 7,500, down by 100. Fresh labour force entrants searching for their first job accounted for 19.2 percent of the total unemployed, down by 4.5 percentage points.

MGTO launch tourism news database

The Macao Government Tourist Office (MGTO) launched the "Macao Tourism News plus" (beta version) yesterday, an online database of news materials for members of the press. It will aim to more effectively disseminate information relating to tourism developments within the SAR. The service is dedicated to compiling an extensive collection of Macau tourism news originating from different news providers. MGTO noted in a statement the office's hope that the service will allow users "around the world to easily browse and use the information archived in the database, thereby upgrading the efficiency and quality of dissemination of Macau tourism news." Media are invited to register for user accounts now.

THE THREE REMAINING CONCERTOS OF THE FESTIVAL

AMONG THE four concertos staged as part of the Macao Sacred Music Festival, a highlight performance featuring three groups will be staged at the Mandarin's House tomorrow night. All of the performances are free to the public. These are three concertos still to be staged this week:

TODAY, 8 P.M.

Amarillis & Mailys de Villoutreys at St. Dominic's Church

WEDNESDAY, 8 P.M.

Les Sacqueboutiers, Amarillis & Mailys de Villoutreys, Sprezzatura & Sebastien Fournier at the Mandarin's House

FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

Sprezzatura & Sebastien Fournier at St. Joseph's Church

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Consulate advises public to 'remain calm' over alleged bomb-threat rumor

THE Philippine Consulate General in Macau issued a statement on Sunday regarding a bomb threat that was disseminated to local hotels in the region, stressing that the consulate has already coordinated with relevant authorities.

The e-mail sent to local resorts last week, which the Times had access to, had the subject line of "High Security Alert of Bombings."

According to the e-mail, the Islamic State had deployed two Filipino passport holders to hold "bombings and destruction."

"This is an urgent high priority alert for upcoming bombing threat in Macau and Hong Kong," the e-mail read. "IS (Islamic State) deployed two Philippine women terrorists for exploding hotels and casinos by bombings and destruction in Hong Kong, Macau [and] Manila."

The women were allegedly sheltered

and controlled by terrorist leaders.

The e-mail included information like the women's fake names, age, height, their address in Metro Manila and attached photographs.

The e-mail claimed that the two women were responsible for a bomb attack in Davao City which killed at least 14 people, and had already entered the region last week carrying sets of explosives and firearms.

The Philippine Consulate General in Macau reminded the public to "remain calm and vigilant in their everyday dealings" and advised the public to "exercise prudence when engaging in discussions in social media to ensure that no unwarranted panic is caused."

According to the statement, the consulate has already coordinated with appropriate authorities and was assured that measures have been taken and investigated. **LV**



Local delegation visits Taishan nuclear plant

A local delegation visited the controversial Taishan nuclear plant last week in order to check the safety of the infrastructure. The power plant is located 67 kilometers from Macau and 130 kilometers from Hong Kong, and is still under construction.

The head of the Security Forces Coordination Office, Choi Lai Hang, led the local delegation, and heard representatives of the Taishan Nuclear Power Joint Venture Co. explain that Macau would not require protective measures such as evacuation of the city even in the event of a very serious nuclear incident (level 7) at the Taishan nuclear power plant. According to the technical explanations, only locations within 20 kilometers of the plant would need to be evacuated in the event of

a level 7 incident and emergency procedures have been set in place.

The Taishan nuclear plant representatives also said that at present, no incidents higher than a level 2 has ever occurred in Chinese nuclear plants, which, according to them, demonstrates that they work under safety precautions.

A mechanism to exchange information between a nuclear crisis management cabinet operating in the neighboring province of Guangdong and Macau is also expected to be established soon. According to a statement issued by an interdepartmental group for nuclear safety set up in Macau, it is expected that more visits "open to representatives of different sectors of society" will be organized after the cooperation mechanism is introduced.

Recently, the Taishan Nuclear Power Joint Venture - which results from a partnership between China General Nuclear Power Corp (CGN) and the French energy group Électricité de France (EDF) - has been urged to disclose any safety risks relating to the project, after it was recently disclosed that the company has not been forthcoming over the origin of some operational components.

Safety concerns were raised earlier this year after components of the nuclear plant were discovered to have been manufactured in mainland China, and not in France as previously thought.

The revelations were followed by appeasing statements by local authorities, with Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, stating that there is no cause for concern. **PB**

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ST REGIS, SHERATON RAISE MOP70,000 FOR UNICEF



The St. Regis Macao Hotel, Cotai Central and Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel hosted a UNICEF Charity Carnival on Saturday at the Samarkan Ballroom of the Sheraton.

The event raised more than MOP70,000 in aid of UNICEF's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) program, according to a joint statement.

This year's UNICEF Charity Carnival featured a range of food, games, face painting, appearances by DreamWorks Characters and activities for children such as Kids' Aerobics and Bollywood Jam.

The highlight was the silent auction of art pieces generously donated by the talented children of three enthusiastic local Macau schools: Macau Anglican College, The International School of Macau (TIS) and Escola Choi Nong Chi Tai. The auc-

tion raised over MOP5,000 for the charity.

"It was fantastic to see the local community of Macau support and contribute to such a worthy cause," said Janet McNab, Managing Director of Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel and The St. Regis Macao. "Money raised can help less privileged children have access to clean drinking water and basic everyday essentials, something I believe we take for granted in our daily lives. Watching the children create such wonderful pieces of artwork was so inspiring, and each and every one of them are an inspiration to their school."

Both Sheraton Grand Macao and the St. Regis Macao have also been participating in an ongoing drive where guests who are checking out are encouraged to donate USD1 to UNICEF.

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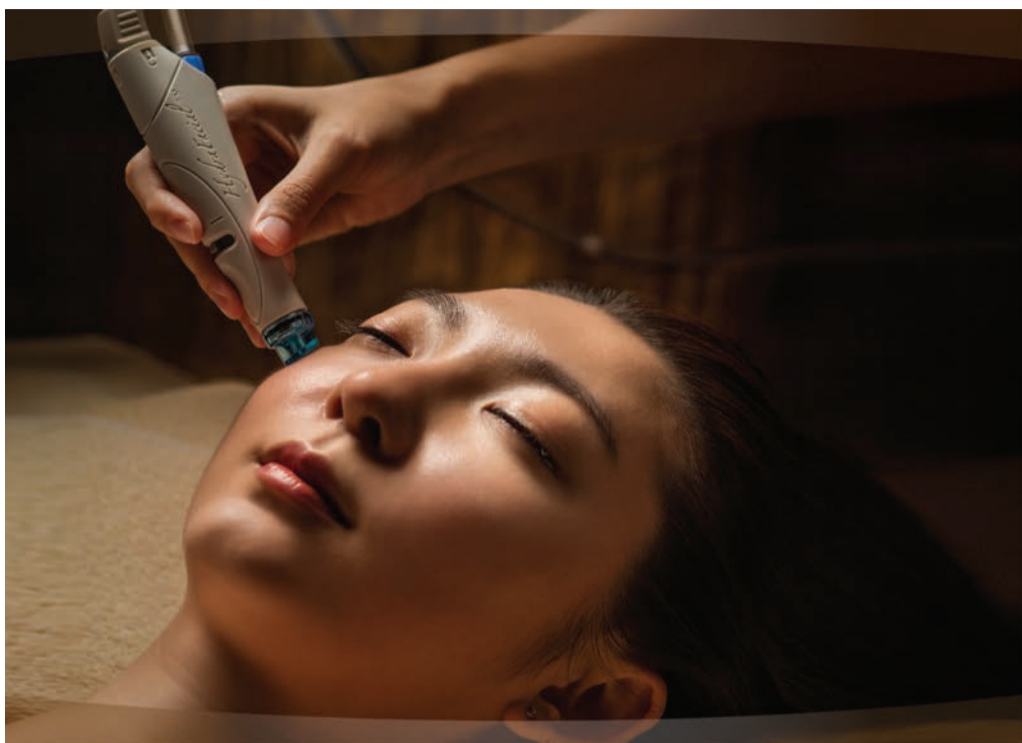


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RANDY Hetrick first noticed counterfeits on Amazon.com Inc. in 2013. He had been selling his TRX Training System - an exercise kit of suspension straps - on the site since 2008. When he began noticing cheap imitations, he had his employees scour Amazon for more, then go through the tedious process of reporting them for removal. But new imposters would pop up right away, and by 2014, "We realized this was an epidemic," said Hetrick, who estimates phonies cost him USD100 million a year, twice his annual sales.

