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THAILAND's military government has emerged from the year of official mourning for King Bhumibol Adulyadej with a firm grip on power and in no apparent rush to hold elections it has repeatedly delayed during the four years since its coup.

PAKISTAN Police arrested a newly married woman on murder charges after she allegedly poisoned her husband's milk and it inadvertently killed 17 other people in a remote village, a senior police officer said yesterday. Police questioned the woman for two weeks to determine whether it was her decision or her boyfriend had incited the murders.

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Macau designated 'Creative City of Gastronomy' by UNESCO

YESTERDAY morning local time, Macau, alongside seven other cities around the world, was officially designated a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy by the director-general of UNESCO, Irina Bokova.

With this designation, Macau has become the third Chinese city to hold the prestigious position, joining Chengdu and Shunde, who had this title conferred upon them in 2010 and 2014 respectively.

The designation of Macau as a member city of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) will bring new opportunities for the territory, according to a statement released yesterday by the Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture. The statement explained that "gastronomy [is] a driver to preserve Macau's cultural identity, while promoting sustainable development and expanding its international cooperation," and noted that these advantages



would offer a new direction for Macau's development.

This title reflects the global recognition of Macau's 400-plus-year old culinary legacy and the increasing interest among the young generation in gastronomy culture and especially Macanese cuisine. It will also

provide favorable conditions for food traditions to continuously thrive, the office said.

"I am extremely happy that we joined the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the field of Gastronomy," Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam said yesterday. "Ma-

cau will cherish this new title and make good use of it to help transform our city into a world center of tourism and leisure."

"Gastronomy has all along been a distinctive element of our culture [...] and we will devote our utmost efforts to bring our unique elements to contribute to the enrichment of the network," he added.

As for the creativity which this new title will encourage, the Office expects the designation to stimulate stakeholders in gastronomy and agents in other creative sectors to explore how the culinary scene and other cultural aspects can fuse to diversify the economy.

"This will not only broaden the creative capacity in gastronomy but also enable Macau to collaborate with other UCCN members in different creative areas to experiment in synergistic initiatives, such as gastronomy with films, music, design and more," the statement noted.

The member cities that have

started these "crosscutting initiatives" that link gastronomy to the other creative arts can serve as advisors to the younger members. Calling on the experience of the older member cities will foster new opportunities for global cooperation in the cultural and creative industries.

The UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy program is part of its UNESCO Creative Cities Network, covering the seven creative fields of crafts and folk art, design, film, gastronomy, literature, music and media arts.

Launched in 2004, the UCCN was created to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable development with regard to economic, social, cultural and environmental aspects.

In November last year, representatives from 16 Creative Cities of Gastronomy convened in Macau, along with experts and academics in the field, to attend Macau's first edition of the International Gastronomy Forum, Macau. According to Tam's Office, this forum helped put Macau in the sights of the UNESCO committee and aided with its application for yesterday's designation.

ARTS

Autumn Salon to kick off with fewer artists participating

THE Art For All Society (AFA) and the Orient Foundation will hold the opening ceremony of the AFA Autumn Salon 2017 on Saturday evening at Casa Garden.

The annual event has been held each Autumn since its inception in 2010, featuring contemporary artworks created by local Macau artists. This year sees a slight drop in the number of participating artists as well as the number of artworks on display.

It covers the areas of watercolor and oil paintings, photography, sculpture, print-making, ceramics and installation art, and is considered one of Macau's most prestigious

annual exhibitions.

According to organizers, the Autumn Salon provides a platform for local artists, aged between 18 and 35, to showcase their latest work, "with the aim of giving the young generation more opportunities as a starting point in their road to art."

A celebration of Macau's contemporary art scene, this year's Salon features 58 artworks from 30 Macau artists, though this is a decrease from the variety on display in 2016, when 32 artists brought forth a total of 67 artworks.

As in previous years, a competition will be held for the best artworks, and the win-

ner, to be announced at the opening ceremony, will be presented with the Orient Foundation Art Award. The winner is selected by a jury composed of representatives from the Orient Foundation and AFA, as well as a selection of veteran artists from Macau.

The award permits the exhibition winner to visit Portugal for a month-long art exchange program, where they can visit different museums and art institutions and meet with Portuguese artists. It represents a total prize of MOP50,000, according to AFA, which includes the costs of airfare and accommodation.

In past editions of the Autumn Salon, the winners were Lai Sio Kit (2012), Eric Fok (2013), Lai Sut Wing (2014) and Yung Lai Jing (2015) and Sylviye Lei (2016).

According to the regulations of the AFA Autumn Salon 2017, exhibiting works must have been created either this year or last year. All artworks must be for sale and AFA will take 40 percent commission on any artwork sold at the event.

The exhibition will last until November 30, 2017 at Casa Garden, the local headquarters of the Orient Foundation, and entry is free of charge.

TRANSPORTATION

Number of licensed vehicles drops

REGISTRATION of motor vehicles in the first three quarters of this year went up by 17.4 percent year-on-year to 11,828, according to data released yesterday by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). The bureau attributes the surge to the increase in the registration of "heavy motorcycles."

Despite the increase in new registration of vehicles, at the end of September 2017, the total number of licensed motor vehicles dropped by 3 percent year-on-year to 241,411.

The number of traffic accidents in the first three quarters of 2017 rose slightly by 0.8 percent year-on-year to 11,087 cases, resulting in 3,547 injured persons and six deaths.

