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# Residents seek help after buying Zhuhai property

**T**WENTY local residents are seeking help from lawmakers Chan Meng Kam and Song Pek Kei after having purchased properties in Zhuhai.

According to a report by Jornal Va Kio, in 2013, Zhuhai had a new property development with units for sale, the development reportedly set to be located at an exclusive walking street.

The property was advertised as being constructed according to international design standards. An underground plaza, where large integrated shopping malls and bars could be found. The promotional ads of the property also

mentioned that within the street's vicinity, there would be a "Ultra-platinum five-star hotel", which would be operated by the property developer and by the "US Caesars Entertainment Corp."

In total, more than 100 Macau residents purchased properties from the project, including the aforementioned 20. The 20 residents informed the lawmakers that, while the walking street is successfully being constructed, they had observed that the street's current structure makes it impossible to allocate an underground plaza.

The residents were also told by the developer that the five-star

hotel will be changed into serviced apartments.

They also reportedly faced difficulties with the property purchase payment process.

When the buyers requested refunds from the developers, they were refused, having been told "you don't need to sign the contract, but the money will not be refunded."

The two lawmakers, after meeting with the 20 buyers, expressed that they will continue to follow the buyers' situation, and will try their best to provide assistance to the residents' reasonable and legal appeal.



Chan Meng Kam

# HK-mainland cross-border express train fuels jurisdiction debate

**D**EBATE continues over jurisdictions within the cross-border express train terminus in the Kowloon-mainland rail link, as no deals have yet been made by the Beijing and Hong Kong governments on checkpoint arrangements.

The two governments are working on developing a law enforcement model for the cross-border rails' joint checkpoint, noting that a joint checkpoint is essential to reduce the travel time.

Hong Kong's transport minister Anthony Cheung Bing-leung said in a radio program that officers would be able to exercise mainland laws within designated areas at the station, which is located in Hong Kong.

Although the head did not specify the extent of their powers, critics warn that permitting mainland offi-

cers to exercise immigration controls and security checks will breach Hong Kong's Basic Law – which bans the implementation of mainland laws in Hong Kong.

"The question we are handling is how the [mainland officers'] exercise of mainland laws in Hong Kong can comply with the spirit of 'one country, two systems' and the Basic Law," Cheung said, as cited by the South China Morning Post.

However, the minister clarified that the Shenzhen Bay model (a Hong Kong immigration control point on its border with mainland China, which is housed in the same building with its mainland Chinese counterpart, the Shenzhen Bay Port) could not be directly transplanted, adding "it is different as it involves the exercise of

Hong Kong laws on the mainland."

The final arrangement should be ready before the administration of its Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying ends on June 30.

According to him, the final arrangement needs to be assessed by Hong Kong lawmakers; he expressed the belief that there would be sufficient time for this before the scheduled opening – which is in the third quarter of 2018.

"At the end of the day it's a matter of trust," he said, citing the lack of public opposition to a local garrison of the People's Liberation Army.

He also added that certain issues are sometimes overly politicized.

Last month, Hong Kong authorities headed to Beijing to discuss the high-speed rail link with mainland authorities.



## HEALTH

# Avian Flu infects 12 more in mainland China

**T**HE Health Bureau (SSM) revealed yesterday that there are 12 new cases of human infection in mainland China by the avian influenza virus (H7N9), citing reports from the Chinese health authorities.

Three of the cases have occurred in the Sichuan Province, two in the Henan Province, and one case each was reported in the Anhui, Zhejiang, Hunan, Beijing and Tianjin Provinces. The patients consist of nine men and three women,

with ages ranging between 39 and 81 years old, seven of which were diagnosed with severe pneumonia. At least nine of the patients had been in contact with live birds and poultry in local markets before the onset of the first symptoms.

Since September last year, infections by the same virus have been registered in several provinces, including Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Shanghai, Guangzhou (Guangdong), Hunan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Guizhou,

Shandong, Liaoning, Henan, Sichuan, Guangxi, Chongqing, Beijing, Gansu, Tianjin and Tibet.

According to the health authorities, there were two confirmed cases in Macau – one contracted abroad – with the first case occurring in mid-December last year.

Sales of live poultry have been suspended in the region since February, when an outbreak of the virus was detected by the sanitary inspection authorities in live poultry in Nam Yue Wholesale Market.

The SSM also informed, in several statements, that they have established a series of contingency plans in response to avian influenza.

Such plans include maintaining a large stock of retroviral drugs and personal protection equipment.

However, the health authorities continue to consider the potential risk of the situation, and advise the public to avoid markets, farms and other places where there is sale or display of birds in places where cases of avian influenza have been reported. They also advise the public to avoid purchasing or transporting any unscrubbed birds or poultry, and to avoid consuming meat, offal and blood from poorly cooked poultry. **RM**

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## ENVIRONMENT REPORT

# Population density up, air quality down

**T**HE local population density rose to 21,400 persons per square km in 2016, and its waste water treatment volume increased by almost 19 percent, according to the latest annual environment report released yesterday by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The land area of Macau measured 30.5 square km in 2016, and the annual average temperature went down by 0.6 °C year-on-year to 22.6 °C. The lowest temperature of the year was 1.6 °C in January, the coldest January recorded since 1948, and rain with small ice pellets was observed for the first time. Total precipitation was 2,335.6 mm, up by 994.6 mm year-on-year.

With regard to the air quality in 2016, all five monitoring stations in Macau registered an increase in the number of "Moderate" air quality days. The high density residential area in Northern District had the highest number of "Poor" air quality days, at 19, followed by



17 days recorded in both the high density residential area in Taipa and at the ambient monitoring station in Coloane.

The ambient monitoring station in Coloane recorded the highest number of exceedance days for fine suspended particulates (PM2.5)

among all monitoring stations, at 7 days. Meanwhile, improvement was shown in the number of exceedance days at the remaining four monitoring stations in the Macau Peninsula and Taipa.

Moreover, 66 days with acid rain were recorded in 2016. Total water consumption was 86,703,000m<sup>3</sup> in 2016, up by 2.1 percent year-on-year. Water consumption by the business sector (44,173,000 m<sup>3</sup>), households (36,976,000 m<sup>3</sup>) and the government sector (5,553,000 m<sup>3</sup>) increased by 2.4 percent, 1.8 percent and 1.5 percent respectively year-on-year. The Waste Water Treatment Plants treated an average of 229,521 m<sup>3</sup> of waste water per day, up by 18.9 percent year-on-year.

## 66 days with acid rain were recorded

A total of 239,993 tons of domestic waste and 137,949 tons of waste from the business sector was collected in 2016, up by 5 percent and 10.8 percent respectively. The Refuse Incineration Plant treated a total of 503,867 tons of municipal solid waste, up by 1.7 percent year-on-year. Volume of construction waste sent to landfill totaled 3,269 tons, down substantially by 32.4 percent.

## 209k fake products seized from both SARS

In 2016, the Guangdong Sub-Administration of China Customs seized 209,000 products from Macau and Hong Kong that were involved in infringement of intellectual property rights. According to the Guangdong customs authority, the goods are worth more than HKD13 million. The majority of the products which violated trademarks mainly consist of clothes, shoes and leather products. Last year, Guangdong jointly organized four customs operations with Hong Kong, and three with Macau. The Guangdong department also filed more than 25,000 cases regarding fake products and infringement in the entire year of 2016.

## Macau ranks 17th place in beach volleyball games

A local women's volleyball team, comprised of Lei Sin Kuan and Tam Kin Teng, clinched their first win in the 2017 Asian Senior Beach Volleyball Championship. The duo of players defeated Singapore in two sets by 21:12 and 21:19, finishing their journey in the competition. In total, the two female athletes played three games, having lost two and winning one. A total of 29 teams competed for honors during the event, which took place in Thailand.

## Guangdong's troubled bike-sharing schemes

A report released by the Guangdong Consumer Council on the province's bike-sharing schemes shared that 64 percent of bike users' unruly behavior are associated with random parking. The report informs that, in Guangzhou, some bike-sharing operators, to gain an advantage over their competition, have broken other companies' bicycles. Other cases are related to individual criminals who steal bicycle components, or attach fake QR codes and advertisements on the bicycles to trick users.

# French May marks 25th anniversary showcasing unique artworks

Lynzy Valles

**T**o celebrate its 25th anniversary, Le French May Arts Festival is slated to bring its "richest in content" event to Hong Kong and Macau from May 1 to June 30.

Under the theme "Celebrating art and life the French Way!", this year's edition will showcase national masterpieces from the royal collections of sculptures and antiques to works by renowned masters of French painting.

Although the 25th anniversary will not feature as many programs compared to previous editions, CEO of Le French May Arts Festival Julien-Loïc Garin is confident that the silver jubilee celebration is greater in terms of the importance and uniqueness of the offerings.

"There are big programs that are coming because of our anniversary," he told the Times, speaking on the sidelines of the festival's announcement and cham-



Julien-Loïc Garin

pagne testing.

"[As for] what is new, I would say that we developed more general public events focused on lifestyle, not just arts," Garin continued.

Le French May has selected different genres of shows for this event, including classical music, ballet, jazz and hip-hop.

The program includes the festival's opening concert – "The Birth of the Sun King," a lost masterpiece written for the King Louis XIV re-imagined with new media. The concert is the debut performance of Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France in Hong

Kong, and will be held on May 6 at the Hong Kong Cultural Center.

Prior to the concert's Asian premiere in Hong Kong, the ensemble is slated to hold an open rehearsal and chamber music concerts in Macau on May 4 and 5.

The festival collaborated with the University of Macau and Clube Militar de Macau to hold the aforementioned events.

"In Macau there will be an opening rehearsal; almost the official one but not yet. [...] So there's much more in terms of the performances. It will be much more intimate in

format at the Clube Militar," Garin explained.

When questioned whether the festival has further collaborated with local associations, Garin admitted that no "proper collaborations" were made due to time constraints.

"Because of the time constraints, we don't really have a proper collaboration but at least the visiting artists will be able to hold master classes and workshops to enhance the knowledge and the appreciation of western arts in local students," the CEO replied.

The festival will also be held at MGM Macau. The resort will present "Très'Ors," an exhibition especially tailored for the festival.

French Curator Anne Camilli, founder of Le Musée à la Carte, created the exhibition with the mission to help the public in Hong Kong and Macau discover how the richness of Gold has inspired French artists and craftsmen throughout the course of history.