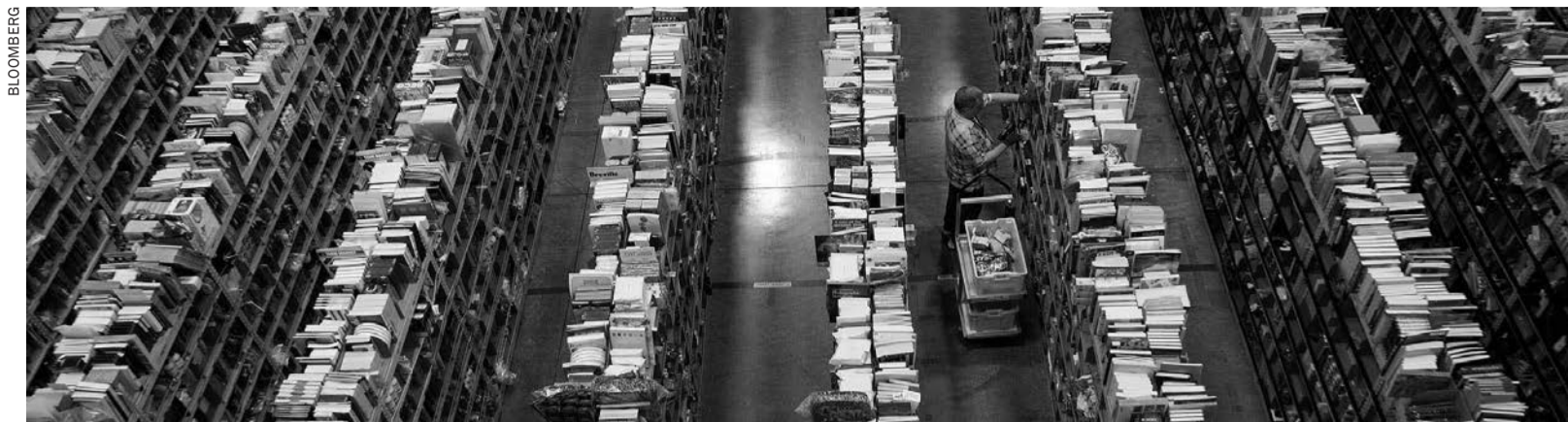
Amazon's Marketplace gives inventors like Hetrick exposure to hundreds of millions of shoppers without the big expense of building and promoting a website from scratch. Merchants give Amazon a commission on each sale. But a hot-selling product on Amazon encourages counterfeiters to make flimsy knockoffs with cheap materials, steal sales and damage a brand with few consequences.

Now, the world's biggest online retailer is getting serious. It has made fighting phonies a major goal for 2017, building teams in the U.S. and Europe to work with major brands on a registry to prevent fakes, according to a person familiar with the initiative, who was not authorized to speak about the matter and requested anonymity. Discussions with Major League Baseball and the National Football League about selling merchandise on Amazon hit a standstill earlier this year due to concerns about Amazon's lack of control over fakes, the person said.

"Amazon has zero tolerance for the sale of counterfeit items on our site," Amazon said in a statement. The company said it was "aggressively pursuing bad actors." In a statement, the MLB said: "It is our responsibility to provide our fans with reliable and secure marketplaces to purchase officially licensed merchandise. Given the rampant growth of online-only retailers supplying counterfeit merchandise, our policies must hold every distribution partner to that same level of commitment." The NFL declined to comment.

The new Amazon teams will encourage brands - even those that don't sell on Amazon - to register with the online store, the person said. Once registered, Amazon requires any marketplace merchants listing those products to prove that they have the brand's permission to sell them online. Amazon began experimenting with the registry earlier this year with Nike and other companies. The bigger push in 2017 will target thousands of large companies, including those that have been reluctant to sell on Amazon because of knock-offs.

In addition, this month Amazon teamed up with Hetrick's



ONLINE COUNTERFEITING

Amazon gets real about fake products on its marketplace



business to sue three people, accusing them of selling fakes on its site. It filed another similar suit the same day against an alleged counterfeit ring. Moving the battle to a courtroom is an acknowledgment that despite spending tens of millions of dollars a year and employing an army of software engineers, investigators and research scientists tasked with fighting copycats, Amazon is not winning the war against counterfeiters.

"The depressing thing about it is, brands that invest the most to innovate and create new products are the ones that lose the most because they are the ones the counterfeiters target," said Hetrick, who is encouraged by Amazon's new vigilance. "You end up becoming the sales and marketing arm for these shysters selling illegal goods."

Amazon is desperately trying to bring order to the Wild West atmosphere on its marketplace, where more than 2 million independent sellers compete for the attention and money of shoppers. About half of the goods purchased on Amazon come from independent merchants, who help Amazon expand its inventory more quickly and with less upfront cost than Amazon could do on its own. It also makes the retailer and its custo-

mers more vulnerable to fakes because the simple online registration process currently in place is designed to make it easy for businesses to begin selling immediately. But that also makes it simple for counterfeiters to list fake goods, sell as many as they can before they're detected, and then vanish.

Amazon's suits targeting sellers were the first of their kind for the company, a warning to counterfeiters heading into the busy holiday shopping season when the most is at stake. It could be too little, too late.

The shift of spending from stores with tight inventory controls to online marketplaces where it's tough to distinguish between fake and authentic is fueling a rise in counterfeiting that shows no signs of slowing. Alibaba and Ebay are also grappling with copycat products. Counterfeits made up nearly USD500 billion, or 2.5 percent, of global imports in 2013, a figure expected to grow as more spending shifts online, according to an April report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. China is the biggest source of phonies.

Despite efforts to decrease them, complaints about imitations on Amazon have been growing along with its inventory since at least 2014, according to a person

familiar with the matter. What Amazon has known internally for years is spilling into the public eye. Birkenstock announced it would cease selling products on Amazon in January due to concerns about counterfeits. And in October, Apple Inc. sued an Amazon supplier claiming the business sold fake Apple products - some of them unsafe - on Amazon.

"Online counterfeiting is never going to go down," said Stuart Fuller, director of commercial operations at NetNames, which helps brands identify marketplaces and websites where counterfeit products are sold. "Amazon is the most trusted marketplace in the world. That in and of itself attracts this nefarious element because they know shoppers go there and trust what they are buying is genuine."

Bret Rosenzweig is another inventor who has felt the sting of counterfeits on Amazon. His company, DC Innovations, makes the Urban Shelf, a collapsible plastic nightstand that wedges between a mattress and box spring. Bachelors and college students are the target market, and Amazon was the perfect place to introduce the product to the masses in 2009. Once his sales on Amazon started picking up around 2015, counterfeiters took notice, mimicked the design with

cheaper materials and offered it for less. That's a double-blow to Rosenzweig, who loses a sale and now has a potential customer unimpressed with his brand (or what the customer thinks is his brand).

Rosenzweig checks Amazon each day, scouring the marketplace for counterfeiters selling his product. The process of reporting the fakes to Amazon has been a time-suck. He spots a knock-off, buys the item and when he receives it, he takes photos and submits a report to Amazon. The company is usually quick about suspending the counterfeiters, but new accounts quickly spring up in their place and the game of whack-a-mole continues, Rosenzweig said.

He can no longer order phony items to his home address because his adversaries know he is conducting a test purchase, so he has his business partner order them. Rosenzweig said he'd welcome any new effort from Amazon to crack down. «Buying the fakes and reporting them is a waste of my time,» he said.

Amazon, EBay and Alibaba are largely shielded from legal liability as long as they have processes in place for brands to report fake goods and take timely action to suspend their sale once notified.

But the retailers can only do so much. Shoppers worried about buying fakes during the holidays have to bear some responsibility, said Akino Chikada, senior brand protection manager at the firm MarkMonitor, which helps brands find online sources of counterfeits. She suggests looking closely at web addresses for subtle variations from brand names and probing websites for sloppy privacy and return policies, which can signal a phony. Bargain basement prices are another tell-tale sign, though sophisticated counterfeiters try to make the price difference less suspicious by coming in at 10 or 20 percent below other offers rather than half price, she said.

Bloomberg

28-year-old becomes 17 again in Zhang Mo's directorial debut

Louise Watt, Beijing

DIFFERING Chinese and Western expectations over marriage provided the inspiration for Zhang Mo's directorial debut, "Suddenly Seventeen," which she says is about encouraging young women to "explore a little further" before they settle down.

The daughter of Chinese cinematic great Zhang Yimou, Zhang said returning to China after years of study in the United States felt like "a reverse culture shock." Then 26 and viewing a life full of possibilities, Zhang was startled that people thought she should already be married and planning a family.

"Women in the West, by the age of 28 [...] they still feel like they're still young, they still want to pursue their career maybe, and [find] out who they are, but in China it's almost like the opposite," said Zhang, now 33 and married to an American who works for the Hollywood agency representing her.

Set for release next month, "Suddenly Seventeen" is based on a novel published on the internet. It's part of a hugely popular genre among young Chinese that focuses mainly on fantasy and romance tales and has spawned movies and web series.

In Zhang's film, the 28-year-old protagonist, Liang Xia, played by Ni Ni, is unhappy in love and eats a magical chocolate that wipes her memory and turns her back into a 17-year-old. Zhang says she seized on the short novel's premise and

AP PHOTO



Chinese director Zhang Mo reacts during an interview at her office in Beijing

characters, but rather than keeping Liang at 17, her heroine flips back and forth in age every five hours, creating conflict and drama.

After moving to the U.S. at 15, Zhang studied architecture at university but felt stifled by an internship at a New York firm. "Everyone was in a box [...] because they don't want to steal each other's ideas," she said. "For me, I still want to connect with people, I still want to express emotions, so I decided maybe

architecture wasn't the best choice for me."

After studying filmmaking at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, she returned to China to work as an editor on four of her father's films, including "The Flowers of War" starring Christian Bale.

"It's really a privilege, because editing's really the best way to learn how to become a director," Zhang said. "Whatever he shot I saw, and I made that into a story, and so through that process you

really learn how to cut the movie, how to tell the story, or even how to shoot the film to make it great."

Emerging as part of the Chinese post-Cultural Revolution avant-garde, Zhang Yimou gained international acclaim in the 1980s for art films such as "Red Sorghum" before turning to more commercial fare. His first English-language movie, "The Great Wall" starring Matt Damon, comes out next year.

Being the offspring of a famous director isn't always an

advantage, Zhang Mo says.

"People immediately [think] you must have way more resources, and you can have way more shortcuts, but actually it's not true. If anything it's the opposite because the family aspect casts such a big shadow, you have to be extra creative, or working extra hard, to gain the audience's approval."