DSEC also indicated that cross-border vehicle traffic decreased by 6.8 percent year-on-year to 3,585,103 in the first three quarters of 2017. Passenger ferry movements between Macau and mainland China and between



Macau and Hong Kong edged down by 0.3 percent to 104,429 trips.

In the first three quarters of the year, commercial flight movements went slightly down by 1.1 percent year-on-year to 40,337. Flight movements to and from mainland China and the Republic of Korea grew by 2.6 percent and 78.5 percent respectively, while movements to and from Thailand and Taiwan dropped by 28.5 percent and 11.4 percent respectively.

Air cargo increased by 16.2 percent year-on-year to 26,503 tonnes.

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Institute of European Studies launches PRAIA

The Institute of European Studies of Macau will launch the intensive program, the Pearl River Delta Academy of International Trade and Investment Law (PRAIA) 2017, from November 10 to 12 at the Macau Cultural Centre. PRAIA is based on the cooperation between the Institute of European Studies in Macau (IEEM) and Peking University, School of Transnational Law (STL) in the Shenzhen Graduate School. This initiative is supported by the Macau Foundation. According to a statement issued by IEEM, the program aims to "provide education and training on international trade and investment law at the highest international level." It covers international investment law, international trade and investment dispute settlement, taxation, food safety and standards and selected current issues of transnational law and policy at the intersection of international and domestic law.

Casino revenue hits 3-year high on post-holiday rush

Daniela Wei

MACAU'S casino revenue in October climbed to the highest in three years as many high-stake bettors and recreational players visited the world's biggest gambling hub after a major holiday and Communist Party meeting.

Gross gaming receipts rose 22.1 percent to MOP26.6 billion (USD3.3 billion) last month, according to data released by Macau's Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau on Wednesday. That compares with the median estimate for a 14.5 percent increase in a Bloomberg survey of nine analysts.

"The final week of October indicated that the VIP and premium mass segments both benefited from strong de-

mand," said Ben Lee, a Macau-based managing partner at Asian gaming consultancy IGamiX. "The absence of any telegraphing of intentions to further crack down on gaming has probably alleviated the anxiety of Chinese VIPs in relation to gaming activities."

The gains in casino revenue, the highest since October 2014, come as Las Vegas Sands Corp. is set to spend \$1.1 billion to renovate a resort into a London-themed attraction and MGM Resorts International gears up to debut a \$3.3 billion pro-

perty to attract casual gamblers and tourists. Many gamblers visited the former Portuguese colony in the latter part of the month to avoid the holiday crowd during Golden Week.

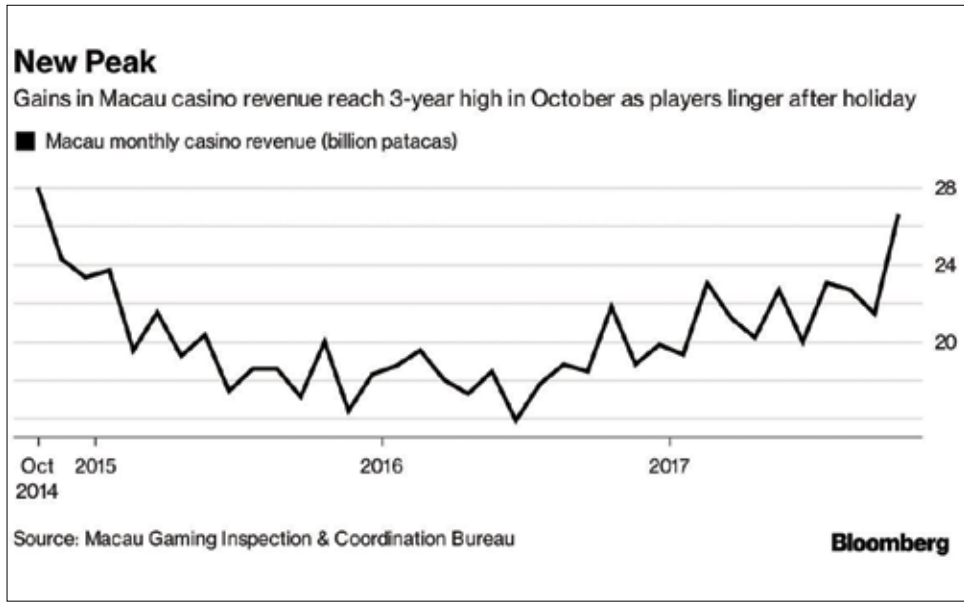
The Bloomberg Intelligence index of Macau casino stocks rose

4 percent on Wednesday. Wynn Macau Ltd. and MGM China Holdings Ltd. both surged 4.3 percent to head for their highest closes since Oct. 4. Sands China Ltd. added 4.1 percent and Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. rose 3.5 percent. SJM Holdings Ltd. erased a drop of 2.2 percent.

"The post-peak season's tail performance has been quite strong," Daiwa Capital Markets Hong Kong Ltd. analysts, led by Jamie Soo, wrote in a note on Oct. 31. "This especially seems to be the case for the VIP segment."

Along with casual gamblers, Chinese high-rollers have also flocked to Macau. At least one leading junket operator has seen more than 40 percent growth in VIP revenue in October, the Daiwa analysts said.