# Kou Meng Pok announces legislative elections candidacy

Renato Marques

**K**OU Meng Pok, president of Pearl Horizon Condominium Owners United Association and protest leader for the Pearl Horizon buyers, announced yesterday that he would be candidate to a seat at the plenary, during a clarification session on electoral procedures and the electoral law for the Legislative Assembly (AL).

Although the idea had been previously suggested, this is the first time that Kou has publicly announced his candidacy.

"I can say that I'll be a candidate and that I also have my team," said Kou during the Question and Answer (Q&A) session.

Kou took the opportunity to question the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election's (CAEAL) members if it is "according to the law" to target his campaign towards the Pearl Horizon buyers.

"If so, I can guarantee a few thousands votes for sure," he added.

It is expected that the Pearl Horizon case will be the main - if not the only - topic of Kou's political program, which is not yet unveiled.



Kou Meng Pok

In response, Commissioner Against Corruption's André Cheong said, "to defend the inte-

**I can say that I'll be a candidate and that I also have my team here.**

KOU MENG POK

rests of 'this or that' has ultimately to do with the political program of each candidate, but has to follow a lawful practice," adding that "to make campaign promises with things that breach the electoral law constitutes an electoral corruption crime and will be punished."

Cheong also discussed the exact definition of "electoral corruption", and concluded by saying, "we must be cautious not to cross this 'thin line' [that separates what is and what is not considered electoral corruption]."

# Easter saw a 5.6pct increase in number of tourists

**A**ccording to the figures provided by the Public Security Police Force (PSP), Macau registered a total of 427,254 tourist arrivals during the four-day Easter holidays on April 14 to 17, marking an increase of 5.6 percent compared with the last Easter holidays in 2016.

Total visitor arrivals from the Greater China markets increased by 5.1 percent to a record of 384,000.

The percentage of growth was recorded as 6.5 percent and 4.1 percent for the Mainland and Hong Kong markets, whereas Taiwanese visitor arrivals in Macau dropped by 10.3 percent.

For visitor arrivals from the other markets, a double-digit growth of 10.9 percent was recorded.

PSP released data which shows that 2.151 million crossings were registered during the four-day holiday at Macau's seven immigration checkpoints.

As usual, the most used checkpoint was the Border Gate, with 773,098 arrivals and 785,548 departures. The Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal recorded 134,013 arrivals and 120,425 departures.

Yesterday, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, director of the Macao Government Tourism Office, said that the main tourist source during the last Easter Holiday was Hong Kong, although a more detailed analysis will only be completed later. She also expressed high expectations for the Labor Day holiday.

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## HUMAN RESOURCES

# 10 MGM IT engineers sent to Hollywood for training

JULIE ZHU



Kay Kuok (left) and Scott Wessel

**Julie Zhu**

IN preparation for the opening of MGM Cotai, MGM recently sent a group of 10 local team members from its Digital and Technology department to Hollywood, California, for an intensive two-week training program. The team was selected based on their dedication, skills and leadership potential.

The program was an opportunity for the MGM team to learn from leading experts in the field of entertainment and to familiarize themselves with the state-of-the-art entertainment technology that they will operate at MGM Cotai.

"Investing in the development of local talent will not only help realize their full potential, but also greatly contributes to providing creative and diversified entertainment experiences for our guests, which ultimately helps to strengthen Macau's position as a world leisure and tourism center," Grant Bowie, CEO and Executive Director of MGM China said in yesterday's press release.

Bowie added that MGM will have a team of 11,000 team members on board when the Cotai property opens later this year.

MGM Digital and Technology Solutions senior vice president Scott Wessel and Resort Technology manager Kay Kuok shared their stories of this unique training program with the Times.

**Macau Daily Times (MDT) - What were the skills and technologies the team learnt about in Hollywood?**

**Scott Wessel (SW)** - One of the most important things about this training is we took a select group of individuals that were already on our teams here in Macau, local resources. One of the biggest things about this is how new this technology is. The technology that we are putting in Cotai is unparalleled in the market place.

So, one of the most important things is to learn in an environment that allows you to experience certain things and experience the training from leading industry organizations.

For example, the team was introduced to technology and people who are working on events such as the Super Bowl and the Academy Awards in America.

It's very important for them to experience that and develop a solid foundation. The system is very complex, so they are not going to learn every single element of this technology in a two-week training [session]. But what it gives them is a solid insight, and [also] the foundation to allow them to develop their skills as we move forward.

**MDT - Which of these new technologies will be applied to MGM Cotai?**

**SW** - Number-wise, there are probably close to 25 different [types of resort entertainment] technologies that no one has ever run here. We are building an infrastructure that had to be fabricated in Hollywood, in California, in the USA, because [the required] skill set [could not be found] anywhere in Asia. Macau actually built that [skill set]. And the tremendous amount

of this infrastructure has brought us quality which does not really exist in Macau today. We are building something that is extremely robust for the Macau market.

We have a couple of entertain-

ment spaces. We have a theater that is unparalleled – it actually has never been done in Asia, and it has not been done in the United States either.

It's a transformable theater, that can be configured for different seating arrangements and is able to perform different functions.

At the same time, it [provides an unprecedented] visual experience that no one has ever done using LED technology.

We also have a space called "the Spectacle" which is going to be a truly amazing space, you will see [further details revealed] over time – but in the Spectacle, we have well-over 1,000 square meters, various sizes and shapes utilizing LED technology.

In both the theater and in the Spectacle, the [...] elements, sound, and lighting [are fully customizable], and all [of it] will be controlled together to create the experience.

**MDT - How much did MGM invest for the Cotai project in terms of technology?**

**SW** - While we are not ready to release that number, we spent three billion dollars on the property overall – a good of [proportion] of that is the technology. This technology is not cheap.

[This is partly because] as technology changes, we need to continue to enhance that offering.

**MDT - How did the training program help with your work performance, Mr Kuok?**

**Kay Kuok** - Before we [arrived] there, we did not know what we would have to do. After our two-week program, despite not delving too deep into the details, we got to know how to plan the Spectacle. Personally, I feel [the training] was a good experience.

There [were] many challenges for me. I focused too much on a specific field previously, and now I have [been exposed to] so many different new sciences and technologies, and I will need to grow accustomed to them gradually.



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# Beer store event features musicians, artists

**A**LONG one of the region's oldest streets is a store that retails hundreds of craft beer brands and flavors from across the globe, aiming to offer locals and tourists another option when purchasing alcohol.

Beer Temple, located along the streets of Rua Nossa de Senhora Ampario, just kicked off its first event featuring performances of local artists and a sharing session with an artist from Taiwan.

The store also launched four kinds of "Hong Kong Whistle" craft beers at its premises last night, accompanied by live music and an arcade game.

"The concept that we want to bring to Macau is the different tastes of beer [as it] has a lot of variations and concepts," said Tif Chan, marketing manager of Number 55 Co, a company that leases stores along the area.



"We really appreciate the traditional culture of this place so we want to embed modern ideas to this old place and see what we can bring to the people," Chan added.

The street has undergone revitalization in 2015 in a bid to offer a creative hub for the locals and tourists.

Before the street un-

derwent a revamp, the retail shops only focused on handcrafted items and creative-related items.

Beer Temple also invited Beto Ritchie, a local musician and a member of local band "Turtle Giant."

According to Ritchie, such activities are needed in the region to offer a variety of entertainment to

the residents.

"It's not many times that we have the opportunity to do this and have people come to a place like this that serves beer from all over the world," he remarked.

"I hope there's many more and that it's not just a one-time thing or that it becomes really popular and then dies down again," the singer-musician added.

Meanwhile, organizers are hoping to turn the store into a live music venue, to also provide a platform for local artists to perform.

Duarte Silvério, Planning & Development director of Fomento Predial Kou Fu, a property agent firm that operates some of the art shops in the revamped street, also stressed that the beer store was to bring something different to residents.

"We're not trying to do anything too chic [...] Our biggest aim is to try to organize more events like this one," he shared.

"Let's see how it goes. This area was an area that even though we think there's a lot of potential, it's been dead for a very long time," Silvério concluded. **LV**

## CTM's fiber network service blackout

Local telecom operator CTM experienced a partial blackout yesterday when its fiber network service failed to function for several hours during the evening. CTM issued a press release early today, mentioning that its Network Management Center detected that two major internet access servers were in failure, affecting access to internet from a significant number of residential users. "CTM immediately rerouted the relevant internet traffic and an improvement could be observed. However, a large group of users continued to experience difficulties in accessing the internet," CTM mentioned. "Although the root cause is still under investigation, an unusual surge of traffic was registered immediately prior to the incident. The service continued to improve through the evening and eventually resumed at 23.49."

## Library Week opens on Saturday

The "Macao Library Week 2017" will be inaugurated on April 22, at 10.30 a.m., at the Old Court Building. A number of activities, including a charity sale of archived periodicals, book exchange, bookcrossing, hand puppet shows in English, book accessories workshops such as "Marbling Bookmarks DIY" and "Non-woven Fabric Memo Holder DIY", a German comic book exhibition and game booths will be held during the event. This year's "Macao Library Week" is themed "Reading and Images", aiming to broaden reader's perspectives and explore the interrelationship between images and text, allowing images to provoke imagination in reading. The event will be held from April 22 to 25.

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# Volkswagen plans all-electric car for China next year

Joe McDonald, Shanghai

**VOLKSWAGEN**, Europe's biggest automaker, plans to launch its first pure-electric car in China next year as Beijing steps up pressure on the industry to promote alternatives to gasoline.

The announcement yesterday comes on the eve of the Shanghai auto show, which showcases industry efforts to create electric models with consumer appeal. General Motors Co.'s Buick unit and Ford Motor Co. also have announced new electric vehicles for China this year.

The VW model will be the first in a range of electric vehicles in China, said Jochem Heizmann, head of VW's China unit. It is due to be produced under a new brand name with a local

partner, state-owned Jianghuai Automotive Corp.

"This will be a new cooperation on pure battery cars," said Heizmann. "Our challenging target is to come, already next year in 2018, to the market with the first car."

China has the world's most aggressive electric car goals. Communist leaders are promoting them to clean up smog-choked cities and in hopes of taking the lead in an emerging technology.

Regulators have jolted the industry with a proposal to require electrics to account for at least 8 percent of each brand's production by next year.

At the auto show, the global industry's biggest marketing event of the year, almost every global and Chinese auto brand is showing at least one electric

concept vehicle, if not a market-ready model.

Heizmann said VW, which vies with GM for the title of China's top-selling automaker, expects annual sales of at least 400,000 "new energy vehicles" — the government's term for electric or gasoline-electric hybrids — by 2020 and 1.5 million by 2025.