Despite basing her directorial debut on an internet novel,

■ **The daughter of great Zhang Yimou, Mo said returning to China after years of study in the United States felt like 'a reverse culture shock'**

Zhang says that movie genre may have already peaked, with audiences now looking for fresher and more personal stories rather than something that has amassed a huge online fan base.

"I think original content right now is the key for the future of Chinese filmmaking, to tout original stories, not something [remade], not some internet novel," she said.

"Suddenly Seventeen," whose Chinese title translates as "28-year-old Minor," will be widely released in China and given a limited release in cinemas in the U.S., Canada, U.K., Australia and New Zealand on Dec. 2. It will be released later in the month in South Korea, Thailand and other Asian countries. **AP**

Beijing to curb megadeals as regulators tame record overseas spree

CHINA is planning sweeping curbs on its companies' overseas acquisitions, including barring most foreign investments of USD10 billion or more, people with knowledge of the matter said, as it seeks to tame a record dealmaking spree that's alarmed officials from Washington to Berlin.

The government will generally suspend several categories of deals while still leaving room for some strategic transactions to be executed, the people said, asking not to be identified because the information is private. It will restrict overseas investments of

at least \$1 billion in industries outside a buyer's core business, as well as foreign property deals of \$1 billion or more by state-owned enterprises, according to the people.

The curbs will last until the end of September 2017, the people said, adding that the rationale for the measures wasn't explained in detail. Regulators will pay extra attention to deals by highly leveraged firms and companies with poor return on assets, according to the people.

Chinese firms this year have already announced more than double the record \$106 billion of fo-

reign acquisitions they made in 2015, data compiled by Bloomberg show. The unprecedented spate of overseas purchases includes China National Chemical Corp.'s pending \$43 billion purchase of Swiss pesticide maker Syngenta AG, which would be the largest outbound deal ever by a Chinese company.

"The authorities are finding it difficult to keep all of China's \$21 trillion money supply within China," said Victor Shih, a University of California at San Diego professor who studies China's government and finance. "As investors and households struggle

to diversify more of their assets offshore, the authorities will need to tighten capital flows further."

The government will also restrict take-privates of overseas-listed Chinese companies using onshore capital, according to the people. Stake purchases of less than 10 percent in an overseas-listed company, as well as Chinese companies' subsidiaries doing overseas acquisitions valued at more than their parent company, also will be curbed, the people said.

The State Council will issue guidelines on the curbs, at which point it will ask government agen-

cies to draft more detailed rules on implementation, according to the people.

"Domestically this might generate some degree of FX stability, but it could also mean the liquidity would have to stay onshore and finance certain asset markets," said Geoffrey Yu, head of the U.K. investment office at UBS Wealth Management. "Internationally some of the big recipients might suffer."

China's top economic-planning body, the National Development and Reform Commission, didn't immediately reply to faxed questions. The Wall Street Journal reported the measures last week,

citing unidentified people and documents reviewed by the newspaper.

The government will review some companies' outbound investment projects in accordance with related rules, according to a report yesterday from the official Xinhua News Agency posted on the NDRC's website.

China will stick to its "global" strategy and the current management policy, which mainly relies on a registration system for outbound investments, the Xinhua report said, citing a joint comment from the NDRC and three other government bodies.

Bloomberg

Khaled Kazziha, Nairobi

CHINESE FOOTPRINT IN AFRICA

Controversial Kenyan railway plan divides conservationists

A controversial Chinese-designed railway that would go over a beloved protected wildlife park in Kenya's capital has divided conservationists in this East African country known for its safari tourism.

Some are staging protests even as other wildlife experts insist the project is environmentally sound.

Nairobi enjoys a reputation as the wildlife capital of the world thanks to the expansive Nairobi National Park, which in 1946 became Kenya's first sanctuary for wildlife. Its 117 square kilometers of wilderness abuts the city, and is a key attraction for visitors who are able to see herds of giraffe or zebra roaming free with Nairobi's skyline clearly outlined behind them.

The Kenya Railway Corporation is in the process of building a new 600-kilometer railway to link Nairobi to the port of Mombasa on the Indian Ocean coast. The estimated cost of the railway line is USD3.8 billion, with 90 percent of the financing provided by China Exim Bank. The project's engineers say the most affordable route will bring the railway across Nairobi park and are building a 6-kilometer bridge over the national reserve, at an elevation that they say will not interfere with wildlife movements.

Chinese companies are building the railway, envisaged as a modern alternative to the colonial-era line from the coast. It is planned that the railway will eventually be extended to link Nairobi to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan.

Those who support the project, including the Kenyan government and railway authorities, say the railway is vital for Kenya's economic development,



Chinese foreman supervises Kenyan laborers as they finish the sides of a cut of the Nairobi-Mombasa railway

but its detractors argue that the project is being rushed for political reasons and without sufficient consideration of its threat to the country's wildlife.

Amid protests over the railway, a coalition of Kenyan conservationists has obtained a court order stopping construction within the park until an environmental impact assessment is completed by Kenya's National Environmental Management Authority, or NEMA, and is considered by the court.

A preliminary report by NEMA said the railway will have no adverse effect on the park and its wildlife, drawing the ire of independent groups that accused the government agency of corruption. More protests to march on the NEMA headquarters are being planned.

Akshay Vishwanath, chairman of Friends of Nairobi National Park, which is part of the coalition of conservation groups hoping to stop the railway from proceeding through the park, said they are concerned any incursion into the protected area will compromise the park's integrity.

"It should not go in, over or under the national park," Vishwanath said. "There is a reason there are national parks, you know. They are protected areas, protected for a certain land use, and that is conservation and habitat for wildlife and biodiversity."

But conservationists associated with the government, including the park managers, Kenya Wildlife Service, have backed the project.

"It is very clear what the constitution requires and I believe everything that KWS and the railways is doing are within the bounds and limits of the constitution," Kenya Wildlife Service Chairman Richard Leakey, who formally announced the railway would be permitted to cross over the park last September, told a news conference. "Yes, lawyers and activists can query that, but the point is: We are not dirtying the park. What we are doing is putting a railway line across it, above it, and what we are doing is, yes, I can tell you that we are offending the eyesight. People who want to look across the park and say it is very beautiful will see a railway line but so what?"

The average height of the bridge pillars is high enough for even the tallest land mammal, the giraffe, to "pass through very, very comfortably without causing any obstruction to their movements," said Christian Odhiambo, a structural engineer with the Kenya Railway Corporation.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, who is due for re-election next year, is strongly in favor of the railway, saying it does not violate any of the country's laws.

"There are some that are saying if this railway is built it will destroy the Nairobi park. This is nonsense [...] The park will still be there and we would like them to stop inciting peo-

ple, to stop taking people to court," Kenyatta said recently. "Let us build the railway. Kenya wants to develop and the animals will still be guarded and taken care of and the world will go on. I want to assure you that nothing will happen that will destroy the Nairobi park."

Nairobi National Park is home to Kenya's most successful rhino sanctuary as well as many herbivores, lions and other big cats. The park's proximity to the capital metropolis has always meant conflict between fast-growing human settlements and migrating wildlife.

Opponents are urging China's government to withdraw its support for the project. Outside the Chinese Embassy here recently, protesters chanted "Exim China, respect our laws," referring to China's state-owned bank. Opponents also seem to be emboldened by the collapse of part of the newly constructed railway line near Mombasa.

The Chinese ambassador to Kenya told The Associated Press that his country is not responsible for the decision to route the railway through a protected area.

"You know, that is not the decision by the embassy or by the Chinese government," said Ambassador Liu Xianfa. "We provide loans and I think, you know, the ministries, the professionals, they make a decision on the sound basis of scientific evaluation." AP

Authorities detain nine managers after plant collapse kills 74

NINE executives are being held responsible by the Chinese government for a power plant accident where 74 workers were killed when an under-construction cooling tower collapsed, state media reported yesterday.

Those under detention included the board chairman of engineering firm Hebei Yineng, a major builder of power plants that has a record of workplace deaths, state media reported. The chief manager, deputy manager and director of engineering for the project were also detained.

Laborers were building a circular cooling tower in the southern province of Jiangxi when the interior scaffolding collapsed last week, releasing a cascade of steel, concrete and wooden planks. It was one of China's deadliest workplace accidents in recent years and prompted calls from government

officials for stepped-up inspections and a renewed emphasis on worker safety.

Chinese President Xi Jinping said local governments should learn from the accident and hold accountable anyone responsible.

No formal charges were announced against the detained executives, who also included safety managers and supervisors from a Shanghai consulting firm. But China typically responds to high-profile workplace deaths by arresting and prosecuting company executives and local officials, with their confessions often broadcast on state television, as part of a longstanding effort to convince the public that the government is fighting widespread corruption and poor enforcement of safety standards.

After last year's explosion at a warehouse in Tianjin that killed 165 peo-

ple, a court handed down sentences to 49 people, including a suspended death sentence earlier this month for the head of a company implicated in the blast.

And a 2014 explosion at an auto parts factory in the eastern city of Kunshan that killed 146 people was followed by prison terms for 14 people, including the owner and top managers of the factory, local firefighters, and work safety officials.

Investigators previously announced the detentions of 13 people after last week's accident. It wasn't immediately clear if the suspects identified yesterday were included in that total.

Workers had been toiling in three shifts to try to finish the project ahead of the arrival of winter, according to local media interviews with surviving employees. The project had been designated a priority project by the province, likely adding to the pressure to complete it.

A person who answered the phone at Hebei Yineng said he wasn't aware of the situation, and declined to comment further or give his name. AP

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Five Filipinos missing after fishing near disputed shoal

PHILIPPINE coast guard officials say they've launched a search for five Filipinos who failed to return after fishing in the disputed Scarborough Shoal in bad weather off the country's northwest.