The territory is benefiting from economic expansion in China that broadly maintained its momentum in the third quarter, fueled by robust factory output and consumer spending. **Bloomberg**



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Ip Son Sang says new judges will help to relief work pressure

Renato Marques

THE Public Prosecutor General, Ip Son Sang, thinks that the new judges and magistrates inaugurated yesterday will help to relieve the pressure that is currently being experienced by judiciary bodies due to lack of staff. "I think with the new magistrates the [work] pressure that we feel on the judiciary bodies will be somehow relieved because in the current judiciary system, there is at least one person performing public duties out of the Public Prosecutions Office [MP] [that cannot be replaced] and for the others we can only replace them when they ask for retirement," Ip told the media on the sidelines of the inauguration ceremony of the new five public prosecutors who joined the MP yesterday.

Ho I Sut, Mui Cheng Fei, Chong Sio U, Pao In Hang and Lei Un San are the new delegates of the MP and Ip received them in good spirit, saying, "the start of new magistrates is good news for the judiciary bodies and for the judiciary system of Macau." He voiced his hope that the five "can adjust themselves

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Ip Son Sang

to the work pace as fast as possible, in order to contribute to the judiciary work of Macau SAR." Nevertheless, the Prosecutor General noted that the recruitment of the five new public pro-

secutors will not solve all the problems, as Ip, claimed, "We also have to recruit more court officials."

Questioned also on the sidelines of the event on the need to

revise the Legal Framework of Macau Judiciary Organization, Ip did not dismiss this possibility, but indicated that any changes performed on such important elements can only be conducted after a significant evaluation. "Laws need to correspond to the demands of social development," Ip said, adding, "all the laws that need to be revised, should be targeted with a profound evaluation."

Questioned also on the topic of the new regulations of the bills on the National Anthem Law, which is now a part of the Basic Law of Macau SAR, the Prosecutor General declined to give a formal answer on the penalties that could be placed on the region as he said, "at the moment we need to evaluate how to apply this law [first]."

National Anthem Law to have a 'local adaptation'

THE National People's Congress (NPC) bill which was recently approved by the Standing Committee had two aims; to change the penalties for disrespectful actions related to National Symbols (Including the National Anthem of PRC) and to extend the application of those rules to both Special Administrative Regions (Macau and Hong Kong). Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan expressed her belief that it was the first step towards a "local adaptation" of penalties for wrongdoers. The Secretary made this comment on the sidelines of yesterday's inauguration ceremony of the five public prosecutors who joined the Public Prosecutions Office.

"We are going to take into consideration our own legislative system to decide on the needed penalties," said Chan, adding, "we have to do a local adaptation [of the National Law] after an analysis and see what is needed."

Chan added that in order to materialize the implementation of such regulations, "an order is not enough," noting that, "we need to follow the legislative process first." She added that references for the upcoming regulation will be taken from the "laws on the flag and national symbols." Although the Secretary could not indicate how long it would take for such bill to reach the Macau Legislative Assembly or even comment on if there was any "matter of urgency"

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Sonia Chan

to the bill, she noted that it should not find any "major difficulty [in being approved]." The expectation of the bill's easy passage was based on the "[local] legislative framework."

Questioned on the need to implement such a law in the Macau SAR where events like the ones occurring in Hong Kong, especially those during sports events where crowds boo China's National Anthem, do not occur, Chan replied that there is still a need for prevention.

Construction worker wages down 5.5pct

According to data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), the average daily wage of construction workers has decreased from the previous quarter, marking an end to three consecutive quarters of growth. Average daily wages for the sector were down 5.5 percent quarter-to-quarter to MOP832 in the third quarter of this year. This was attributed to a weakened demand for construction workers following the completion of several large-scale entertainment facilities. The average daily wages of local construction workers and non-resident workers fell by 3.6 percent and 7.7 percent respectively to MOP1,052 and MOP715 from the previous quarter. After discounting the effect of inflation, the wage index of construction workers (107.8) for the third quarter of 2017 decreased by 4.6 percent quarter-to-quarter in real terms, and that of local construction workers (129.8) fell by 5.5 percent.

Liaison Office appoints new department heads

The Liaison Office of the Central Government in Macau appointed two new directors for its Propaganda and Culture department, and Education and Youth Affairs department. Wan Sucheng has been appointed as director for the Propaganda and Culture department. Wan previously served in the Chinese government as deputy director of the Propaganda department of the Communist Youth League of China (CCYL). He has been a member of the standing committee of the 17th CCYL since June 2013 and has been serving in the CCYL as head of the Organization department since April 2013. Xu Ting has been appointed head of the Department for Education and Youth Affairs. Previously, Xu served in the Liaison Office as deputy head and director of the office's Culture and Education department.

Motorbike driver died from car accident

A motorbike driver died after being run over by a tourist bus. The accident occurred on Tuesday morning at the Avenida Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues. The deceased was a 49-year-old construction worker from mainland China. The bus, which was carrying 50 kindergarten students and three teachers, is suspected to have collided with the motorbike after attempting to overtake it. Following the impact with the bus, the motorbike collided with another car. After this, the driver fell onto the ground and was run over by the bus. The man was pronounced dead at the hospital.

NINE JUDGES INAUGURATED

IN A separate ceremony held yesterday, nine judges were inaugurated in their new roles. The president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI), Sam Hou Fai presided over the ceremony and gave testimony. Judge Leong Fong Meng was appointed to the post of president of the collective court of the First Instance Courts (TJB), while Ho Chong In, Chong Chi Wai, Rong Qi, Lam Ka Heng, Chang Sin I, Chu Ka Sin, Chan Ka Man and Xu Teng were appointed to the position of Judges of the TJB. The event, held at the TUI building, was attended by the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, and the President of the Independent Committee for Nomination of Magistrates.