The plan to create a new brand for the VW-Jianghuai partnership follows an approach taken by Mercedes-Benz and Nissan Motor. Foreign brands are under pressure from Chinese regulators to help local partners create indigenous brands.

Despite government subsidies and other encouragement, electric cars have yet to catch on with China's driving public due to concern about their limited range. Most Chinese

automakers sell plug-in battery models but their range is usually no more than 120 to 150 kilometers — too little to attract most buyers.

Sales of electric and gasoline-electric hybrids fell 4.4 percent from a year earlier to 55,929 vehicles while sales of SUVs rose 21 percent to 2.4 million.

Heizmann said the industry needs to find a way to create electric models that appeal to consumers. He said VW was trying to do that by developing vehicles for different market segments. "You have to achieve cars which are competitive," he said.

To encourage foreign automakers to help develop China's electric vehicle industry, regulators have allowed them to form additional joint ventu-

res with local partners on top of the two that are allowed for traditional gasoline-powered vehicles.

That allowed Volkswagen to create its partnership with Jianghuai alongside ventures with two other state-owned automakers.

## The VW model will be the first in a range of electric vehicles in China

Heizmann said foreign manufacturers also are no longer required to hand over electric technology to Chinese partners. He said VW's venture with Jianghuai involves jointly developing the product.

"We will be fast. We will use their technology. We will put in some of our own technology and experience," he said.

Heizmann said Volkswagen's luxury unit, Audi, is coming to market with a plug-in electric version of its A6 sedan that can go 50 kilometers on one charge.

In its next stage of development, VW plans to produce a version of its Golf for China with a 300 kilometer range, Heizmann said. He said plans then call for vehicles designed from scratch for pure-electric propulsion with a range of 500 kilometers or more.

Beijing also is steadily tightening fuel efficiency and emissions standards, which Heizmann said are on track to become the world's most stringent. He said that will narrow the "cost gap" between electrics and gasoline by requiring more expensive technology for internal combustion while batteries should get cheaper.

At the same time, Heizmann said Volkswagen and its Audi and Skoda brands also are aggressively promoting SUVs. He said the brands plan to roll out a total of 10 new locally produced SUVs over the next two years. **AP**

# China to relax trading of used cars to spur new vehicle demand

**CHINA** will take further steps to relax trading of used cars in an effort to encourage existing owners to sell their old vehicles and buy new ones in the world's biggest auto market.

Sales of used cars are likely to maintain a fast pace of growth, the Minis-

try of Commerce said in a faxed statement last week. The ministry hasn't yet deliberated on whether to resume incentives for residents in rural areas to buy new cars, it said, without elaborating.

The government is counting on a more active used-car market to en-

courage existing owners to sell their vehicles and buy new ones especially in the bigger cities where ownership is restricted due to traffic congestion and air pollution. Sales of pre-owned cars have been picking up in China after the State Council ordered most local governments

to remove restrictions on used-car registrations by May last year.

Growth in new-car sales in China may slow after the government scaled back incentives this year, but deliveries in lower-tier cities and rural areas will expand more quickly than in first- and second-

tier cities, the ministry said.

China halved a 10 percent sales tax on small-engine vehicles in October 2015, helping push deliveries to a 26th straight annual record last year. The levy has been raised to 7.5 percent this year. Auto sales rose 6.3 percent in the first two months of 2017, according to China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

Carmakers and dealers in the world's largest auto market are at odds over the need for gover-

ment measures to boost vehicle deliveries in rural areas after sales climbed in January and February, against expectations they would weaken following the increase of the levy. The government regards the auto industry as a pillar of the Chinese economy and uses stimulus measures to spur its growth, including incentives to encourage residents in rural areas to buy cars that were implemented from March 2009 to December 2010 during the global recession. **Bloomberg**

## BUSINESS GROUP

# China backtracking on market opening

Joe McDonald, Shanghai

**A**N American business group says China's push to develop its own technology and other industries has "narrowed the space" for foreign companies to compete in its market.

In a report released yesterday, the American Chamber of Commerce in China urged Beijing to move faster on market-opening pledges.

The report joins mounting complaints that Beijing is hampering or reducing market access despite its public defense of free trade in response to President Donald Trump's call for import restrictions.

Trump hailed the rapport he developed with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, during a meeting last week in Florida that seemed to ease tensions over China's multibillion-dollar trade surplus with the United States. But neither side has announced policy changes.

The U.S. group cited examples from agriculture to health care to movies where China limits and might be reducing access as it tries to nurture its own competitors in biotech, electric cars and other fields. The chamber complained in March that the regulatory process for approving foreign farm-related biotech products for use in China was slowing.

"The pace of economic reforms and market opening has been slow and faltering, and industrial policies and related measures designed to support domestic industries and national champions have narrowed the space for future participation in China's economy by fo-



Visitors look at a robot capable of writing calligraphy during the World Robot Conference in Beijing

reign companies," the report said.

"With the backdrop of a slowing economy and increasing geopolitical uncertainty, we hope that China will pursue bold reforms to create a more open, market-driven investment environment."

In response, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said that U.S. investment in China has been increasing significantly, including last year. China is committed to further opening up trade, Lu said, and expects other countries to respond in kind.

"We welcome investment to China," he said. "We will continue to provide more investment opportunities for foreign companies and create a more favorable environment. [...] We also hope other countries can be open to Chinese investments."

Xi and other Chinese leaders have promised market forces and private businesses will play

a bigger role in China's state-dominated economy. But their ambitious plans to develop Chinese technology and manufacturing have prompted warnings that foreign companies might be squeezed out of promising fields.

Chinese leaders also say they will increase the ruling Communist Party's control over state-owned companies that dominate banking, telecoms, oil and gas and other major industries.

**The pace of economic reforms and market opening has been slow and faltering.**

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Xi defended free trade in a January speech at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland that was seen as a rebuke to Trump. Still, trading partners note China is the most-closed major economy, while the United States is among the most open to trade and investment.

Progress on carrying out Chinese market-opening pledges is "slow and uneven" and "China even appears to be moving in the opposite direction in some regards," the American chamber said.

It noted progress in some areas such as expanding foreign access to China's bond market but said it saw little action in most industries.

Despite official pledges, more than 60 percent of companies that responded to a survey have "little or no confidence that the government is committed to opening China's markets further in the next three years," the chamber said.

"There is an increasing per-

ception of animosity toward foreign business," it said.

The chamber noted the United States and other countries impose few limits on Chinese companies that are on a global buying spree to acquire technology and companies.

The report appealed to Chinese regulators for changes including the release of more information about court rulings, rejections of license applications, anti-monopoly investigations and customs and tax rules. It also called for an end to "window guidance," in which regulators issue orders to banks and other companies in private contacts without announcing them.

Foreign companies are especially concerned about government initiatives to develop competitors in electric cars, robotics, biotech and other fields.

Only 10 percent of companies in technology-intensive industries that responded to a survey have an "optimistic viewpoint on the regulatory environment," the American chamber said.

Authorities also are making little progress on promises to scale down steel and other industries where supply exceeds demand, leading to a flood of low-cost Chinese exports that are hurting foreign competitors, the group said.

It noted the amount of steel production capacity in use rose last year, while much of the 45 million tons of capacity the government said was closed represented mills that already were idle.

"Unemployment concerns, vested interests and an unclear message from the central leadership have caused these efforts at cutting overcapacity to flounder," the report said. **AP**

**corporate bits****SANDS CHINA HOLDS ACTIVITY FOR MSO**

On Friday, 50 Sands China Care Ambassadors invited 50 members of the Macau Special Olympics (MSO) to a carnival held at Paradise Gardens at Sands Cotai Central. The carnival was held in celebration of Sands Cotai Central's 5th anniversary, which was on April 11.

MSO children and parents were treated to activities such as balloon twisting, caricature sketching, magic shows and face painting.

The carnival, which

took place from April 14 to 16, featured MSO donation boxes, to give the public a chance to donate to the organization. Participation in each carnival activity also required a minimum donation of MOP 10 in support of the Macau Special Olympics.

Sands China further celebrated with the community by giving out a total of 120 complimentary tickets to local medical organizations to see the Monkey King - China Show at the Sands Cotai Theatre.

**YMCA OF MACAU ATTENDS ECM**

The Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) is a coalition of YMCA Movements in 24 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific regions.

APAY convenes the annual Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) in March every year at its headquarters in Hong Kong.

This year's ECM was attended by delegates from 22 Movements in Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau amongst others, according to the association's press release.

Five representatives from YMCA of Macau also attended the meeting.

The meeting addressed regional youth's common issues and strategic planning on Environment and Climate Change, Global Alternative Tourism, Youth Empowerment, Gender Equity Issues and Supporting Youth Development in Disadvantaged Regions.

In accordance with the advocacy for Youth Development Campaigns by APAY, the YMCAs are called to initiate an in-depth discussion, and to form specialized Operating Committees to achieve the future prospects and meet the contextual needs within the YMCAs in global and Asia-Pacific regions.

Erika Kinetz & Anne D'innocenzio,  
Shanghai

## TRUMP'S TRADEMARKS

# Ivanka's biz prospers as politics mixes with business

ON April 6, Ivanka Trump's company won provisional approval from the Chinese government for three new trademarks, giving it monopoly rights to sell Ivanka brand jewelry, bags and spa services in the world's second-largest economy. That night, the first daughter and her husband, Jared Kushner, sat next to the president of China and his wife for a steak and Dover sole dinner at Mar-a-Lago.

The scenario underscores how difficult it is for Trump, who has tried to distance herself from the brand that bears her name, to separate business from politics in her new position at the White House.

As the first daughter crafts a political career from her West Wing office, her brand is flourishing, despite boycotts and several stores limiting her merchandise. U.S. imports, almost all of them from China, shot up an estimated 166 percent last year, while sales hit record levels in 2017. The brand, which Trump still owns, says distribution is growing. It has launched new activewear and affordable jewelry lines and is working to expand its global intellectual property footprint. In addition to winning the approvals from China, Ivanka Trump Marks LLC applied for at least nine new trademarks in the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Canada and the U.S. after the election.

The commercial currents of the Trump White House are unprecedented in modern American politics, ethics lawyers say. They have created an unfamiliar landscape riven with ethical pitfalls, and forced consumers and retailers to wrestle with the unlikely passions now inspired by Ivanka Trump's mid-market collection of ruffled blouses, shifts and wedges.