Coast guard spokesman Armand Balilo said yesterday the fishermen left the shoal due to an approaching typhoon last week and have not been heard from. He said boats and ships passing in the area have been alerted.

Balilo said the Philippine coast guard plans to coordinate its search with its Chinese counterpart in the Scarborough area.

China seized the shoal in 2012 after a maritime standoff with Philippines. Chinese coast guard ships have been blocking Filipino fishermen from the shoal but were allowed back after Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte discussed the territorial rift with Chinese President Xi Jinping last month.

Jim Gomez,
Sierra Madre Mountains

PHILIPPINES

Poverty, despair breed new generation of rebels

IN the late-night hours and amid the chirp of crickets, Katryn welcomed a huddle of exhausted Filipino journalists in cheerful spirits like she was home. "Coffee?" she asked with a comforting smile.

Comrade Katryn is her nom de guerre, however, and for her, home is a rebel encampment concealed in the rain-soaked wilderness of the Philippines' Sierra Madre Mountains. The 24-year-old walked away from her family two years ago to join one of the world's longest-raging Marxist rebellions.

Mostly in their 20s and 30s, a few dozen New People's Army guerrillas lugged M16 rifles and grenade launchers on a plateau where red hammer-and-sickle flags adorned a makeshift hall. Most wore mud-stained boots while cooking over wood fires or guarding the peripheries of the encampment, just 3 kilometers from the nearest army camp.

They're part of a new generation of Maoist fighters who reflect the resiliency and constraints of an insurgency that has dragged on for nearly half a century through six Philippine presidencies while Cold War-era communist insurgencies across much of the world have faded into memory. They are driven by some of the same things as their predecessors, including crushing poverty, despair, government misrule and the abysmal inequality that has long plagued Philippine society.

"The New People's Army has no other recruiter but the state itself," a young rebel, Comrade May, told The Associated Press.

She joined the rebellion two years ago after her fiance died of kidney failure because his family was too poor to afford the expensive dialysis treatment. A lowly paid factory worker, May couldn't do anything. Government hospitals overwhelmed by swarms of indigent patients failed to

give him immediate care.

"His family gave up and reserved the remaining money for his coffin," said May, who now serves as a rebel medic for fellow guerrillas and destitute villagers beyond the government's reach.

Katryn came from a middle-class family that could afford a car, a house and education. She wanted to become a journalist, but got profoundly disaffected by a government and laws she said could not protect the working class, including her father, who lost his job as an engineer for joining a trade union.

She said she went underground as a left-wing activist and bid goodbye to her father, her mother, who was a former teacher, and a life of modest comforts. "It was difficult. I cried," she said.

Now adjusted to rebel life, Katryn said she'll stay for good. She agreed to face news cameras with just a dash of red and blue paint — the colors of the revolution — to camouflage her identity.

The rebellion's longevity is best personified by Jaime Padilla, or Comrade Diego, who was introduced as the new rebel commander and spokesman in a region

“**The New People's Army has no other recruiter but the state itself.**

COMRADE MAY



New People's Army guerrilla with face painted to conceal his identity, rests at their rebel encampment tucked in the harsh wilderness of the Sierra Madre mountains

that has seen the ebb and flow of the insurgency. Now 69, he took up arms when then-dictator Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law in 1972, largely to quell the spreading communist insurrection that began four years earlier.

Donning a newly designed ceremonial khaki uniform topped by a Mao cap, the folksy rebel leader with a ready smile gave an upbeat assessment of the rebellion. The military, however, says it has largely beaten back the guerrillas in most of the provinces south of Manila where Padilla's rebel forces have had a presence.

Battle setbacks, surrenders and infighting have weakened the rebel group, which is blacklisted as a terrorist organization by the United States. A confidential Philippine government assessment obtained by the AP says the guerrillas had declined to 3,800 fighters with more than 4,500

firearms in the first half of the year, with about 700 of the country's 42,000 villages affected by the insurgency.

The insurgent group "remains as a threat to national security due to its stance of not abandoning the armed struggle," the report said.

"It's true that the armed struggle has gone through ups and downs, that's a part of history," Padilla told the AP. But he added that the rebellion "will not disappear because of the fundamental needs of the people. The problems have persisted, and that's the platform of the rebellion."

Founded in 1968, the rebels' communist party has held peace talks with six Philippine presidents, including Rodrigo Duterte, whose rise to power in June sparked rebel optimism due to his searing anti-U.S. rhetoric, populist pro-poor stance and appointments of at least two left-

wing Cabinet members. Both sides declared separate and indefinite cease-fires in August.

But the guerrillas found themselves in a dilemma after Duterte was accused of gross human rights violations for his anti-drug crackdown, which has left a large number of poor suspected drug users and dealers dead. Some of the slain suspects were rebel followers who were never involved in drugs, Padilla said.

Duterte's recent decision to allow Marcos' burial at a heroes' cemetery, his walking back on his angry threats to scale down Philippine engagements with the U.S. military and rebel allegations of military violations of its own cease-fire have dampened the optimism.

About a month ago, Padilla's rebel command offered to provide security to Duterte, calling him a patriot and suspecting that American forces may covertly take steps to kill or oust him over his anti-U.S. stance.

After Marcos' burial at the heroes' cemetery, the communist party denounced Duterte for showing "gross disrespect and insensitivity to the Filipino people's sufferings under the brutal martial law rule" and urged him "to reverse this historical wrong" or risk facing mounting protests and political isolation.

But Padilla said the guerrillas will remain sincerely engaged in Norway-brokered peace talks that have given them respite from decades of fighting that is estimated to have left about 40,000 combatants and civilians dead. **AP**

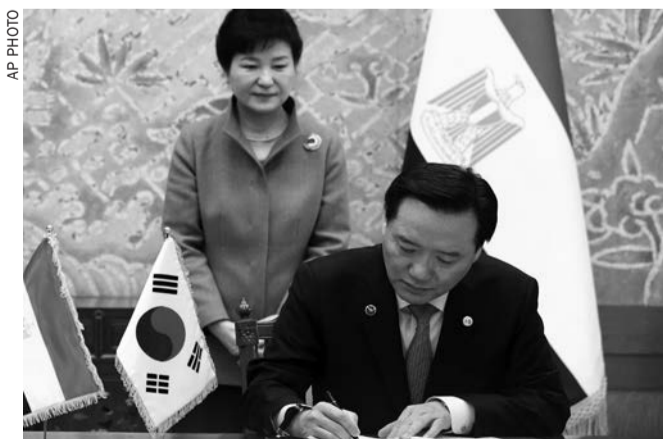
SOUTH KOREA

President Park accepts justice minister's resignation

SOUTH Korea's embattled president accepted the resignation of her justice minister yesterday, the latest in a series of personnel reshuffles she's made amid a political scandal that's threatening her leadership.

Justice Minister Kim Hyun-woong and a senior presidential adviser offered to resign last week after prosecutors directly linked President Park Geun-hye to alleged misdeeds by her jailed shadowy confidante at the center of the scandal.

Park's office said in a



South Korean Justice Minister Kim Hyun-woong (front right)

statement yesterday that she had accepted Kim's resignation but withheld the one by her adviser.

Park has already fired eight of her presidential aides and nominated a new prime minister to

try to regain public trust. But South Koreans have staged massive rallies in Seoul for five straight weekends, calling for her ouster.

Opposition lawmakers have said they'll push for Park's parliamentary impeachment by early December because she hasn't acceded to their request to step down voluntarily. The floor leaders of three main opposition parties are to meet tomorrow to determine when to submit an impeachment motion, according to the Democratic Party, the lar-

gest opposition party.

If Park is impeached, she'll be immediately deprived of her presidential powers until the Constitutional Court can rule on her fate. The court has up to 180 days to make a decision.

At the heart of the scandal is Choi Soon-sil, Park's longtime friend and the daughter of a late cult leader who allegedly meddled in state affairs and pressured companies to donate millions of dollars to foundations controlled by her at the request of Park.

Prosecutors have so far

indicted Choi, two ex-presidential officials and a music video director known as a Choi associate for extortion, leakage of confidential documents and other charges.

Park, who has immunity from prosecution while in office, is refusing to meet with prosecutors. Her lawyer, Yoo Yeong-ha, has described prosecutors' accusations against Park as groundless. He said yesterday that Park would not accept a fresh request by prosecutors to undergo questioning today. **AP**

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USA

Will Washington shout down the 'voice' of Trump voters?

Julie Bykowitz, Washington

DONALD Trump thundered to Americans, "I am your voice," as he accepted the Republican presidential nomination this summer.

As president, he'll find that Washington has a way of shouting back — even to the point of drowning him out.

The seat of the federal government is teeming with interest groups, corporate lobbyists and big-money super PACs. They will have some different goals than Trump and wide swaths of his voters, particularly on matters of government ethics and trade deals. There's comparatively little in place to pressure lawmakers to follow Trump's lead.

"This has always been the problem for conservatives," said Brent Bozell, a longtime activist who leads a social media effort called For America. "We'll get a person elected only to get the middle finger as soon as the person is sworn



AP PHOTO
Donald Trump gestures as he arrives to speak at a campaign rally in Raleigh, N.C. Trump says of his voters "I am your voice"

into office."

To fight back, Trump and his allies are already taking steps to assemble a support system.

Members of his team are considering whether to convert his campaign into a nonprofit group, following a trail blazed by President Barack Obama. A nonprofit group similar to Obama's Organizing for Action would not have to disclose its donors and could

spend money in unlimited ways to urge supporters to pressure members of Congress and senators to back Trump's legislative efforts.