15th Portuguese Speech Contest to be held Monday

The Department of Portuguese, under the University of Macau (UM) Faculty of Arts and Humanities, will hold the 15th Portuguese Speech Contest of November 6 (Monday). The event aims to stimulate students' interest in learning Portuguese and enhance their language skills, according to a statement from the UM. It also serves as a platform for local students majoring in Portuguese to showcase their skill. Three local higher education institutions are participating in the contest, sending their best students in Portuguese speaking proficiency to compete. The institutions are the Macao Polytechnic Institute, the Macau University of Science and Technology and the UM.

Association suggests installing recorders in taxis

The President of the Macau Taxi Driver Mutual Association, Tony Kuok, has suggested installing recorders inside taxis, according to a report by Jornal Cheng Pou. In Leong's opinion, when a taxi driver violates the transportation law, the penalty is light, which encourages irresponsible drivers to violate regulations repeatedly. Leong noted that some taxi drivers charge passengers before arriving at their destination. He noted that since it is difficult for law enforcement to obtain evidence regarding these behaviors, taxis should install recorders in order to assist law enforcement authorities. He also expressed the hope that the government could subsidize the installation of these devices.

Scholars criticize Tourism Master Plan

Julie Zhu

A forum on the recently unveiled Tourism Master Plan was organized this week at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST). During the event, several scholars from local universities voiced their doubts regarding the exact definition of the government's goal of turning Macau into a "World Center of Tourism and Leisure."

Zeng Zhonglu, a professor from the Macau Polytechnic Institute, questioned: "What exactly will it be after 15 years? The government did not explain it, which is a relatively big flaw."

In Zeng's opinion, "if the government carries on with this plan, then there will be many problems." He gave an example of a probable future issue, saying that tourists will no longer appreciate the current facilities in 15 years.

He then said that the government should develop plans that avoid "spending huge amounts of money" and that



won't have tourists not liking the tourism projects funded with that money.

"Overall, our tourism structure depends strongly on the greater China area, with the portion of overseas tourists being relatively low," remarked Zeng.

The Vice President of MUST, Pang Chuan, agreed with Zeng and enquired about "what exactly should a city have in order to be called the 'World's Tourism and Leisure Center'?"

The president of the Macau Civil Aviation Employees Association, Hu Gaohong, also wondered "whether there can

be a criterion to [comprehensively define a World Center of Tourism and Leisure]."

When talking about Las Vegas, which Hu visited recently, the association head described how "the whole streets in Las Vegas are filled with people, and they are very happy. The whole city seems like a party is ongoing. However, although Macau's revenue exceeds Las Vegas's, I cannot feel a happy atmosphere. It seems that there are not too many people on the streets because they are inside the casinos."

In Hu's opinion, Macau can provide more air tourism re-

lated products, for example, taking the passengers to fly above Hong Kong or to fly to one of Zhuhai's islands for a visit. Macau can "absolutely become an aviation training base."

The deputy director of the Macau Government Tourism Office, Cheng Wai Tong, defended the Macau government, saying that "the tourism master plan was designed to coordinate with and reply to [the request of] the SAR government regarding building Macau into a World Tourism and Leisure Center. This positioning was given to Macau by the Central [Government]."

Another professor from the Institute for Tourism Studies, Zhao Weibing, indicated that Macau has been doing a poor job, compared to mainland China and Australia, in terms of making tourism plans.

The "mainland's tourism industry develops rapidly and in good order, and Australia is the world's pioneer in regard to making tourism plans. [...] Macau's tourism plan commenced a little bit late, and ended up missing a very good time, [...] the first five years [after the handover] were a golden time for making tourism plans," said Zhao. Zhao tempered his statement by adding that the government's tourism master plan was issued in a timely manner.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Crazy Horse Paris opened at The Parisian

THE adult cabaret show Crazy Horse Paris – Forever Crazy opened last night at the Parisian Macao. The crowd enjoyed a show full of signature bob wigs, exclusive Christian Louboutin-designed high heels and ruby-red lips.

Presented by Sands Lifestyle, the show is appearing for the first time in Macau from November 1 to 12. Inspired by the themes of femininity and sophistication, it showcases music, dance, and sensuality. Admittance is only granted for patrons aged 18 and above.

Center to the show is a multicultural cast of ten classically trained dancers clad only in textured lighting and projections.

Audiences can expect some of the most famous Crazy Horse Paris routines, beginning with “God Save Our Bareskin,” during which eleven dancers, dressed only in black high boots and bareskin hats, offer their own unique take on the British tradition of Changing of the Guard.

The show continues with several standalone routines such as “Scanner,” “UpsideDown,” and “Rougir de Désir.”

When talking to the Times, tour manager Frank Paquet said that he hopes “people are entertained and they like it.”

“They can talk about it and that they can say that ‘we saw something unique,’” said Frank Paquet.

The tour manager also noted that in order to bring the show to the audiences in Macau, the Crazy Horse show was adapted.