Using the prestige of government service to build a brand is not illegal. But criminal conflict of interest law prohibits federal officials, like Trump and her husband, from participating in government matters that could impact their own financial interest or that of their spouse. Some argue that the more her business broadens its scope, the more it threatens to encroach on the ability of two trusted advisers to deliver credible counsel to the president on core issues like trade, intellectual property, and the value of the Chinese currency.

"Put the business on hold and stop trying to get trademarks while you're in government," advised Richard Painter, who served as chief White House ethics lawyer under George W. Bush.

To address ethical concerns, Trump has shifted the brand's assets to a family-run trust valued at more than USD50 million and pledged to recuse herself from issues that present conflicts.

"Ivanka will not weigh in on

business strategy, marketing issues, or the commercial terms of agreements," her attorney, Jamie Gorelick, said in a statement. "She has retained authority to direct the trustees to terminate agreements that she determines create a conflict of interest or the appearance of one."

In a recent interview with CBS News, Trump argued that her business would be doing even better if she hadn't moved to Washington and placed restrictions on her team to ensure that "any growth is done with extreme caution."

China, however, remains a nagging concern. "Ivanka has so many China ties and conflicts, yet she and Jared appear deeply involved in China contacts and policy. I would never have allowed it," said Norman Eisen, who served as chief White House ethics lawyer under Barack Obama. "For their own sake, and the country's, Ivanka and Jared should consider stepping away from China matters."

Instead, the first daughter and her husband have emerged as prominent interlocutors with China, where they have both had significant business ties. Last year, Kushner pursued hundreds of millions of dollars in real estate investments from Anbang Insurance Group, a financial conglomerate with close ties to the Chinese state. After media reports about the deal, talks were called off.

## Ivanka Trump's company won valuable China trademarks the day she dined with Chinese President Xi Jinping

Publicly, Ivanka has taken a gracious, charming approach toward Beijing. During the Mar-a-Lago meetings, her daughter, 5-year-old Arabella stood in a gilded room and sang a traditional Chinese song, in Mandarin, for China's president, Xi Jinping. The video, which was lavishly praised by Chinese state media, played over 2.2 million times on China's popular news portal qq.com.

The week of the summit, 3.4 tons of Ivanka Trump handbags, wallets and blouses arrived in the



Ivanka Trump, second from right, is seated with her husband Jared Kushner, right, during a dinner with presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping

U.S. from Hong Kong and Shanghai. U.S. imports of her merchandise grew an estimated 40 percent in the first quarter of this year, according to Panjiva Inc., which maintains and analyzes global shipping records.

Painter, the former Bush administration lawyer, recommended full recusal from issues related to trade with China. That is likely to be difficult because trade is so deeply embedded in the US-China relationship and has been linked with other matters, like North Korea.

"The danger is that with any discussion with the Chinese, one party or the other may try to bring up trade," he said. "That's a slippery slope that may require her or Jared to step out of the room."

Gorelick, Ivanka Trump's attorney, said that Ivanka and her husband would steer clear of specific areas that could impact her business, or be seen as conflicts of interest, but are under no legal obligation to step back from huge swaths of policy, like trade with China.

Under the rules, Trump would recuse herself from conversations about duties on clothing imported from China, Gorelick said, but not broad foreign policy.

"In between, you have to assess it case-by-case," she said.

Trademarks can be signs of corporate ambition, though many countries — such as China, where trademark squatting is rampant — also allow for defensive filings to prevent copycats from using a brand.

Trademarks pose ethical, and possibly legal, implications for government employees because they are granted by foreign states

and confer the monopoly right to sell branded product in a particular country — an entitlement that can be enormously valuable. Intellectual property lawyers say trademarks are also a crucial prerequisite for cutting licensing deals, which form the basis of both Ivanka and Donald Trump's global business strategy.

Today, Ivanka Trump Marks LLC has 16 registered trademarks in China and 32 pending applications, along with a total of four marks granted preliminary approval since the inauguration, according to China's Trademark Office. Altogether, they cover a wide range of goods and services, including cosmetics, jewelry, leather handbags, luggage, clothes, shoes, retail, spa and beauty services. There is no sign the recent approvals were particularly swift. China's Trademark Office did not respond to a request for comment.

Globally, the company has more than 180 pending and registered trademarks in countries including Canada, India, Japan, Israel, Mexico, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, as well as the U.S. and Europe, public records show. In December, the company applied for five trademarks, covering handbags and wallets in Puerto Rico, and lingerie and other clothes in the U.S. After the inauguration, the company filed four more applications, for branded clothing and shoes in the Philippines, and perfume and other items in Canada.

Trump did not sign off on the new trademark applications, her brand said in a statement, adding that they are "not necessarily an indication that the brand is planning to launch a category

or a store in a specific territory."

Whatever the future plans, right now sales are growing — helped, some argue, by the glow of Ivanka Trump's political rise.

The G-III Apparel Group Ltd., which makes Ivanka Trump clothes, said net sales for the collection increased by \$17.9 million during the year that ended Jan. 31.

The brand itself claims revenues rose 21 percent last year, with early February seeing some of the "best performance ever," according to a statement by Abigail Klem, president of the Ivanka Trump brand. Because it is privately held, the brand does not have to declare its earnings or where revenues come from. The actual corporate structure of Trump's retail business remains opaque. Kushner's financial disclosure form lists two dozen corporate entities that appear directly related to his wife's brand. Trump herself has yet to file a disclosure.

Data from Lyst, a massive fashion e-commerce platform, indicates some of this growth coincided with specific political events.

The number of Ivanka Trump items sold through Lyst was 46 percent higher the month her father was elected president than in November 2015. Sales spiked 771 percent in February over the same month last year, after White House counselor Kellyanne Conway exhorted Fox viewers to "Go buy Ivanka's stuff." Conway was later reprimanded. The bounce appears somewhat sustained. March sales on Lyst were up 262 percent over the same period last year.

"You can't separate Ivanka from her role in life and from her business," said Allen Adamson, founder of BrandSimpleConsulting. "Her celebrity status is now not only being fueled by her wealth and her family connection, but by her huge role in the White House. All that buzz is hardwired to her products." That, he added, is a competitive advantage other brands just can't match — though it does come with risk.

Things could easily cut the other way for the first daughter. Ashley King, 28 of Calabasas, California, bought Ivanka Trump black flats and a cardigan several years ago. But King, who voted for Hillary Clinton, said she believes Trump's role in the White House represents a conflict of interest.

"This is bothering me more and more," she said. As for the Ivanka Trump items in her closet, she said, "I will be donating them." AP

# Appealing for calm, China says US wants talks on North Korea

Gerry Shih, Beijing

**C**HINESE Foreign Minister Wang Yi made a new appeal for calm on the Korean Peninsula yesterday and said he believes the United States would prefer a diplomatic resolution to the standoff.

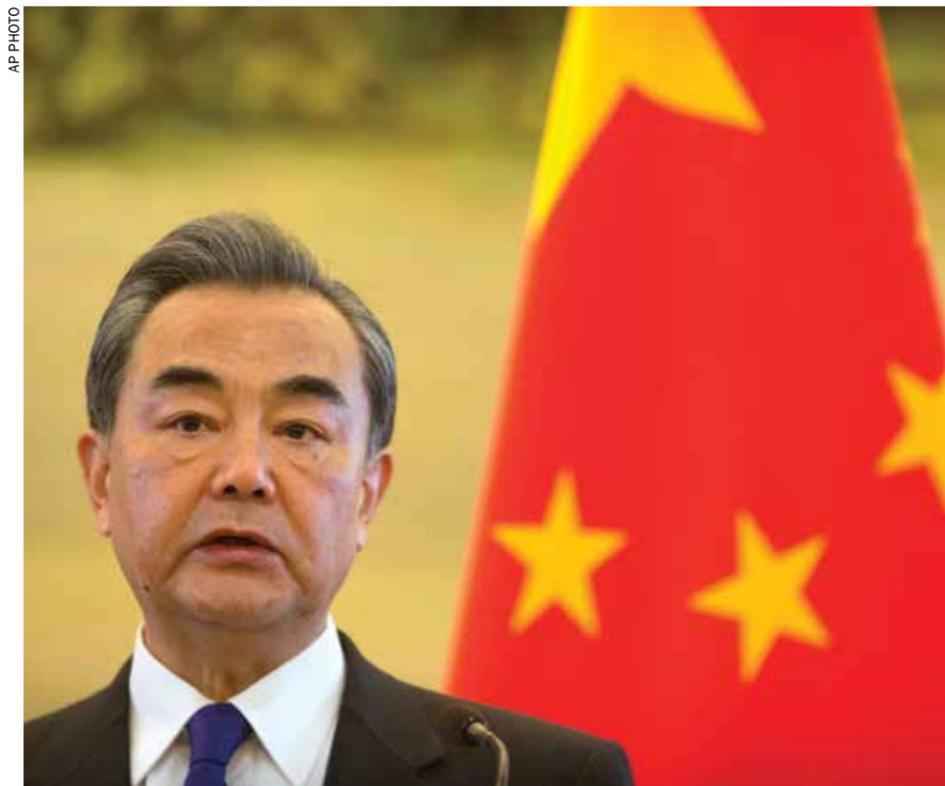
Wang told reporters that although U.S. officials have made clear that a military strike remains on the table, he believes that Washington would still prefer to de-escalate tensions through multi-sided talks.

Wang's comments came amid a mounting war of words between Washington and Pyongyang. After U.S. Vice President Mike Pence visited the demilitarized zone in South Korea and warned that "all options are on the table," a senior North Korean official responded by accusing the United States of bringing the countries to the brink of thermonuclear war.

"We know the situation is tense," Wang said. "The more tense things are, the more calm we need to be to find the opportunities and possibilities for dialogue."

China has called for a return to multi-sided talks that ended in a stalemate in 2009, during the rule of North Korea's previous leader, Kim Jong Il.

Since entering office, President Donald Trump, like his predecessor, Barack Obama, has pressed China to use its political and econo-



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi

mic leverage over North Korea, its once-close ally.

China has recently shown "tangible indications" that it is cooperating with the U.S. to turn up the pressure on Pyongyang, a senior State Department official said this week.

Australia's prime minister also urged China to do more, saying Beijing has the "greatest obligation and responsibility" to de-escalate the threat from North Korea.

"The Chinese often express frustration with North Korea, and disappointment. But the fact is that they have the overwhelming leverage over the North Korea regime," Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull told reporters yesterday in

Canberra. "So the eyes of the world are now on Beijing. Beijing has to step up and bring this reckless threat to the peace and stability of our region to an end."