Trump allies might also put together a well-funded super PAC that could loom as a threat to Republican lawmakers who break with him. In July, Trump said he could see himself spending USD10 million to \$20 million to defeat Republicans who'd spoken out against his nomination, though since his election, he's been setting up conciliatory meetings with some of them.

There's no rule against Trump's adult children — even Trump himself — promoting outside groups that align with him, or even showing up at their events. Although elected officials including the president are restricted in how much money they can solicit, they can freely give out of their own pocket.

"There's plenty of legal room for a president to be involved in outside groups when it comes to

“We'll get a person elected only to get the middle finger as soon as the person is sworn into office.”

BRENT BOZELL,
FOR AMERICA

policy matters and the election of other people to office," said Paul S. Ryan, vice president of policy and litigation at Common Cause, a liberal-leaning government watchdog. "Especially when it's their own money."

Several of Trump's closest aides, including campaign manager Kellyanne Conway and deputy campaign manager David Bossie, have experience leading outside

groups. Brad Parscale, a senior Trump adviser who steered the campaign's data and digital operations, hinted in a recent Fox News interview that he is interested in that kind of work. "My goal is to be a megaphone for people, for businesses, for candidates," he said.

Any Trump-blessed political group could inherit or lease a list of more than 12 million supporters built up over the course of the campaign. A signed agreement means the Republican National Committee also receives the campaign's supporter list and data.

Richard Worthington, a Las Vegas real estate developer who liked Trump so much that he gave the campaign money even before Trump was officially seeking donations, said Trump supporters — particularly those who can afford it — would rally behind any kind of supportive group.

"I know he will have some detractors," Worthington said. "What he's going to have to do is build some bridges in Washington, and that may be one way to do it."

While an "official" Trump effort hasn't been announced, already some of the outside groups that backed him this year are rebranding as White House boosters. Within 24 hours of the election, Great America PAC was publicizing a "2017 Trump Presidential Agenda Survey" as a way to continue building its supporter list. It's also planning events for Trump's inauguration Jan. 20.

"People have made the investment to get him elected, and we want to keep them active and see what we can do to help him," said Ed Rollins, one of Great America's leaders. "Trump has a tough, tough agenda, and he will need help."

Eric Beach, co-chairman of the group alongside Rollins, said 300,000 individuals gave to Great America.

Rollins, who was a top aide to President Ronald Reagan, noted he had some of the same challenges when he arrived in Washington after campaigning as an outsider. Like Obama, Reagan counted on a network of political groups to push his message.

Tea party groups also could play a role in communicating between Trump supporters and the administration and Congress. That movement touched off in 2009 and pushed against increased government spending, among other economic issues.

One of the biggest tea party groups, Tea Party Patriots, backed Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in the GOP primary but was supportive of Trump during the general election.

Bozell, the longtime activist, said the same sentiment that drove thousands to mass at Trump rallies was behind the earlier tea party rallies — and for that matter the "silent majority" of the 1970s and the "moral majority" of the 1980s.

"The conservative movement has shown itself in different ways over the years," he said, "and each name is just a snapshot in time." AP

Latest chapter for rising Nevada's political star Kihuen: Congress

NEVADA Congressman-elect Ruben Kihuen's friends and family never doubted the former Las Vegas high school sports standout would go on to a dazzling career — they just thought it would be on the soccer field rather than the campaign trail.

Kihuen, who's at orientation in Washington this week as he prepares to assume office in January, was in his early 20s when his family gathered the money to send him to Mexico to chase his childhood dream of playing for the Chivas of Guadalajara. But he broke his foot three months before a tryout, and was told by doctors that while he'd play his favorite sport again, no professional club would risk investing in him.

"I realized that my soccer dream was over," said Kihuen, 36, a tinge of wistfulness in his voice as he recalls his onetime training partner, Herculez Gomez, went on ahead of him to join the U.S. men's national soccer team. "Life takes some interesting turns."

It was that foot injury that cleared the way for a charmed political career. First elected at 26 to the Nevada Legislature, the Democrat befriended presidents and the highest leaders of Congress en route to his latest feat — a decisive, four-point victory over freshman incumbent Republican Rep. Crescent Hardy in Nevada's 4th Congressional District.

He exemplifies the magic that made swing state Nevada blue when most other parts of the country went red. A former staffer for Democratic kingmaker Sen. Harry Reid, his frequent presence at casino worker picket lines over the years earned him the singular loyalty of the formidable Culinary Union, and his immigrant success story — he'll be Nevada's first Latino representative in the House — has made him the hopeful symbol

of an increasingly diverse state.

"He is an embodiment of the dream our members have for their children," said former Culinary Union political director Yvanna Cancela, whose army of political foot soldiers prioritized his race and helped him clear a fierce primary before locking down the general. "I think that's what every hard-working person strives for — not necessarily for their kid to be in elected office, but for their kid to have a better life than they did."

Kihuen's family enjoyed a comfortable middle-class life in Guadalajara, Mexico, where his father was a schoolteacher. But persuaded by relatives, the family moved north when Kihuen was 8 and his father picked strawberries and lettuce in California to make a living.

Kihuen's mother Blanca took a job as a casino housekeeper when the family moved to Las Vegas a few years later. That was supposed to be a short-term job, but with good union benefits and a pension now within sight, she's kept with the exhausting job for 23 years now.

"I thank my son because he's proud, and he's not ashamed that his mother's a housekeeper," she said in Spanish after a campaign event this fall. "I try to have a life that they can be proud of."

Kihuen is the third of four children in the close-knit family. They stay in touch through a group text message, and Ruben is the one most likely to get them together on a Sunday afternoon and man the grill.

"He's just very sensitive as a brother. He knows how to be there for us as a family," said his sister Mariana, who gave up her job as a big-city lawyer to help her big brother on the campaign. "His desire to always work for



AP PHOTO
Senator Ruben Kihuen

the underdog and give a voice to people like my mom has always been his driving force."

Kihuen relishes the personal side of the job — maintaining a superhuman schedule of community appearances on any given day or having conversations with voters at their doors, where he switches effortlessly between Spanish and English. He's a dynamic public speaker who's difficult to knock off message and can make even familiar campaign lines seem ripe with conviction.

His opponents have criticized him as a policy lightweight, pointing to a legislative session where he didn't introduce any of his own bills. National Republicans trying to save the plainspoken Hardy in a district with a 10-point Democratic registration advantage tried to tie Kihuen to an ongoing FBI corruption investigation into a Las Vegas city councilman who used the Democratic public relations firm where Kihuen works.

But even ads that likened him to sleaze were no match for his sure-footed campaign. Kihuen's the one who took a concession call from Hardy on election night and the one who's making plans for a rural tour to visit the more conservative parts of the district he now represents.

"Everything Ruben does he wins. He blows them out. He soars on them. He swoops on them," said Omar Lateef Bywaters, whose father coached Kihuen's high school soccer team. "He always wins, and people know they're going to win with him." AP

Bassem Mroue, Beirut

MIDDLE EAST

Syrian troops capture northern parts of rebel-held Aleppo

SYRIAN government forces and their allies captured another major eastern Aleppo neighborhood and several smaller areas yesterday, putting much of the northern part of Aleppo's besieged rebel-held areas under government control for the first time in four years, state media reported.

Russia's Defense Ministry said the areas captured by Syrian government troops include 10 neighborhoods and over 3,000 buildings in the past few days. The ministry added in a statement that more than 100 rebels have laid down their arms and exited the Syrian city's eastern suburbs.

Aleppo, Syria's largest city and former commercial center, has been contested since the summer of 2012 and a rebel defeat in the city would be a turning point in the five-year conflict. If Syrian forces capture all of east Aleppo, President Bashar Assad's government will be in control of the country's four largest cities as well as the coastal region.

The government's push, backed by thousands of Shiite militia fighters from Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran, and under the cover of the Russian air force, has laid waste to Aleppo's eastern neighborhoods. Medical and food supplies have run short in recent weeks as Syrian warplanes pounded the besieged enclave, rendering all remaining functioning hospitals out of service.

Simultaneous advances by Syrian government and Kurdish-led forces on Sunday set off a tide of displacement inside the divided city, with thousands of residents evacuating their premises to safety in government



AP PHOTO
People fleeing rebel-held eastern neighborhoods of Aleppo into the Sheikh Maqsoud area that is controlled by Kurdish fighters

and Kurdish-controlled areas of the city since Saturday.

Rebel defenses swiftly collapsed as government forces pushed into the Hanano district on Saturday, the first time they had pushed this far into eastern Aleppo since 2012.

With yesterday's capture of Sakhour, the rebels are now left boxed in mostly in central and southeastern Aleppo, encircled by government territory on all sides.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights,

said Syrian government forces have captured some 10 neighborhoods over the past few days, putting nearly 30 percent of Aleppo's formerly rebel-held neighborhoods under state control.

State TV said 3,000 people, half of them children, have fled over the past few hours. It showed men, women and children in green buses being taken to government-controlled areas.

"It is stinging cold, food is scarce and people are shaken in the streets," Mohammad Zein Khandaqani, a member of the

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He added that some residents are taking refuge in mosques while others moved to homes of displaced people in safer areas.

He said although thousands of people have fled to government or Kurdish-controlled areas in Aleppo, many stayed because they are wanted by the state.

Ahmad Araj, senior official with the Syrian National Democratic Coalition that consists of Arab and Kurdish groups, said 8,000 people have fled to the Kurdish-controlled Sheikh Maqsoud district so far, calling on international aid organizations to help those who are now displaced.