“We did that already in Australia because we wanted to change the order of the show a little bit [...] and it’s probably going to be the same thing in Macau. [...] Mr. Fantastic Robert, his number was a little bit later in the show, and we figured out that putting him early in the show, it loosens up the atmosphere of the audiences. [...] The people should not be intimidated by the girls on stage, they should have fun, they should enjoy what they see on

stage. But we always stick to what we do, we have done this for more than 60 years now. We are not changing the numbers in that sense. [...] The girls are [...] extremely passionate about what they do, we hope that the audiences in Macau will notice that as well,” said Paquet.

The “Crazy Girls” hail from over ten countries, including France, Italy, Canada, Ukraine, the UK, Spain, Russia and the United States. More than 800 Crazy Girls have performed on the stage. Of the 500 applications received each year, only a handful of candidates make it into the troupe. Before the Crazy Girls take to the stage, successful applicants receive several months of Crazy Horse dance lessons.

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This four-part series of articles is on the 'thrilling' subject of Land and property Tax.

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8. Should I register with the tax office if I rent out my apartment?

The law requires that owners who are renting a property out to register the lease and pay tax on it.

In the past, the rental income tax was 16%, but it was changed to 10% of the rental income after 2010. If an owner does not register, they run the risk of being found out by the tax department, and back taxes with penalties will be applied.

9. How do the tax department know if my property

is being rented?

There are several ways this can happen.

The owner can register themselves, and the tenant can also register the lease. In many cases the tax department are made aware because the tenant claims back some rental allowance from their company, and the rental agreement becomes part of the company tax filing.

10. What happens if a tax bill is late or not paid?

Tax bills must be paid, they are debts to the government who track and recover the debt at all costs.

For late bills, when a bill is requested you can only know the exact amount payable that day. The tax office will provide a slip that allows the bill to be paid on that day only.

If a tax bill remains unpaid, the outstanding tax will be a factor when the property is sold and the transaction will

not take place until the current debt is cleared.

11. I already paid tax for last year, but now I see another, much larger, amount of tax. Why?

If the tax office discover that a property has been rented, they will charge the tax retrospectively.

Any tax that has already been paid is offset against the new tax bill, and they charge nominal penalties for non-registration of the lease.

It is also worth noting that if this happens and the owner does not pick up the notification from the tax office, a bill can sit and remain unpaid indefinitely incurring interest until the account is cleared in the late payment office.

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Games win puts focus on banks' gay rights push in Hong Kong

Bruce Einhorn

HONG Kong's selection to host the 2022 Gay Games puts the spotlight on calls by Goldman Sachs Group Inc., BlackRock Inc. and other financial institutions for the city government to make progress on gay rights or risk harming efforts to lure global talent.

Hong Kong beat out Washington, D.C., and Guadalajara, Mexico, to become the first Asian city to be awarded the Olympics-style event, held every four years. Currently, same-sex marriage isn't recognized in the Asian financial hub, even after two court defeats earlier this year, leading to talented employees refusing to relocate to or remain in the city. Game campaigners hope more awareness will drive change in public attitudes toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, or LGBT, community.

"Having the Gay Games will be a great opportunity for people to step out of the dark and into the light," said Dennis Philipse, head of the Hong Kong bid committee who went to Paris for Monday's announcement. The team cheered and drank champagne after the win and planned a bigger celebration upon its return, he said. "It's a major step for Asia."

The push by financial institutions to ease restrictions on same-sex marriage came to light when 12 of them filed a court document in May on behalf of a lesbian from the U.K. who had applied for a visa as a dependent of her partner. The court ruled in September that the government must allow her to legally reside in Hong Kong.

That follows a court ruling in April that a civil servant who married his husband in New Zealand, where same-sex marriage is legal, is entitled to the same government benefits for his spouse as his heterosexual colleagues.

IN FAVOR

Financial institutions in favor of granting the visa included Goldman Sachs, BlackRock, Morgan Stanley, Nomura Holdings Inc., Credit Suisse Group AG, ABN Amro Bank NV, American International Group Inc., Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., Bank of New York Mellon Corp., Societe Generale SA, State Street Bank & Trust Co. and Royal Bank of Canada.

In March, most of the same companies, plus Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays



Plc, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and JPMorgan Chase & Co., had called on the government to introduce legislation against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

"It's critically important that we have policies and benefits in place that allow us to be able to attract and retain the best talent," said Claire Goodchild, head of diversity and inclusion in Asia for Morgan Stanley, declining to comment on banks' efforts to lobby the government.

Policies that put LGBT people at a disadvantage hurt companies' ability to recruit and retain talented employees, said Bruce Larson, Goldman Sachs' Hong Kong-based head of human capital management in the Asia-Pacific region.

"Denying access to certain parts of the population to participate in the talent market is not in Hong Kong's best interest to continue as a global financial center," Larson said.

Hong Kong's unwillingness to grant spousal visas and benefits makes it difficult to convince people to move to the city, according to Harry O'Neill, a Hong Kong-based partner at Heidrick & Struggles International Inc., an executive search firm headquartered in Chicago, and co-chair of its regional diversity council.

"If you want to be Asia's World City and attract global talent, then you need to keep up with what norms are in other parts of the world," he said. Lack of legal recognition for same-sex marriage and benefits "makes Hong Kong a less attractive proposition."

REFUSING MOVE

Because of the lack of legal status, some employees have refused to move to Hong Kong, according to an executive at a global bank who asked not to be identified because of the political sensitivity of the issue.