The recent surge in tensions on the Korean Peninsula finds Beijing on the outs with both North and South Korea, while many critics have yet to be convinced by its insistence that its influence with Pyongyang has been exaggerated.

North Korea has repeatedly ignored China's calls for denuclearization and other steps to calm tensions on the peninsula, and relations between the two are believed to have sunk to their lowest level in years. China remains North Korea's chief source of fuel and food imports, but Pyongyang seems to have calculated that Beijing's fears of a collapse of Kim Jong Un's hard-line communist regime override any such snubs.

In a sign of Beijing's hardening attitude, the Global Times, a state-run tabloid, said in an editorial on Monday that China could enforce "stricter measures" against North Korea, including

a ban on oil exports, or join a U.S.-led effort to block the North's access to international financial markets.

Wang, the foreign minister, declined yesterday to comment on the piece, saying Global Times editorials do not reflect official foreign policy.

Meanwhile, China's once-thriving relationship with South Korea has hit the rocks over Beijing's strenuous objections to Seoul's deploying of an advanced U.S. anti-missile system. Beijing says the system threatens its own security by allowing the U.S. to monitor flights and other activity in northeastern China. Beijing has retaliated against South Korean businesses, while its military has threatened to take unspecified action in response.

China's top negotiator for North Korea's nuclear program, Wu Dawei, held talks on the missile shield and North Korea's recent actions during a visit to Seoul last week. However, North Korea didn't respond to Wu's request to visit Pyongyang, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency. **AP**



## Taiwan gives Chinese asylum seeker temporary housing

Taiwan's immigration department said yesterday that it has provided temporary accommodation to a Chinese dissident who left his tour group intending to apply for political asylum in democratic Taiwan. Zhang Xiangzhong abandoned his fellow travelers on April 13, one day after arriving in Taipei on a package tour. He said he hoped to stay on the self-governing island to promote democracy on the Chinese mainland, which is ruled by the authoritarian Communist Party. The department said in a statement that it found Zhang on Monday night and provided him with temporary accommodation because he did not have any. It said it was investigating the reasons for him leaving his tour group. Taiwan stopped offering political asylum to Chinese citizens to discourage illegal immigration and a string of plane hijackings in the 1990s by mainland citizens wanting to flee to Taiwan.



## Few major Western leaders to attend Chinese summit

Leaders of 28 countries are set to attend a Chinese summit next month showcasing President Xi Jinping's signature foreign policy plan, but few will hail from major Western countries. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said yesterday that Vladimir Putin of Russia, Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey and Spain's Mariano Rajoy are among those slated to appear next month in Beijing for a summit to discuss Xi's "One Belt, One Road" infrastructure investment program to stitch together the Eurasian continent. Wang said leaders from France and Germany will not attend due to their domestic election schedules, not because they snubbed China. China has sought to frame Xi's vision for the China-led development program as an inclusive project rather than a statement of geopolitical ambitions that should concern the West.



## Home prices rise in more cities as buyers beat curbs

China home prices rose in the most cities since October, suggesting buyers are trying to get in ahead of any further restrictions on property purchases. New-home prices, excluding government-subsidized housing, gained last month in 62 of the 70 cities tracked by the government, compared with 56 in February, the National Bureau of Statistics said yesterday. Prices fell in eight cities, the data show. Chinese authorities have pledged to enforce strict curbs in most first- and second-tier cities to prevent a housing bubble, while seeking to clear a glut of unsold homes in smaller urban centers. In a month when at least 64 cities announced new or tougher property-buying restrictions, some of the demand may have come from buyers flocking to the market in fear they'd be ruled ineligible for future purchases. "Buying restrictions may lead to some panic buying," said Yan Yuejin, a Shanghai-based analyst at property data and consulting firm China Real Estate Information Corp.

### BEIJING DEFENDS TRADE AFTER ITS TRUCKS HAUL MISSILES

**CHINA IS** defending its trade practices with North Korea after Chinese-made vehicles were seen carrying ballistic missiles during a military parade despite international sanctions against selling military hardware to Pyongyang. Photos provided by the North Korean govern-

ment showed the submarine-launched missiles loaded aboard trucks bearing the logo of Sinotruk, a Chinese company. A representative of a Sinotruk dealer says about 1,000 of its trucks are exported to North Korea annually under contracts that specify they're for civilian use.

## PHILIPPINES

# At least 26 dead as bus plunges into ravine

Teresa Cerojano, Manila

At least 26 people died yesterday when the bus they were traveling in apparently lost its brakes and plunged into a deep ravine in a northern Philippine mountain town, in one of the country's deadliest road accidents in years, officials said.

The rest of the more than 50 passengers were retrieved by rescuers who struggled with ropes to descend down the 24-meter-deep ravine to reach the wreckage in Nueva Ecija province's Carranglan town, said disaster-response officer Mark Raymond Cano.

Many of the passengers had serious injuries and were taken to hospitals, with parents being separated from their children in the confusion, officials said.

"One child here sat beside her mother. The mother was dead," said Dr. Napoleon Obana of the Veterans Regional Hospital, where some of the injured were taken.

TV footage showed a line of rescuers and villagers, some

holding on to a rope to climb up on a grassy slope with a victim on a stretcher. A throng of villagers waited in a clearing above them to help pull the victim to safety.

Cano said a preliminary investigation showed that the bus "lost its brakes and plunged down the ravine."

The spot along the downhill road beside the ravine is accident-prone. Yesterday's accident was the sixth in the area in recent years, a local village official told DZMM radio.

The impact from the plunge ripped the bus, which could no longer be distinguished at the bottom of the ravine, said Nueva Ecija's police chief, Antonio Yarra. He said investigators could not yet talk to the still-stunned injured survivors to get more details on the accident.

Carranglan police chief Robert de Guzman said the bus from northern Isabela province was on its way to Ilocos Sur, a tobacco- and rice-growing region also in the mountainous northern Philippines, when it crashed shortly before noon in



Volunteers try to rescue an injured passenger after a bus apparently lost its brakes and plunged into a deep ravine killing dozens in Carranglan

Nueva Ecija, about 200 kilometers north of Manila.

Poorly maintained passenger buses, inadequate road safety features and weak enforcement of local transport laws

have been blamed for many vehicular accidents in the Philippines.

In February, a sightseeing bus carrying college students on a camping trip lost its

brakes as it sped down a steep downhill road before smashing into a concrete electrical post in Tanay town in Rizal province east of Manila, killing 15 people. AP

## AUSTRALIA

## PM scraps visa for skilled foreign workers



Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

Australia will scrap a temporary visa for skilled overseas workers, the prime minister said yesterday, arguing that Australians must be given priority over foreigners for local jobs.

The popular 457 visa, which allows foreigners to live and work in Australia for up to four years, will be replaced with a stricter scheme that requires a criminal background check and includes tougher English language requirements,

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said. The list of occupations that qualify for the new visa will be sharply reduced.

"We are an immigration nation, but the fact remains: Australian workers must have priority for Australian jobs," Turnbull said in a Facebook video announcing the change.

The decision by Australia comes one day before President Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order that will

make changes to a visa program that brings high-skilled workers to the U.S. The White House said the current visa program undercuts American workers by bringing in cheaper labor.

Australia's 457 visa was created to address shortages of local workers in certain skilled professions. But critics argued that businesses abused it by paying foreigners lower wages than most Australians would accept.

Turnbull said the new visa scheme would ensure that businesses only bring in foreign workers who are crucial to filling shortages of critical skills.

"It is focused relentlessly on the national interest and in ensuring that temporary migration visas are not a passport for foreigners to take up jobs that could and should be filled by Australians," Turnbull told reporters in the nation's capital, Canberra.

The 95,000 people already in Australia on 457 visas will not be affected by the change.

Members of Australia's far-right political parties, particularly the anti-immigration One Nation party, were fierce critics of the 457 visa, arguing that it was allowing foreign workers to steal jobs from Australians.

One Nation leader Pauline Hanson took to Twitter on Tuesday to claim credit for Turnbull's decision.

"The government will deny their tough talk on immigration and plan to ban 457 visas is because of One Nation but we all know the truth!" Hanson tweeted. AP

## INDIA

## Tycoon Vijay Mallya arrested in UK on fraud charges



British police yesterday arrested Indian business tycoon Vijay Mallya in London on behalf of authorities in India, where he is wanted on charges of money laundering and bank demands that he pay back more than a billion dollars in loans extended to his now-defunct airline.

Mallya was arrested after showing up in a police station, said a statement from the Metropolitan Police in London. At a preliminary hearing, Mallya was granted conditional bail and

released with the case adjourned until May 17.

In New Delhi, the government hailed Mallya's arrest, saying it would not spare anyone who indulged in fraud.

"Mallya will be brought back to India. The government is working toward it. No one will be spared," said Santosh Gangwar, the junior minister for finance.

India's Enforcement Directorate, now investigating the liquor baron's debts totaling 94 billion rupees (USD1.45 billion), asked a New Delhi court last year to demand Mallya's presence during proceedings.

At the time, it said Mallya was not cooperating with investigators, and three times ignored their summons to give evidence.

Mallya was famous for his flashy lifestyle and lavish parties attended by fashion models and Bollywood stars.

## JAPAN

# Pence: US won't rest until North Korea gives up nuclear weapons

**T**HE U.S. will not relent until it achieves its objective of ensuring the Korean Peninsula is free of nuclear weapons, Vice President Mike Pence said yesterday while visiting Japan.

After meetings with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and other leaders, Pence told reporters that President Donald Trump was confident that economic and diplomatic pressure has a chance of compelling North Korea to cooperate.

"It is our belief by bringing together the family of nations with diplomatic and economic pressure we have a chance of achieving a freeze on the Korean Peninsula," Pence said.

"We will not rest and will not relent until we obtain the objective of a denuclearized Korean Peninsula," he said.

The Trump administration has signaled a more forceful U.S. stance toward North Korea's recent missile tests and threats, including a warning from Trump that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has "gotta behave."

So Pence struck a stern tone after arriving at a U.S. naval base from South Korea.

"We appreciate the challenging times in which the people of Japan live with increasing provocations from across the Sea of Japan," he said. "We are with you 100 percent."

On Monday, Pence traveled to the tense Demilitarized Zone dividing North and South Korea, where he warned North Korea's leaders that after years of testing the U.S. and South Korea with its nuclear ambitions, "the era of strategic patience is over."