The Russian Defense Ministry also said Syrian government troops had pushed the rebels from Qadisia which it described as the "key neighborhood of eastern Aleppo." AP

Medical Council in Aleppo, told The Associated Press in a voice text message from east Aleppo.

LAWYERS SEEK WAR CRIMES CASE AGAINST ASSAD IN GERMANY

A GROUP of lawyers are seeking to launch a criminal case in Germany against Syrian President Bashar Assad over alleged war crimes committed in the city of Aleppo.

The lawyers presented a criminal complaint against Assad, which they are submitting to German federal prosecutors. German law allows prosecutions under the principle of universal jurisdiction, under which countries can pursue foreigners for crimes committed abroad.

The lawyers cited Amnesty International reports and individual accounts by asylum-seekers in Germany in arguing that there is overwhelming evidence of multiple atrocities committed by Assad in Aleppo between April and November. Attorney Mehmet Daimaguler said: "We're experiencing genocide in Aleppo in slow motion." He cited the targeted bombing of hospitals, cluster bombs on civilians and forced expulsion.

CUBA

Thousands line up early to pay homage to Castro in Havana

THOUSANDS of Cubans began lining up early near Havana's Plaza of the Revolution yesterday carrying portraits of Fidel Castro, flowers and Cuban flags for the start of week-long services bidding farewell to the man who ruled the country for nearly half a century.

One of the first in line was Tania Jimenez, 53, a mathematician who arrived at 4 a.m. carrying a rose.

"Fidel is everything to us, the soul of this country who gave everything, all his life," Jimenez said in tears.

A nine-story image of a young Castro joined the towering images of fallen guerrillas overlooking the massive square where the government said Cubans would "render homage



and sign a solemn oath to carry out the concept of the revolutionary expressed by the revolutionary leader."

After 10 years of leadership by Castro's younger brother Raul, a relatively camera-shy and low-key successor, Cuba finds itself riveted once again by the words and images of the leader who dominated the lives of generations. Since his death on Friday night,

state-run newspapers, television and radio have been running wall-to-wall tributes to Fidel, broadcasting non-stop footage of his speeches, interviews and foreign trips, interspersed with adulatory remembrances by prominent Cubans.

"There's a genuine feeling of mourning, that's not a formality, that's not a showy, that's not outward-

focused, but rather completely intimate," former National Assembly President Ricardo Alarcon said on state television.

Ordinary people have largely been staying at home, off streets hushed by a prohibition on music and celebration during the nine days of official mourning for Castro. For some, particularly younger Cubans, Castro's death barely registered.

Yankemell Barrera, a 20-year-old student, said Castro wasn't a strong presence in his life and that he wasn't much affected by his death or planning to go to any of the memorial events. He said studying for finals would be a better use of his time.

"Even if I'm obligated to go, I'm not doing it," he

said.

Tens of thousands of others, though, were expected to return to the streets Monday after 9 a.m., when simultaneous 21-gun salutes will sound in the capital and in the eastern city of Santiago, where Castro launched his revolution in 1953. At the same moment, Cubans are expected to begin filing through the monument to national hero Jose Marti in the center of the plaza, where they were expected to sign the "concept of the revolution" oath.

The "concept of revolution" is a section of a 2000 speech in which Castro calls Cubans to believe in "the profound conviction that no force in the world is capable of crushing the force of truth and ideas."

The government did not say if the ashes of the 90-year-old former president would be on display inside the monument. Virtually all schools and government offices were closing during the homage to Castro, which will stretch for 13 hours and take place again tomorrow, ending in a rally echoing those that Castro addressed on the plaza for most of his time in power.

"It's a terrible sadness. Everyone's feeling it here," said Orlando Alvarez, a 55-year-old jeweler. "Everyone will be there."

Tomorrow, Castro's ashes will begin a three-day procession east across Cuba, retracing the march of his bearded rebel army from the Sierra Maestra mountains to the capital. Castro's ashes will be interred on Sunday in Santa Ifigenia cemetery in Santiago, Cuba's second-largest city. AP

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Offbeat

5,000 FISH IN ICE AT JAPAN SKATING RINK SPARKS UPROAR

An amusement park in western Japan sparked an uproar after it displayed about 5,000 dead fish in the ice at a skating rink, forcing the park to close the attraction.

Space World received a flood of criticism on social media after opening the rink on Nov. 12. It was closed Sunday.

About 25 different kinds of fish could be seen under the 250-meter-long ice circuit. The park in the city of Kitakyushu opened the "Ice Aquarium" as an "attraction never heard about."

Japanese broadcaster NHK showed the fish frozen in ice on a blue floor, so it looked like they were swimming below the ice. Some formed a school to spell out "HELLO" or make an arrow-shaped sign in the ice.

The general manager of Space World, Toshimi Takeda, said many critical messages were posted on social media, some condemning the concept as abusing living things.

Takeda said that the fish in the ice had been intended "to give the feel of the ocean to the ice skating rink," and that the amusement park is "extremely remorseful to have invoked such unpleasant feelings."

Space World said the fish were purchased from a fish market, and were dead before the water was frozen. The operator plans to hold a memorial service for the fish once they're taken out of the ice.

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14:55	Debate on Security Policy Report for 2017 (Live)
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21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
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SHUT IN_

ROOM 1
2.15, 6.00, 9.45 pm

Director: Farren Blackburn

Starring: Charlie Heaton, Naomi Watts, Jacob Tremblay

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 91min

YOUR NAME

ROOM 1
4.00, 7.45 pm

Director: Makoto Shinkai

Language: Japanese (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 115min

FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM_

ROOM 2
2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45 pm

Director: David Yates

Starring: Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 133min

SHOW ME YOUR LOVE_

ROOM 3
2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Ryon Lee

Starring: Nina Paw, Raymond Wong, Ivana Wong

Language: Cantonese (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 121min

FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM_

ROOM 3
7.30 pm

Director: David Yates

Starring: Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 133min

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17 Nov - 30 Nov

FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM_

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: David Yates

Starring: Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol

Language: English (Cantonese)

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this day in history

1975 GRAHAM HILL
KILLED IN AIR CRASH

One of Britain's greatest motor racing drivers has been killed in a plane crash in south-east England.

Graham Hill, 46, who retired from the sport in July 1975, was killed instantly along with the four other occupants in his Piper Aztec - all members of the Embassy Hill team.

Hill was piloting the plane when he clipped a row of trees on Arkley golf course in Hertfordshire, just before 2200 GMT.

The two-times world champion was flying Embassy Hill manager Ray Brimble, fellow driver Tony Brise, and two mechanics from France to attend a party in London.

Arley Golf Club steward Ted Dickins said visibility had been very poor at the time of the accident.

"It was terrible - the ambulances couldn't even see the bunkers as they were driving down," he said.

Friend and Elstree Aero Club chairman Spencer Flack said the champion driver was taking a risk by trying to land in bad conditions but told reporters he was an experienced flier.

"He was a skilful pilot who tried to get in and failed.

"In those conditions it's just a matter of feet and seconds between life and death," he said.

Government accident investigation officials are sifting through the wreckage to try to establish the cause of the crash.

Hill is the only driver to have won the Triple Crown of the Indianapolis 500, the 24 hours of Le Mans and the Formula One World Championship.

He won the world title with BRM in 1962 and again in 1968, with Lotus.

Hill retired from Formula 1 mid-season so he could concentrate on coaching Brise, a promising new driver in his own fledgling team Embassy Hill.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Three thousand people attended Graham Hill's funeral in St Alban's, Hertfordshire, on 5 December.

An inquest found he was flying only 60 ft (18.3m) above the ground when the plane hit the tree - but did not realise because of the poor visibility.

Verdicts of accidental death were returned for all six occupants of the plane.

Hill's son, Damon, followed his father into Formula One racing and won the world championship in 1996.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You're torn between your ambitions and your wildest dreams...

Taurus April 20-May 20 It's easier than ever for you to work with others today...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Put off any important communication for another day or two...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Put off any important communication for another day or two...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Art is of even greater value to you today - so seek out a gallery or dive into the studio...