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But instead of easing rules, the Hong Kong government has been ramping up efforts to continue to deny rights to same-sex spouses, even after suffering defeats in the courts. The government has filed an application to appeal the ruling in favor of the British woman. The Hong Kong government is appealing the New Zealand marriage ruling, too.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, when asked about legalizing same-sex marriage after a speech on Oct. 11, cited opposition from religious groups and said it's up to society to change attitudes before the government responds with law.

"On such a sensitive issue, the government must take into account what the society finds acceptable, and it's not up to the government to decide on a course of action unilaterally," she said.

MAJOR CONCERN

The Hong Kong government's opposition to granting rights to same-sex spouses is a major concern for members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, which has submitted positions to the government seeking change.

"We really see that same sex spousal visas widen the talent pool and widen Hong Kong's competitiveness," said Tara Joseph, AmCham Hong Kong's president. "The current immigration policy has the potential to be a significant obstacle."

More countries are recognizing same-sex marriages. The first and only in Asia is Taiwan, where a constitutional court in May ruled that the island's laws must be changed to allow gay marriage. In Australia, polling closes Nov. 15 on a postal vote on whether to legalize same-sex marriage there.

RISKY TRIPS

Because Hong Kong doesn't recognize such marriages, spouses stay in the city on short-term tourist visas that can be renewed by making trips across the border to Macau or mainland China. That's risky, according to Robert Ronneberger, an associate at BlackRock and a board member of the Hong Kong LGBT+ Interbank Forum, an advocacy group.

"At some point, having all those stamps in your passport, the immigration officer asks what you're doing," he said.

While they try to influence the government, many multinationals have been pushing change internally, setting up mentoring, awareness events and networking opportunities, as well as providing benefits for same-sex spouses.

"There are many multinationals that are very committed to this," said Fern Ngai, chief executive officer of Community Business, a local non-profit that in May named Goldman Sachs, HSBC Holdings Plc, BlackRock, JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley as the top five employers in Hong Kong for LGBT people.

Hosting the Gay Games will help LGBT people in Hong Kong win more acceptance, said Alfred Ip, a partner with law firm Oldham, Li & Nie and a member

of Hong Kong Gay and Lesbian Attorneys (HKGALA) Network.

'NOT MUTANTS'

"It's definitely going to be a very positive move to bring LGBT activity to society and help the community understand that we are not mutants," he said. "We are just like anyone else who can be good at sports and enjoy a life that's not very different from the rest of the community."

News of the city's selection was met with a muted reception from official Hong Kong. Neither the chief executive's office nor the government's website released statements acknowledging the city's selection.

In response to questions, the government noted the win of the bid by "a local registered society" to host the Games, and said that Hong Kong "is committed to promoting equal opportunities and fostering in the community the culture and values of inclusiveness and mutual respect."

There are some pockets of official support. The sponsor of the statement calling for anti-discrimination legislation was the Equal Opportunities Commission, a government body that makes policy recommendations. Its head, Alfred Chan, did officially welcome the announcement, saying the EOC was "very pleased to hear that the Gay Games will be hosted in Hong Kong." The EOC and the government-backed Hong Kong Tourism Board had been supporters of the bid.

A QuickTake explainer on the evolution of gay rights

Corporate sponsors for the games, which are expected to draw 40,000 participants and spectators and inject HKD1 billion (USD128 million) into Hong Kong's economy, include Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., Accor SA and Alphabet Inc.'s Google, according to the bid committee.

Another official supporter is Regina Ip, a member of the government's Executive Council.

"Hosting the Gay Games will showcase Hong Kong as an open and highly tolerant society," she said in an interview, calling them "an important step in saying no to discrimination and bigotry." **Bloomberg**

Gay Games Come to Asia

Unlike Hong Kong, all but one of the previous host cities now recognize marriage equality

Games Held	Host City
1986	San Francisco
1990	Vancouver
1994	New York
1998	Amsterdam
2002	Sydney*
2006	Chicago
2010	Cologne
2014	Cleveland, Akron
2018	Paris
2022	Hong Kong

Source: Federation of Gay Games, Bloomberg
Note: In Australia, results of a nationwide survey on same-sex marriage are due on Nov. 15

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Young Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong

“The day may come for US politicians to be blocked from entering Hong Kong.”

JOSHUA WONG

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Wong says China rise means trade trumps rights

Kelvin Chan & Yi-Ling Liu, Hong Kong

YOUNG Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong warned yesterday that China's rise means human rights are in increasingly greater danger of being overshadowed globally by business interests.

He was responding to questions about his expectations for an upcoming Asian tour by President Donald Trump, who will visit China and four other countries.

The 21-year-old, Hong Kong's most famous activist, is out on bail while he appeals a prison sentence related to his involvement in massive 2014 pro-democracy protests.

“Business interests override human rights,” he said in an interview with The Associated Press. “It unfortunately seems to be a common trend in the world” under a rising China.

During Trump's Asian trip, he said there's likely to be “a lot of uncertainty. No one can expect what will suddenly be published on his Twitter.” But he urged Trump to not let human rights lose out to commercial considerations, hinting that U.S. business interests could also someday be directly affected by China's rising clout.

As an example, he referred to the recent case of British human

rights activist Benedict Rogers, who was barred from entering Hong Kong on what many suspect to be Beijing's request, and said it might happen again.

“The day may come for U.S. politicians to be blocked from entering Hong Kong and when politicians or businessmen from the U.S. might not be possible to enter such an international financial center, how can they keep silent on the erosion of Hong Kong autonomy?” he said.