A senior North Korean official then accused the United States of bringing the countries to the brink of thermo-nuclear war.

Pence, on a 10-day Asia trip that will also take him to Indonesia and Australia, said Trump hopes China will use its leverage to get its longtime ally North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program and ballistic missiles.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi made a fresh appeal for calm.

Wang told reporters that although U.S. officials have made clear that a military strike remains a possibility, he believes that Washington would still prefer to de-escalate tensions through multi-sided talks.

Abe said Japan likewise hopes for peaceful dialogue with Pyongyang, "but at the same time, dialogue for the sake of dialogue is valueless." Pressure on North Korea is crucial, the prime minister said.

After meeting with Abe, Pence held talks with Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso on a new U.S.-Japan "economic dialogue" to be led by the two.

The new forum for trade talks was launched by Trump and Abe during the Japanese leader's visit to the U.S. in February. In part, it is meant to take the place of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the regional trade pact that Trump withdrew from shortly after taking office.

Pence and Aso said they believed the dialogue could yield opportunities to create new jobs on both sides and to fortify the economic aspects of the alliance.

"We would like to seek the best shape and forum for our bilateral relationship," Pence said. "The TPP is a thing of the past for the United States of America."

He said Trump is certain that negotiating trade deals with individual countries was the best way to ensure they yield "win-win" situations for both sides.

The talks did not delve into sector-by-sector issues such as auto exports. With no U.S. trade representative yet in office and other key positions still unfilled, such nitty-gritty discussions will have to come later.

The loss of U.S. participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership was a blow to Japan following strenuous negotiations, especially over opening its long-protected farm sector to more imports, especially of dairy and meat products.

For now, both sides seem eager to downplay potential for conflict, with Aso repeatedly saying that trade friction has been vanquished in a "new era of cooperation."

As Indiana governor, Pence saw firsthand the impact of Japanese automakers Toyota, Honda and Subaru, whose factories employ thousands of people in his home state.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who met with Japan's trade minister, Hirohige Seko, earlier yesterday, said he hopes to soon begin talks on a free trade agreement with Japan. **AP**

AP PHOTO



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, right, and US Vice President Mike Pence shake hands prior to a luncheon hosted by Abe at the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo

## UNITED NATIONS

## North Korea accuses US of creating situation for nuclear war

AP PHOTO



**N**ORTH Korea's deputy U.N. ambassador accused the United States yesterday [Macau time] of turning the Korean Peninsula into "the world's biggest hotspot" and creating "a dangerous situation in which a thermonuclear war may break out at any moment."

Kim In Ryong told a news conference that "if the U.S. dares opt for a military action," North Korea "is ready to react to any mode of war desired by the U.S."

He said the Trump administration's deployment of the Carl Vinson nuclear carrier task group to waters off the Korean Peninsula again "proves the U.S. reckless moves for invading the DPRK have reached a serious phase of its scenario."

Kim stressed that U.S.-South Korean military exercises being staged now are the largest-ever "aggressive war drill" aimed at his country, formally the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

"The prevailing grave situation proves once again that the DPRK was entirely just when it increased in every way its military capabilities for self-defense and pre-emptive attack with a nuclear force as a pivot," he said.

Tensions have escalated over North Korean moves to accelerate its weapons development. The North conducted two nuclear tests and 24 ballistic missile tests last year, defying six Security Council sanctions resolutions banning any testing, and it has launched more missiles this year including a

failed attempt this past weekend.

The North's Foreign Ministry said the missile launches are as part of a normal process of building up the country's defenses and economy. Ministry official Kim Chang Min also said in the interview in Pyongyang that the U.N., the Security Council and big countries ignored South Korean missile launches and Japanese surveillance satellites.

"This is the limit of double standards," Kim of the Foreign Ministry said. "How can we have any dialogue to get any result with anyone who has this kind of approach?"

On Monday, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence traveled to the Demilitarized Zone dividing the Koreas and warned Pyongyang that "the era of strategic patience is over."

After 25 years of trying to deal patiently with North Korea's nuclear and missile ambitions, Pence said, "all options are on the table" to deal with threat.

Deputy U.N. Ambassador Kim said North Korea's policy is shaped by the Trump administration's push for "high-intensity sanctions" against the country, deploying tactical nuclear weapons in South Korea and launching military action aimed at "beheading" the North's leadership headed by Kim Jong Un.

He said rolling back the hostile U.S. policy toward the DPRK "is the precondition to solving all the problems in the Korean Peninsula."

Kim called the news conference to "categorically reject" the U.S. decision to hold an open meeting of the Security Council on April 28 on North Korea's nuclear program which is scheduled to be chaired by U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

He called it "another abuse of authority" by the United States, which holds the Security Council presidency this month, and a violation of the DPRK's sovereignty.

Kim ignored questions about the DPRK's relationship with China and reports that the government didn't respond to requests from Chinese officials for a meeting. **AP**

Jill Lawless, London

UK

# Prime minister May to seek early election on June 8

IN a shock announcement, Prime Minister Theresa May yesterday called for an early general election to be held June 8 to seek a strong mandate as she negotiates Britain's exit from the European Union.

Standing outside 10 Downing Street, May said she would ask the House of Commons today to back her call for an election, just two years after the last vote and three years before the next scheduled date in May 2020.

She said that since Britons voted to leave the EU in June, the country had come together, but politicians had not. She said the political divisions "risk our ability to make a success of Brexit."

At present, May's governing Conservatives have a small majority, with 330 seats in the 650-seat House of Commons. May said that "our opponents believe that because the government's majority is so small, our resolve will weaken and that they can force us to change course" on leaving the EU.

"They are wrong," she said. "They underestimate our determination to get the job done and I am not prepared to let them endanger the se-

curity of millions of working people across the country."

May triggered a two-year countdown to Britain's exit from the EU last month, and negotiations to settle divorce terms and agree on a new relationship are expected to start within weeks.

May said that if there is not an election soon, "the negotiations with the European Union will reach their most difficult stage in the run-up to the next scheduled election."

"Division in Westminster will risk our ability to make a success of Brexit and it will cause damaging uncertainty and instability to the country," she said.

Under Britain's Fixed-Term Parliaments Act, elections are held every five years, but the prime minister can call a snap election if two-thirds of lawmakers vote for it.

The leader of the main opposition Labour Party, Jeremy

Corbyn, said he welcomed May's decision "to give the British people the chance to vote for a government that will put the interests of the majority first."

"We look forward to showing how Labour will stand up for the people of Britain," he said.

May took office in July after predecessor David Cameron stepped down following his failed attempt to get voters to back remaining in the EU. Since then she has repeatedly ruled out calling an early election to get her own mandate. But she said yesterday she had "reluctantly" changed her mind.

Polls give May's Conservatives a double-digit lead on Labour, which is divided under left-wing leader Corbyn.

The pound surged 0.7 percent against the dollar to \$1.2658, recovering from a 0.4 percent drop an hour earlier as rumors swirled about the surprise statement. AP



Shocking May: Britain's Prime Minister called for an early general election, yesterday

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Prior to his current position, Prof. Xie was at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, USA, where he was Chair of the Sport Management, Recreation & Tourism Division. He was School Director of Human Movement, Sport & Leisure Studies. Dr. Xie received his Ph.D. in planning from University of Waterloo, Canada in 2001. Prof. Xie undertakes research, writes and consults in the field of cultural heritage tourism; aboriginal tourism & the morphology of tourism.

Venue Oasis Private Room, 2/F  
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1.45 pm: Presentation by Prof. Philip F. Xie  
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TIME: 9am-9pm (Open on public holidays)

UNTIL: May 21, 2017

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ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

4:35 - WORKS BY LEI CHEOK MEI

TIME: 12pm-7pm (Closed on Tuesdays)

UNTIL: April 26, 2017

VENUE: Intersection of Av. do Coronel Mesquita and Av. do Almirante Lacerda

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MACAO ARTS WINDOW 2017: UNTITLED

TRAVEL - WORKS OF LIN GE

TIME: 10am-7pm (Last admission at 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: May 14, 2017

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TIME: 10am-7pm (Last admission at 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)

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MUSEUM ADMISSION: MOP5 (Free on Sundays and public holidays)

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## Offbeat

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL SHOWING GIRAFFE BIRTH 2ND MOST LIVE-VIEWED



The long-awaited arrival of April the giraffe's baby has made Animal Adventure Park the second most live-viewed channel in YouTube's history.

April's livestream had more than 232 million live views and 7.6 billion minutes of live watch time since February, second only to League of Legends eSports, which has been around since 2012, YouTube said yesterday.

The channel had its biggest day on Saturday, with more than 14 million live views. More than 1.2 million viewers were watching the livestream simultaneously on YouTube when April gave birth Saturday morning, making it one of the Top 5 most-watched moments.

The not-yet-named male baby giraffe was running around with its mother within three hours of birth at the private zoo in Harpursville, a village 210 kilometers northwest of New York City.

Animal Adventure Park owner Jordan Patch said the baby was healthy and April was recovering "perfectly."

April and the baby will be introduced to the public when the park opens for the season next month.

"We're going to see that baby and mom really develop a beautiful bond," Patch said.