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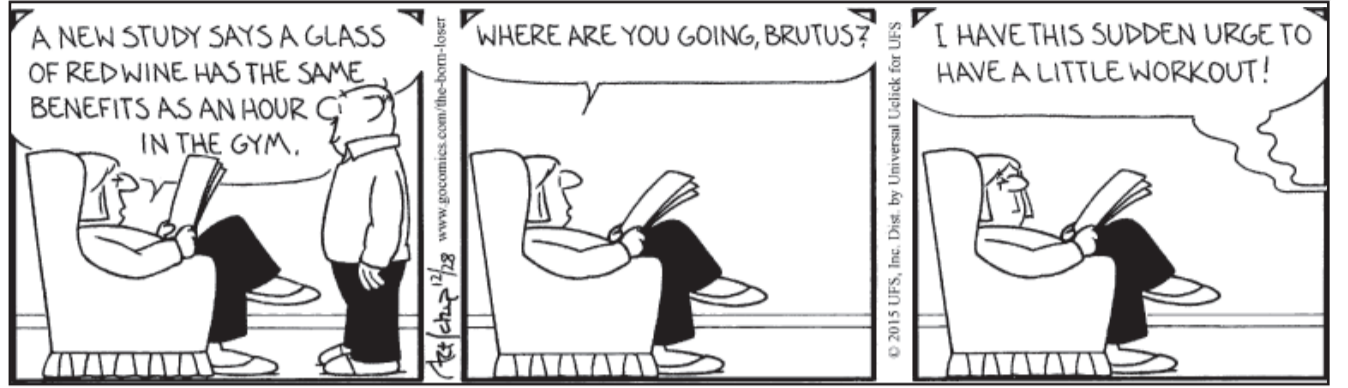
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THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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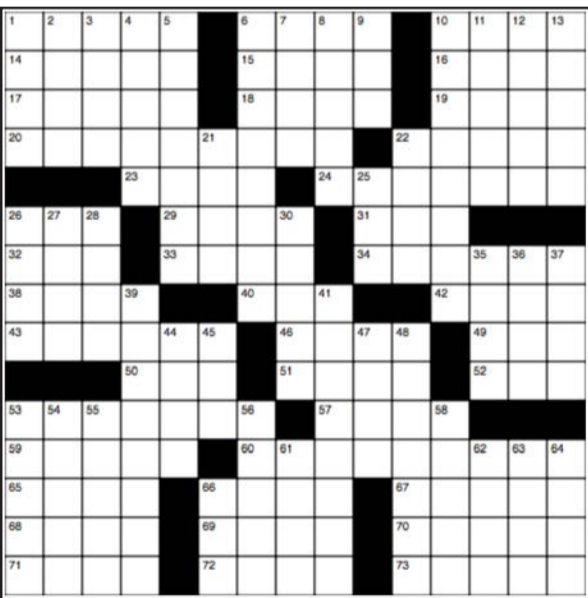
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Indian state; 6- Prolonged unconsciousness; 10- Doll's word; 14- Game of chance; 15- Rat-...; 16- Blame; 17- "Oklahoma!" aunt; 18- Apparatus for weaving; 19- Whistle blowers; 20- One who arrives tardy; 22- Slow, to Salieri; 23- Actress Laura; 24- Stupid; 26- Sheep talk; 29- Help in a heist; 31- Accelerate; 32- CD earnings; 33- The Beatles' "Back in the..."; 34- Plant swellings; 38- "Beetle Bailey" dog; 40- Isr. neighbor; 42- Funny Foxx; 43- Transgressor; 46- Gilbert of "Roseanne"; 49- Author Le Shan; 50- El...; 51- Nervous twitches; 52- Sound of disapproval; 53- Ladies of Spain; 57- Emit coherent light; 59- Make... for oneself; 60- Stinginess; 65-... but known...; 66- And... bed; 67- Rocky debris; 68- Pack... (quit); 69- Mex. miss; 70- "Lovergirl" singer... Marie; 71- Glacier's "calf"; 72- Collar fastener; 73- Tennis's Monica;

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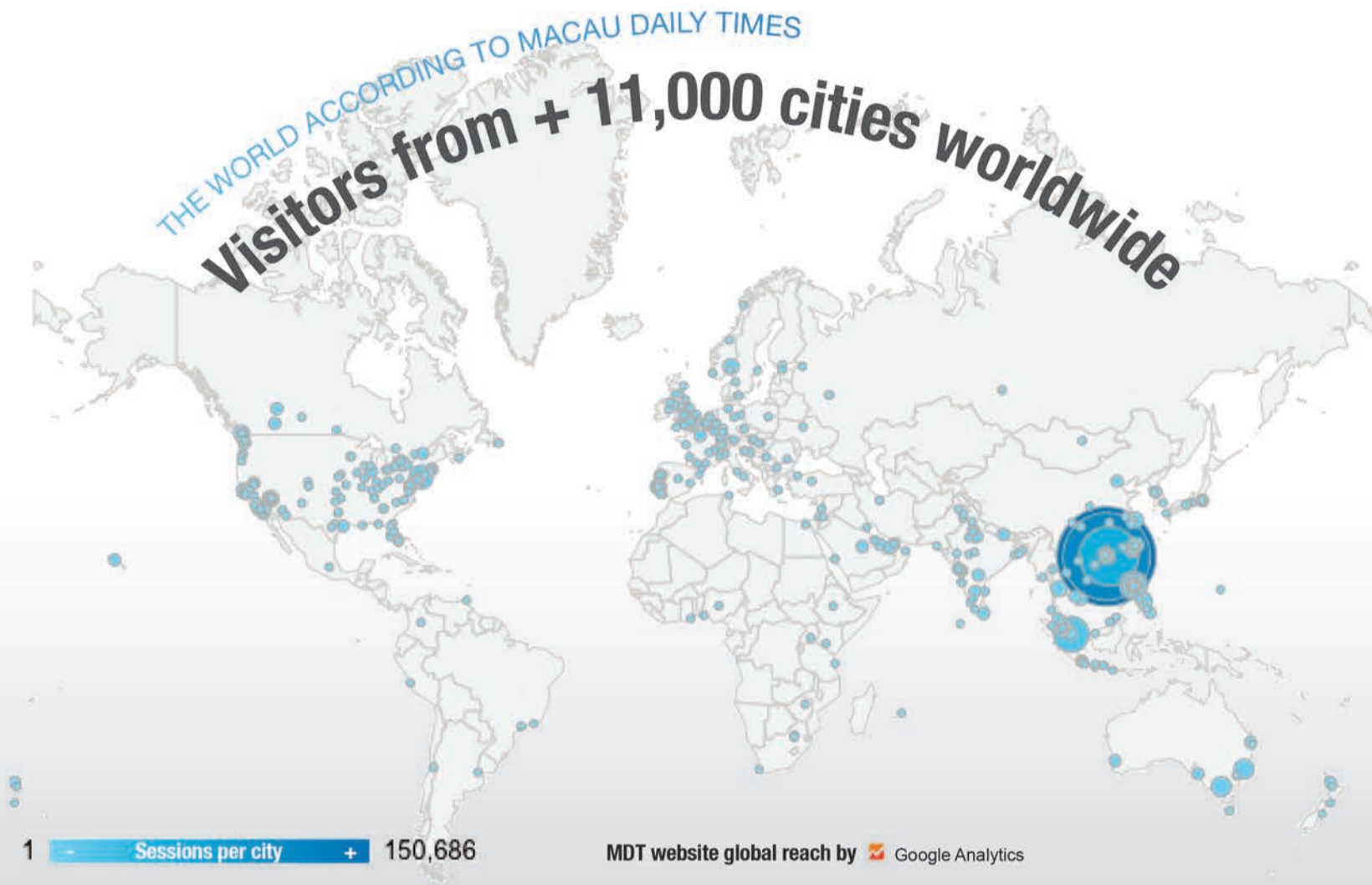
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John Pye, Adelaide

CRICKET

Gamble on youth buys time for Australia's sport recovery

ONE win hasn't made a summer for Australian cricket. Nor has it entirely saved the players or the administration of the national team.

A gamble on youth has bought some time, though, after a seven-wicket win over South Africa. After conceding the three-test series with an innings defeat in the second test in Hobart, skipper Steve Smith openly spoke about being humiliated and embarrassed by Australia's batting collapses in the first two tests and questioned the heat-of-the-contest commitment in the team.

Head coach Darren Lehmann conceded that only Smith, vice-captain David Warner and new-ball pair Mitch Starc and Josh Hazlewood were guaranteed of selection for the third test.

Chief selector Rod Marsh stood down and a make-shift selection panel made five changes for the third match in Adelaide, including three new batsmen in the top six. The priority was to avoid a 3-0 series sweep on home soil.

Two of the new batsmen — 20-year-old opener Matt Renshaw and No. 5 Peter Handscomb — were at the crease when Australia won the third test Sunday.

Renshaw showed signs that he's prepared to dig in — seeing off the new pink ball in 12 overs under lights before stumps on the opening night after South Africa's declaration, and then facing 137 balls in almost three hours Sunday as Australia chased down 127. Handscomb posted a half century in his debut innings, then returned to hit the winning single. Nic Maddinson batted at No. 6 in his debut and was out for a duck from 12 balls.

"I thought we responded



Australia's Steven Smith (left), and Matt Renshaw runs between wickets at the end their cricket test match against South Africa in Adelaide

really well," said Smith, who was out for 40, two runs shy of victory. "We had three batters in the top six who had no

scars or anything like that so they were able to come in and play their natural game, which was nice. I thought we adapted

really well."

Usman Khawaja, a stylish left-hander of undoubted talent, has been in and out of the Australian lineup since 2011. He secured his spot with a grinding 145 that spanned the first three days of the third test, the only century for Australia in the series.

"It shows a lot about his character and what he's willing to do," Smith said. "He played beautifully out there for seven hours to wear them down and score a big hundred. I guess that's the sort of template we're looking for in our top six batters."

David Warner, 30, was the oldest player in the squad, making it Australia's youngest test lineup in 30 years.

Critics were lining up urging changes in the team management after the second test, with calls for Lehmann, Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland and high-performance manager Pat Howard to stand down. Criticism has died down this week.

Whether credit for the change in the team's fortunes lay with the five changes, the day-night format, the pink ball, or the dead-rubber nature of the match, Lehmann said it was the team's response that mattered most.

"The players have copped a lot over the last few weeks and they've responded really well," Lehmann said. "Obviously a

change of players as well — you feel sad for the blokes who missed out in this test match, but the guys who came in did a really good job."

Smith was unbeaten in his first 11 tests as captain and the Australians were ranked No. 1 in February. Then came the 3-0 whitewash in Sri Lanka in July and August, and losses in Perth and Hobart against a South Africa lineup missing regular skipper A.B. de Villiers and pace spearhead Dale Steyn.

The Australians will now play three limited-overs internationals against New Zealand then host Pakistan in a three-test series which starts Dec. 15 with a day-night match in Brisbane. After that comes a searching a four-test tour of India.

Smith said the new players added energy to the team, from the first training session. And Lehmann said it was reasonable for the selectors to go down the path of developing youth.