Beijing promised to let Hong Kong maintain wide autonomy and civil liberties after its 1997 handover from Britain under the “one country, two systems” blueprint, but pro-democracy

activists and lawmakers fear that China's communist rulers are re-neging on their promises.

Wong urged the U.S. and other Western countries to pay closer attention to “how the China model threatens Asia-Pacific stability.”

The China model is a reference to economic development without corresponding democratic reforms as well as the name of a controversial booklet praising China's one-party rule the Hong Kong government planned to distribute in 2012 to schools as part of “moral and national education.” Wong helped lead protests forcing the government to shelve those plans.

Wong was given bail last week, two months into a six-month prison sentence. He and a fellow activist, Nathan Law, were both sent to prison after the justice secretary won a legal challenge overturning more lenient sentences. The move sparked fears Hong Kong's independent judiciary was under threat. They're due in court Nov. 7 to appeal the sentences.

Wong, who is also awaiting sentencing for another case, is prepared to go back to jail. He turned 21 while behind bars and said it “might not be the last time I will celebrate my birthday inside prison.”

During his time behind bars, Wong had to do compulsory marching exercises 30 minutes a day and ate with a spoon because forks, knives and chopsticks are banned.

Not being allowed a phone he couldn't update his popular social media accounts but Wong said being unplugged allowed him the opportunity for “spiritual reflection.” Prison news was limited to Hong Kong's pro-Beijing publications, but he read books such as “I Am Malala,” by 20-year old Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai.

Out of prison, he is making the most of time, hanging out with his parents and girlfriend, playing video games and enjoying favorite local foods like Hong Kong-style milk tea.

Wong plans to keep fighting for full democracy in Hong Kong. In the short term, he said his political party, Demosisto, will announce a candidate as early as next week to run in a by-election next year for the city's semi-democratic legislature to fill a seat vacated when Law was disqualified because of a government legal challenge.

In the long run, he said there's plenty of work to do getting Hong Kongers to “adjust their mindset” to resist Beijing's tightening grip.

“I still believe Hong Kong people can overcome even though we are inside the prison set by China.” AP

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Springer Nature blocks access to articles in China

ACADEMIC publisher Springer Nature says it has blocked access to articles within China to comply with demands from the Chinese government.

The company said yesterday about 1 percent of its content available online in global markets has been blocked in compliance with “local distribution laws.”

The articles related to topics such as Taiwan,

Tiananmen Square and Tibet considered sensitive by the ruling Communist Party. They can only be viewed with a virtual private network allowing users to skirt China's tight internet censorship regime, known as the Great Firewall.

The newspaper Financial Times reported that at least 1,000 articles were blocked.

The decision by Springer - which owns Nature

magazine and Palgrave Macmillan books, and produces periodicals such as Scientific American - prompted anger from academics, FT reports.

Two months after Cambridge University Press acceded to similar pressures from Beijing, before reversing course after an intense backlash against its surrender of academic freedom.

In August, academic publisher Cambridge Uni-

versity Press restored more than 300 politically sensitive articles that had been removed from the publisher's website in China at the behest of authorities.

“It's a symbol of how unprepared we are in the west for China's influence expanding outwards,” said Jonathan Sullivan, director of the University of Nottingham's China Policy Institute and author of one of the censored

articles told FT.

“It's about how we perceive our relationship with China and how much we value principles versus the instrumental benefits of pleasing the authorities in China.”

Springer said in a statement that it had blocked access to “a small percentage of our content [less than 1 per cent]” in mainland China but that the articles remained available elsewhere. It said it was

obliged to comply with “local distribution laws”, which are enforced by its partner, the state-owned China National Publications Import & Export Corporation.

Springer added that the Chinese censorship would have “no influence from an editorial perspective on the content we publish” and that it remained “committed to safeguarding the integrity of the scientific record”. MDT/Agencies

Lindsay Whitehurst,
Salt Lake City

Police scour for details leading up to Utah Chinese student slaying

AUTHORITIES are trying to figure out how a longtime criminal recently released from an Alabama prison ended up in a Utah canyon where he's suspected of killing a 23-year-old devout Mormon immigrant from China.

ChenWei Guo came to the United States in 2012 and dreamed of opening a consulting firm. He was studying computer science in his first year at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Friends say the 23-year-old smiled easily, loved to dance and could be found trekking canyons around Salt Lake City, like the one where his body was found Monday night.

A 24-year-old ex-convict is suspected of shooting the student to death after demanding Guo's car, according to Utah authorities.

Police found Guo's body still in his vehicle in a canyon just east of campus, prompting a campus-wide lockdown and a massive overnight manhunt at the school and in the rugged foothills nearby.

Austin Boutain surrendered without incident yesterday [Macau time] at a city library

several miles away, about 15 hours after Guo was found.

"It just seemed like the most senseless thing to do, take the life of such a great person," said Steve Comrie, a leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints congregation that included Guo.

Boutain has a rap sheet that includes drug, car theft and weapons charges in Minnesota and Alabama dating back to his days a juvenile. He was paroled in May after serving a year and a half in an Alabama prison for being a convicted sex offender and failing to report his whereabouts to police.

Alabama court records show Boutain and his wife Kathleen married in 2014 and had two children. He filed for divorce in January while imprisoned, but the split wasn't finalized in court.