The zoo is holding a contest to name the baby, charging USD1 per vote, with proceeds being split among wild giraffe conservation efforts, zoo upgrades and support for families of children experiencing unexpected medical expenses.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
16:00	Documentary Serie
17:00	Revenge S1
17:40	Once Upon A Time Sr.2 (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Interview (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:30	Drama
22:10	Now Generation
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League Highlights
00:40	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:15	RTPi Live

## cinema



## CINETEATRO

13 APR - 19 APR



## THE BOSS BABY

ROOM 1

(2D) 2:15, 4:00, 7:30pm

(3D) 5:45pm

Director: Tom McGrath

Starring: Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, Jimmy Kimmel

Language: Cantonese (English)

Duration: 97min

## SWORD ART ONLINE THE MOVIE: ORDINAL SCALE

ROOM 1

9:30pm

Director: Tomohiko Ito

Starring: Ryan Bartley, Christine Marie Cabanos

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 119min

## FAST &amp; FURIOUS 8

ROOM 2

(2D) 2:15, 4:45, 9:45pm

(3D) 7:15pm

Director: F. Gary Gray

Starring: Vin Diesel, Jason Statham, Dwayne Johnson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 136min

## THE SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE

ROOM 3

2:15, 4:00, 5:45, 7:30pm

Director: Kelly Asbury

Starring: Demi Lovato, Rainn Wilson, Joe Manganiello

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 90min

## A SILENT VOICE: THE MOVIE

ROOM 3

2:15, 7:15pm

Director: Naoko Yamada

Starring: Miyu Irino, Saori Hayami, Aoi Yuki

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 129min

## MACAU TOWER

13 APR - 26 APR



## FAST &amp; FURIOUS 8

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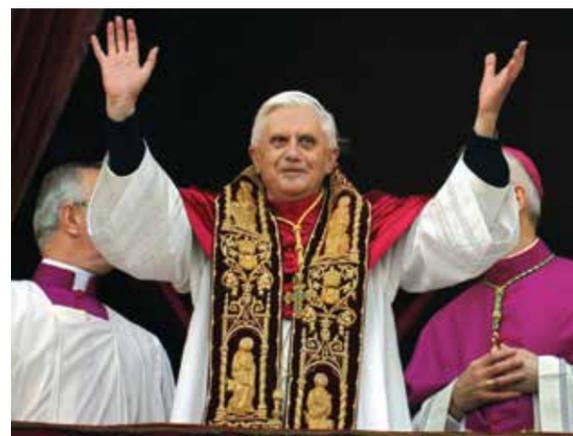
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## this day in history



## 2005 RATZINGER IS ELECTED AS NEW POPE

Taking the name Pope Benedict XVI, the 78-year-old German appeared on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica.

His arrival was greeted by loud cheers from the many thousands of pilgrims who had packed St Peter's Square as news of his election spread across Rome.

He was chosen on the third round of votes by the 115 cardinals meeting to select Pope John Paul II's successor.

The name Benedict comes from the Latin for "blessing" and the last Pope bearing the name, Benedict XV, reigned during World War I.

Giving a short address in Italian to the crowds gathered below the new Pope paid homage to his predecessor, and great friend, Pope John Paul II.

"Dear brothers and sisters after the great Pope, John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple and humble worker in the Lord's vineyard," he said.

"The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers.

"In the joy of the resurrected Lord, we go on with His help. He is going to help us and Mary will be on our side. Thank you," he added.

Clad in white papal vestments and a short red cape, he then delivered the traditional "Urbi et Orbi" [to the City and the World] blessing to the city of Rome and the world.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Pope Benedict XVI would dine with Roman Catholic cardinals later on Tuesday and celebrate a Mass with them in the Sistine Chapel on Wednesday morning at 0900 (0700 GMT).

He will be inaugurated as the 265th pope on Sunday, the Vatican has announced.

The new Pope had been one of the front runners in the papal election, which began on Monday when the 115 voting cardinals were sequestered in the Sistine Chapel for their secret conclave.

Pope Benedict XVI, who is the oldest pope for more than a century, was born in 1927 into a traditional farming family in Bavaria, Germany, although his father was a policeman.

The future pope's studies at seminary were interrupted by World War II and his supporters say that his experiences under the Nazi regime convinced him that the Church had to stand up for truth and freedom.

He is the first German Pope since the 11th Century.

The BBC's Ray Furlong in Berlin says Cardinal Ratzinger's election as Pope will generate amazement and enthusiasm in Germany as well as concern among those who had hoped for a more liberal pontiff.

A close friend and confidante of Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI is also known as a fellow conservative.

For more than 20 years he was head of the congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith in the Vatican - the Vatican's guardian of orthodoxy.

The BBC's William Horsley in Rome says his papacy is sure to continue John Paul II's strongly traditional interpretation of the Catholic faith, including opposition to abortion, homosexuality, priestly marriage and women priests.

Our correspondent says that the homily he made at the Mass before the start of the Conclave in which he denounced all deviations from traditional church teachings as trickery and error, may have been decisive in winning him the title of Pope.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Pope Benedict XVI is the eighth German pontiff and was the clear favourite to fill the role.

He was one of Pope John Paul II's closest friends and, like his predecessor, firmly opposes to birth control, supports the celibacy of the priesthood, and is against the ordination of women.

He has also spoken out against homosexuality and once denounced rock music as "the vehicle of anti-religion".

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 It might do you some good today to step back from your crowd of friends and look at things from an outsider's perspective.

Taurus April 20-May 20 As the leader in a group today, you need to take into account what it is the rest of the group members want.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Not everyone is on the same timetable as you, and you need to be mindful of that fact. Wait for your partners to catch up to where you are.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your mind is as sharp as a razor, and whether the task you choose is as simple as shopping for a birthday present or as complex as revising your household budget, you'll complete it quickly.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 A celebration may be in order, so have some suggestions in your back pocket just in case no one has planned anything yet.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Get as active as possible today - your mood will be greatly improved by accelerating your heartbeat.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Today, clean out your emotional closet. Many feelings, grudges or regrets are in there and they're doing you no good...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Where do you fit into your community? And do you want your role to grow, or shrink? Today these types of questions will be on your mind.

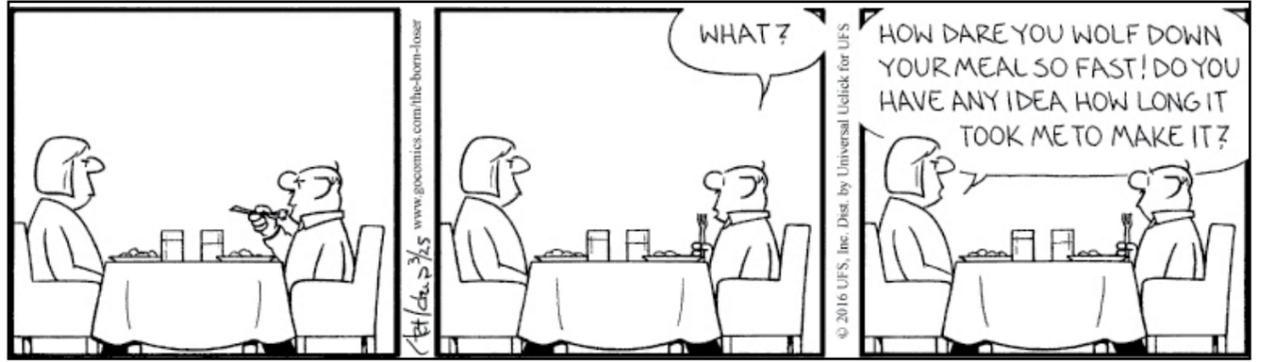
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 From working up the nerve to talk to that amazing person who makes your heart go aflutter to marching into your boss's office and asking for that overdue raise, you'll find the courage you need by picturing the scenario.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Get a load of you! Today you're at level 10 of everything: brains, wit, energy and organization!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Trust your first impressions, no matter how much other people try to convince you to change your mind.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Your gestures of compassion are powerful tools you can use to grow your relationship.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Scarlett's home; 5- Communion table; 10- Toll rds.; 14- Shake (hurry); 15- Painter Uccello; 16- \_\_\_ avis; 17- Pertaining to a regiment; 19- Slaughter of baseball; 20- Potential mate; 21- Petroleum industry; 23- I've been framed; 25- I \_\_\_ vacation!; 26- Mall frequenters; 28- Deodorant type; 31- Matador's flourish medium?; 34- \_\_\_ chance!; 36- \_\_\_ say more?; 37- Al Jolson's real first name; 38- Books of maps; 40- Up to, briefly; 41- Dry stalks; 43- Space pioneer Shepard; 44- Words of comprehension; 45- Knapsack; 47- Enraged; 49- Lacks; 51- Withstands; 55- Excess; 58- Young roarer; 59- Rajah's wife; 60- Beneath a mountain; 62- Elvis's middle name; 63- Freeze over; 64- Golf club which can be numbered 1 to 9; 65- Positive principle; 66- Marsh plant; 67- Atlantic mackerel;

Down: 1- Ankle bones; 2- Aboriginal Alaskan; 3- Philbin of TV; 4- Shake; 5- Mild laxative; 6- PC linkup; 7- Dorothy's dog; 8- Actor Delon; 9- Wheel; 10- Foot lever; 11- Long drawers with fancy trimming; 12- McDonald's founder Ray; 13- Cumberbund; 18- Yard tunneler; 22- Lowly workers; 24- Name on a bomber; 27- Play for time; 29- Comics canine; 30- World's longest river; 31- Barrel; 32- Piedmont wine center; 33- Temple on the Acropolis; 35- Light \_\_\_; 38- Covered with water; 39- Wrapper; 42- Subsiding; 44- Stupid; 46- Mystical knowledge; 48- The doctor \_\_\_; 50- Armistice; 52- Entrap; 53- Barbershop quartet member; 54- Pad user; 55- Ask for divine guidance; 56- Dr. Zhivago's love; 57- Asleep; 61- Drinking cup;

Yesterday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

A large crossword puzzle grid with some numbers and letters pre-filled.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Fire department 28 572 222
Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
Macau Daily Times 28 716 081
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“ THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN’ ”

Joseph Wilson, Barcelona

Thursday, 2:45am  
Barcelona v Juventus  
H 1.57, D 4.85, A 6.5

FOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PREVIEW

# Barcelona needs second miracle vs. Juventus

**B**ARCELONA has already pulled off a seemingly impossible comeback to stay alive in the Champions League.

Now it must do it all over again.

Barcelona hosts Juventus today [Thursday, 2:45am], needing to overturn a 3-0 defeat from the first leg to advance to the semifinals of Europe's top-tier tournament. If Juventus scores first, Barcelona will find itself needing five goals.

Lionel Messi and teammates have one big straw to clutch: their remarkable 6-1 victory over Paris Saint-Germain in the last round to become the only team to ever overturn a 4-0 first-leg loss in the history of the competition. That rout included three goals after 87 minutes were up.

Barcelona manager Luis Enrique is trying once more to rally his players to the challenge, and let Juventus know that his team will be in all-out attack mode.

"We will fight until the end. I am sure that at some point we will be close to pulling it off," said Luis Enrique. He added, perhaps only half jokingly, "we will risk it all, even up to fielding eight forwards."

"We have nothing to lose after all."

Barcelona, however, has given few signs that it can put on another great performance. Since roaring back against PSG, it has lost three times in seven matches and struggled to beat Real Sociedad 3-2 at home on Saturday.

And former champion Juventus may prove a much tou-

gher side to break down than PSG at Camp Nou.

Juventus could be without forward Paulo Dybala, who scored two goals against Barcelona in the first leg.

The Argentina international limped off early in the second half of Juve's 2-0 win at Pescara with an ankle injury.

"He's taken a knock and twisted it a little but there's still four days, we have to be optimistic," Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri said.