"That's not putting a line through those players who missed out," he said. "But the results dictate that as well. We'd been playing ok before the Sri Lankan series, obviously we were No.1, but we had to inject some new players — players who can grow and play for 10 years."

"Probably that's the challenge for the selection group. And then [for] the players to grow out on the ground as well." AP

BOXING

Lomachenko successfully defends WBO junior lightweight title

VASYL Lomachenko successfully defended his WBO junior lightweight title over the weekend when Nicholas Walters was unable to continue after seven rounds.

Lomachenko, the 28-year-old Ukrainian who won two Olympic gold medals, improved to 7-1. Walters dropped to 26-1-1.

"My goal is to be the No. 1 pound-for-pound fighter in the world," Lomachenko said.

Lomachenko had his best round of the fight

in the seventh, landing multiple power shots, including a hard shot to the temple that ultimately led Walters to stop at the Cosmopolitan.

"He's a good fighter, really strong," Lomachenko said. "But he stood there and made it easy for me, then in the end he just quit."

The pace quickened in the third, with Lomachenko leading the action and Walters looking to counter. Lomachenko landed a hard straight left, the best punch of the fight up until that

point and began to establish himself as the aggressor by the end of the fourth.

Walters battled back in the fifth landing a few power shots, only to be matched by Lomachenko combination for combination.

"He's a great fighter," Walters said. "He's very fast, a great puncher. He caught me with a hard shot to the temple."

Lomachenko began to take control in the sixth, displaying superior technical skills and controlling the ring. By the

end of the seventh, Lomachenko had the fans on their feet as he looked to finish the fight, landing a number of powerful combinations.

Walters survived the flurry and appeared fine as the round ended and he headed back to his corner. However, between rounds, Walters' corner informed the referee the fighter could not go on, and the bout was ruled a TKO for Lomachenko.

Lomachenko captured his first world title, the IBF featherweight



Vasyl Lomachenko (left), of Ukraine, fights Nicholas Walters, of Jamaica, in a WBO junior lightweight title boxing match

crown, in just his third fight. That tied a record for the fewest fights needed to win a championship. He defended

the belt three times before winning the junior lightweight title, earning his second title in as many weight classes. AP

opinion

Views on Asia

Andy Mukherjee, Bloomberg Gadfly

INDIA STOCK FEARS SHADOWED BY MACAU'S WAR ON DIRTY CASH

Amid the panic and confusion caused by India's ban on 86 percent of cash in circulation, there's hope that the pain in the stock market won't last beyond a quarter or two, and that everything will be hunky-dory once banks have dispensed enough new notes.

What if that optimism was unfounded?

Macau gambling dens offer the closest template for behavior of asset prices under a strong, centrally directed effort to squeeze out dirty money.

The broader Indian market, which has slid close to 5 percent since Prime Minister Narendra Modi's shock Nov. 8 announcement, is highly unlikely to repeat the two-year, 73 percent slump in the shares of Macau casino operators. But some industries may see a dislocation just as severe as the one unleashed by Chinese President Xi Jinping's anti-graft crackdown:

Real estate is exhibit number one. As an industry where the use of untaxed income is rampant, the ban on 500 (USD7.30) and 1,000 rupee bank notes has left analysts scrambling to update earnings estimates. Markets have made a swifter assessment: Share prices are down, on average, about 40 percent from their 52-week highs for developers DLF Ltd. and Housing Development & Infrastructure Ltd.

Analysts' one-year targets for these stocks are still pricing in an 83 percent appreciation. Such lofty expectations appear incongruous. With real estate cash transactions drying up, analytics firm PropEquity is predicting a 30 percent drop in home values across 42 cities.

Developers are hoping that primary-market demand - which is less dependent on cash than secondary deals - won't be affected as long as the central bank cuts interest rates. That may be wishful thinking. Any reduction in borrowing costs may be swamped by fears of scrutiny of big-ticket purchases, even if paid for by checks.

Those concerns aren't entirely baseless. Media reports suggest that India has decided to tax - at a rate of 60 percent - money that has flooded the banking system since Nov. 8 but which the depositors can't justify as income.

Funds are still pouring in. Suppose that by the end of the year they double from the \$75 billion already taken in by Indian lenders between Nov. 10 and Nov. 18. That would mean a return to the banking system of \$150 billion, or roughly the entire stock of high-denomination cash held by the public before the ban.

To Modi's government, that would signify an embarrassing win for money launderers' shenanigans. If authorities respond by registering tax claims on a fifth of new deposits - in proportion to the government's own estimates of the size of the parallel economy - then up to \$30 billion of money coming into banks could be immobilized by disputes. Even if all of it is ill-gotten, the signal such a large expropriation would send to other wealth owners could have a chilling effect on conspicuous consumption as well as purchase of new property.

Any stress to builders' cash flows is bound to hit banks, which were supposed to be the biggest beneficiary of demonetization. But the monetary authority's decision to temporarily confiscate a \$47 billion deposit surge into unremunerated cash reserves has dashed hopes that lenders would be allowed to make a killing by accepting troves of cash at 4 percent and lending to the central bank at 6.2 percent.

A benchmark index for Indian consumer durable stocks has had a heart attack of sorts since the cash ban. That's largely on expectations of people putting off purchases of refrigerators, watches and jewelry for a while. The taxman's wrath, which would reveal itself only after the deposit surge tapers off, is yet to figure in investors' calculations. And that's where Indian markets' Macau risk might really lie.

THE CHICAGO FLIGHT TO CHINA DIVERTED DUE TO 'UNRULY PASSENGER'

United Airlines says a flight bound for Hong Kong from Chicago was diverted near Tokyo after 12 hours because of an "unruly passenger."

Chicago-based United Airlines spokesman Charles Hobart said yesterday [Macau time] that Flight 895 left O'Hare International Airport for China after 2 p.m. Saturday. The plane

instead landed at Narita, which is one of Tokyo's main airports.

No injuries were reported. He says 241 passengers and 15 crew members were aboard.

Hobart says law enforcement met the aircraft in Japan, but he declined to offer further details. Hobart says the flight has departed from Japan and is expected in Hong Kong.

TRANSPORT

Uber, Ola services said close to regulatory clearance in India



Saritha Rai

INDIA is set to clear the ride-hailing services of Uber Technologies Inc. and Ola by issuing guidelines to make them legal, according to a person with knowledge of the matter.

The companies will need to get the software used to calculate fares validated while keeping their luxury car category outside tariff rules, the person said, asking to not be identified as discussions are private. A court affidavit could be filed in Delhi as soon as this week to provide consistent regulations for startups and traditional taxi operators, the person said.

Ride-hailing has exploded in popularity and turned the traditional taxi industry upside down as regulators scramble to develop a framework for operators. India, alongside China and the U.S., comprise the world's three largest markets for such startups as Uber and Ola pour hundreds of millions of dollars into the country with the backing of investors such as Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., SoftBank Group Corp. and Tiger Global Management.

With a lack of clear national rules, ride-hailing com-

The new federal policy doesn't spell out any requirements for physical meters or taxi signage

panies have had vehicles seized and drivers fined even as their services fanned out to more than 100 cities. In India, traditional cab companies and taxi unions have stepped up strikes and protests against cab aggregators and their cut-throat fares.

The government wants market dynamics to dictate fares for the luxury category of Uber and ANI Technologies Pvt's Ola rather than have them governed by the tariff regime of state governments, the person said. The government's affidavit has to be filed by mid-December.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways confirmed next month's deadline and said its policy will be citizen-centric while declining to comment on specifics for the ride-hailing companies. Ola and Uber declined to comment.

While the impending policy doesn't address surge pricing specifically, getting fare calculators verified

by the government would provide an indirect way to curb the practice of charging multiples of normal fares during peak times, the person said. The proposed rules don't address discounting, which has been a source of tension between Ola and San Francisco-based Uber, the person said.

Regional governments have already spelled out rules for their jurisdictions. Karnataka, where Bangalore is the capital, has stipulated that cabs must have in-car panic buttons, digital invoice printers and "Taxi" signage atop the cars. Uber has called the regional rules 'regressive'.

The new federal policy doesn't spell out any requirements for physical meters or taxi signage, the person said.

In July, China defined its policy for cab aggregators. Within days Uber and market leader Didi Chuxing announced a deal to combine their operations in the country. **Bloomberg**

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

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WORLD BRIEFS

JAPAN An amusement park in western Japan sparks an uproar after it displayed about 5,000 dead fish in the ice at a skating rink, forcing the park to close the attraction. [More on p16](#)



AP PHOTO

AUSTRALIA Aboriginal traditional dancers with faces painted white with clay traveled from remote northern Australia to Parliament House yesterday to draw attention to rampant domestic violence in Outback indigenous communities.



AP PHOTO

TURKMENISTAN-AFGHANISTAN The presidents of Turkmenistan and Afghanistan yesterday officially opened a new railroad that will link the oil-rich former Soviet republic with Afghanistan. The first freight train has departed, carrying grain, flour and some construction materials to Afghanistan.

US Eight people were sent to hospitals yesterday with non-life-threatening injuries after an attack on the Ohio State University campus, fire and hospital officials said after the school sent a series of tweets telling students to shelter in place and to "Run Hide Fight."

BRITAIN A pro-Europe think tank says it is willing to take the British government to court to try and keep the U.K. in the European Union single market once it leaves the bloc.

UNITED NATIONS The incoming secretary-general, Antonio Guterres, said yesterday that he wants U.N. peacekeepers to be better trained and more respectful of human rights, amid pressure on the organization to address a series of sexual abuse allegations.