Allegri promised Juventus wouldn't fall into the same trap of sitting back against Barcelona on Wednesday — an approach that doomed PSG.

"Our aim is not to score just one goal, but to get at least two," Allegri said.

Barcelona will get Sergio Busquets back after he was suspended from the first leg.

Thursday, 2:45am  
Monaco v Dortmund  
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Dortmund will still be shaken from the attack on its team bus that forced the first leg of the quarterfinal against Monaco to be postponed for a day when it aims to overhaul its 3-2 defeat today.

This weekend's return of Marco Reus after six weeks out with a torn ligament provides a boost. The midfielder scored after just two minutes to help beat Eintracht Frank-



furt on Saturday. Players dedicated the 3-1 win to Marc Bartra, who was wounded in the three explosions that hit the bus last week.

"It still won't be easy in the next games. You can't just forget the events of this week,"

Dortmund defender Sokratis Papastathopoulos said.

Monaco has already played 53 games in all competitions this season and fatigue is starting to take its toll on the French league leaders.

The good news for Monaco

is that Radamel Falcao looks like his old self again. The Colombia striker has scored 18 goals in 24 league games, the best tally for a Monaco player in the top flight since Shabani Nonda scored 26 in 2002-03.

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BASEBALL

## Suzuki returns to Seattle as member of 3,000-hit club



Fans cheer as Miami Marlins left fielder Ichiro Suzuki throws after fielding an RBI double hit by Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano in the fourth inning of a baseball game

**I**CHIRO Suzuki received a rousing ovation yesterday [Macau time] for his first at-bat in Safeco Field as a member of the 3,000-hit club.

The Japanese star spent his first 11 1/2 American seasons with Seattle, getting 2,533 hits before heading to the New York Yankees and Miami Marlins.

He batted ninth for Miami in his first appearance at Safeco since June 12, 2014, when he was with the Yankees.

"He deserves everything he gets," Marlins manager Don Mattingly said. "He's been a great player.

He's been a great player for a long time. And obviously he started his career in the States here. It was nice to see that."

With the Mariners leading 3-0, Suzuki grounded out to second to end the third inning. Suzuki grounded out three times as his average dipped to .067 with one hit in 15 at-bats. The Marlins lost 6-1.

The 43-year-old got his 3,000th career hit last season, and the Mariners had a pregame video tribute for him on the scoreboard, followed by an introduction at home plate with several former Sea-

ttle teammates and current players. Suzuki also had 1,278 hits in nine seasons in Japan.

"You know it's been three years since I've been back," Suzuki said through a translator. "To get that warm reception that I did get, and with the ceremony and with having the guys come out, Edgar (Martinez) and Felix (Hernandez) and (Kyle) Seager and (Hisashi) Iwakuma come out, just grateful. Grateful to them and grateful to the fans. ... it's been so long.

"I could have been forgotten but for them to

do that for me I was very thankful," he said. "It kind of reaffirms that this is a special place."

Suzuki, who played mostly right field during his time in Seattle, started in left and made a nice running catch on Taylor Motter's drive into the corner in the eighth inning.

"Even when I was with the Yankees, I never played left field here at Safeco," he said. "So this was the first view I got from that angle. That definitely kind of felt weird, kind of was a little different. It was a different experience." AP

opinion

Our Desk

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THE MACAU DISCRIMINATION CHAIN

The non-Portuguese look down on the Portuguese, the Portuguese look down on the Macau residents, the Macau residents look down on the Mainland Chinese, and the Mainland Free Scheme Chinese look down on the package tours.

Those who wear luxury brands look down on the ones who wear high street fashion, and these, in turn, look down on those who wear Hong Kong-designed brands, who then look down on those wearing Mainland brands.

Whoever watches US TV programs look down on whoever watches Japanese TV programs, with the latter looking down on whoever watches Korean TV programs, who look down on those watching Hong Kong TV programs, who, finally, look down on those watching Mainland dramas.

Those who believe in BBC and CNN look down on those who believe in Portuguese newspapers. Those who believe in Portuguese news look down on those reading the Hong Kong press, with these looking down on the ones who believe in Macau Concealers. However, those who believe in Macau Concealers, as well as in local English and Portuguese news, look down on those reading the Macao Daily News.

Those eating beef look down on those eating pork; those eating pork, in addition to those who eat what they consider 'normal food' look down on the ones eating chicken feet.

Those speaking French look down on those speaking English, those speaking English look down on those speaking Portuguese, those speaking Portuguese look down on those speaking Cantonese, and everyone looks down on those speaking Mandarin.

If one uses an iPhone, he or she will look down on someone using Samsung, but those using Samsung will look down on those using Huawei or any other Chinese mobile phone brand. Nevertheless, those using Chinese brands will look down on those using Chinese brands which copied other Chinese brands.

Those having their children studying in international schools look down on those whose children study in Lusophone schools, and those whose children study in Lusophone schools look down on those children studying in Chinese schools.

The salesmen look down on their customers, and the customers look down on the salesmen.

Besides this discrimination chain, there is also a brand of class hierarchy in the city.

The Europeans deem themselves better people than the Americans, the Americans deem themselves better than everyone else. The westerners deem themselves better than all the Chinese, and the Macau Chinese deem themselves better than the mainland Chinese, while the mainland Chinese look down on the Filipinos, the Vietnamese, the Indians, the Thais... and the Westerners who achieved a state of uprightness among the world's citizens help those at the bottom of the discrimination chain, namely the Filipinos, the Vietnamese, and the Thais who, in turn, blame the Macau locals for discriminating others.

This is not a completely original opinion, as I happened to have read an article depicting the discrimination chain in Mainland China, which, according to my beliefs, was perfectly accurate.

Not only Macau has its own discrimination chain, but it also has a blaming chain.

Locals blame the Mainland Chinese for breaking the rules when they, for example, cross the streets when the traffic lights are red, and the Mainland Chinese who live in Macau blame locals and foreigners (westerners) for playing a major role in breaking such rules.

Hence, it is hilarious to expect the world to achieve peace or to claim that we want Mainland, Asia, Africa, and all other under-developed regions to become great, when we cannot even achieve inner peace within our own community.

THE BUZZ SPAIN: POLICE BREAK UP INTERNATIONAL CHILD PORN CHAT NETWORK

Spanish officials say police have arrested 39 people in an international operation against a major network that distributed child pornography material via the popular online chat application WhatsApp.

A police statement said the network operated some 100 chat groups with 135 identified users in 18 countries in Europe, Central and South America. The statement said 17 people were arrested in

Spain, with other detentions made in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Portugal.

The operation was carried out in coordination with Interpol and Europol. Spanish police said files retrieved contained abusive and brutal treatment of children up to 8 years of age.

Suspect in Facebook video killing shoots himself to death



This frame from a video posted on Facebook shows Robert Godwin Sr. in Cleveland moments before being fatally shot



This undated photo provided by the Cleveland Police shows suspect Steve Stephens

Mark Gillispie, Cleveland

THE man who randomly killed a Cleveland retiree and posted video of the crime on Facebook shot himself to death late yesterday [Macau time] in Pennsylvania, police said.

Pennsylvania State Police said Steve Stephens was spotted earlier in Erie County, in the state's northwest corner. Authorities say officers tried to pull Stephens over and, after a brief pursuit, he shot and killed himself.

He was wanted on an aggravated murder charge in the shooting death of a 74-year-old man who was picking up aluminum cans on Sunday after spending Easter with his family.

Stephens posted a video of himself killing Robert Godwin Sr., a former foundry worker who had 10 children, police said. In it, he said, "I snapped, I just snapped."

Stephens, 37, shared a recording on Sunday of himself announcing his plan to kill someone, then two minutes later posted another video of himself shooting and killing Godwin, Facebook said. A few minutes after that, he went live and confessed, the company said.

The company said it disabled Stephen's account within 23 minutes of receiving the first report about the video of the

fatal shooting and two hours after receiving any report.

Facebook has since announced it was launching a review for reporting harmful content.

Police would not speculate on what was behind the killing, but videos Stephens posted showed him talking about losing everything he had to gambling and trouble with his girlfriend.

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Stephens filed for bankruptcy two years ago despite holding down a job as a counselor helping young people develop job skills and find employment. The behavioral health agency where he worked said an extensive background check before he was hired turned up nothing worrisome.

In one video posted on Facebook, Stephens said

that he gambled away everything and that he and his girlfriend had planned to marry but did not, without saying why.

In the video of the shooting, Stephens told Godwin the name of his girlfriend and said, "She's the reason that this is about to happen to you." Godwin did not seem to recognize the name.

The woman Stephens spoke of, Joy Lane, said in a text message to CBS that "we had been in a relationship for several years. I am sorry that all of this has happened."

Investigators said that Godwin was the only victim so far linked to Stephens, despite his claim on Facebook that he killed over a dozen people.

Officers searched dozens of places around Cleveland without finding Stephens or any other victims before expanding the manhunt. Detectives spoke with the suspect on Sunday by cellphone and tried to persuade him to surrender, police said.

Within a day, authorities expanded the search nationwide and offered a USD50,000 reward for information leading to his capture and prosecution.

Law enforcement officials said on Monday that his cellphone was last tracked Sunday afternoon in Erie, Pennsylvania, about 100 miles east of Cleveland. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	30-50 Good	
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Moderate	
Ambient	50-70 Moderate	

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



**AUSTRALIA** Australia will scrap a temporary visa for skilled overseas workers, the prime minister said, arguing that Australians must be given priority over foreigners for local jobs. More on p12

**VIETNAM** Villagers in a suburban district Hanoi freed 15 riot police who were held over a land dispute.

**US-TURKEY** Ignoring concerns raised by international monitoring groups, President Donald Trump called Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to congratulate him on the country's contested referendum greatly expanding presidential powers.



**FRANCE** Police thwarted an imminent "terror attack," arresting two suspected radicals in Marseille, the interior minister said just days before the first round of France's presidential election. The two men "intended to commit an attack on French soil in the very short term, which is to say in coming days," Interior Minister Matthias Fekl said at a brief news conference. France votes Sunday in the first round of its two-stage election.

**MALI** An army spokesman says armed men have attacked an army camp in the country's north, killing at least four soldiers and wounding another. Lt. Col. Diarran Kone yesterday would not give more details about the attack in Gourma-Rharous, about 160 kilometers south of Timbuktu. A local official said the assailants destroyed about six armed vehicles but left after failing to take control of the camp. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to speak to reporters.