Boutain and his wife were wanted for questioning with the killing of a 63-year-old Golden, Colorado man whose truck is missing but which authorities say Boutain may

have driven to Utah.

Police said Mitchell Bradford Ingle, whose body was found Tuesday in his trailer home, may have been friendly with the Boutains but it wasn't clear how they met and how the older man was killed.

Kathleen Boutain was jailed in Utah on unrelated drug and theft charges after she reported to police that her husband had assaulted her while they were camping in the canyon.

Salt Lake City Police Chief Mike Brown and University of Utah police did not have details about how Boutain encountered Guo and later evaded hundreds of officers who swarmed the campus after the shooting.

A lockdown at the university, which has about 32,800 students, ended yesterday and school officials canceled classes for the day. About 175 students had to shelter in the library Monday night because they couldn't return to their homes. **AP**

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This undated photo provided by University of Utah shows ChenWei Guo, a student killed in an attempted carjacking near campus

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JAPAN

Suspect in serial killing questioned by prosecutors

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A Japanese man police say confessed to killing and dismembering nine bodies found in his apartment was handed over to prosecutors for further questioning yesterday as more chilling details emerged.

The questioning by prosecutors is a procedure before formal indictment. So far, Takahiro Shiraishi, 27, only faces a possible charge of abandoning bodies, but police are expected to seek murder and dismembering charges as well.

Shiraishi stuck both hands underneath his glasses to cover his face as a police car taking him to the prosecutors' office passed in front of a huge crowd of journalists trying to get a glimpse of him.

Police arrested him Tuesday after finding the bodies — eight female and one male — in cold-storage cases inside his apartment in Zama, a city southwest of the ca-

pital. Police say Shiraishi confessed he tried to hide the evidence.

Police found the bodies, some covered with cat litter, while searching for a 23-year-old woman who had disappeared after exchanging Twitter messages with someone, allegedly Shiraishi. They are working to identify the victims, saying she might be among them.

The gruesome case captured attention in a country known for public safety, topping news with reports that showed the building where the suspect lived in a small studio apartment.

Yesterday, media reports quoted investigative sources as saying Shiraishi started killing as soon as he moved into his apartment in late August. His first victim was another woman whom he got in touch with via Twitter, offering to assist her suicide wish, then killed her boyfriend to silence him, according to media reports, including NHK public television. They said Shiraishi used similar tactics

to kill seven other women, four of them teenagers.

A police official who spoke to The Associated Press this week said a toolbox and saw found in Shiraishi's apartment may have been used to dismember the bodies. Online descriptions of the apartment building indicate it had a plastic-sealed "unit bath" and he allegedly cut up the bodies there.

Japanese media quoted his neighbors as saying they had noticed foul smells coming from the apartment. Shiraishi threw out some of the body parts as garbage, along with the victims' belongings, reports said.

They said the missing woman got in contact with Shiraishi via Twitter in late September, seeking a partner for a suicide pact and saying she was afraid to die alone. The two were recorded by security cameras walking together outside of train stations near her residence and the suspect's apartment on Oct. 23, the reports said.



Police inspect the apartment where dismembered bodies were found in coolers in Zama city, southwest of Tokyo

The woman's brother reported her disappearance to police the next day.

The suspect told police his motives were money and sexual abuse, Japanese media reported yesterday, but police refused to confirm the reports to AP.

Japanese police release information only through limited official statements or through news conferences that are exclusive to journalists in the police press club.

Local media ran a junior high school photo of the suspect, beaming, his hair fluffy, braces on his teeth suggesting a relatively well-off family background. But there was little other information about his education or where he comes from, except that he is from Zama. Reports say he was working as a "scout" in the sex industry, recruiting women in entertainment districts in Tokyo. AP

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NEW YORK

Halloween parade marches on amid heavy security after attack

NEW York City's always-surreal Halloween parade marched last night under the shadow of real fear, hours after a truck attack killed eight people on a busy city bike path in what authorities called an act of terror.

Security was heavy as the Greenwich Village parade stepped off about a mile away and four hours after the truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists along the bike path near the World Trade Center memorial. But the raucous spectacle rolled along with its floats, bands, anything-goes sensibility and thousands of spectators.

"I'm not going to let it scare me," Cathryn Strobl, a 23-year-old New Yorker, said as she waited for the parade to start in her Buffy the Vampire Slayer costume. "You can't let it stop you from living your life."

AP PHOTO



Police said they added extra officers, heavy weapons teams and sand trucks as protective blockers along the parade route. But officials emphasized that New Yorkers should feel safe.

Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo visited the route as the parade started, and Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio assured residents and visitors earlier that police were out in force.

"We are going to go about our business in the city, and we are not going to be deterred," de Blasio said.

Still, the mayor urged New Yorkers to be vigilant: "Tell an officer immediately if you see

anything unusual, anything that worries you."

The parade, which is open to anyone wearing a costume, began in 1973 with a puppeteer marching with his family and grew into a televised extravaganza.

Ghosts, goblins, zombies, superheroes, men on stilts, a bunch of human bumblebees and a float of topless people were among those making their way up Sixth Avenue as spectators bobbed to drumming and Caribbean music.

Still, the crowds seemed thinner than usual to Tamia Gholston. As for why: "the terrorist attack, maybe," said the New Yorker, who was dressed as Batgirl.

Em Weiss was in town from Seattle on business when her phone started buzzing Tuesday with worried people trying to reach her after hearing about the attack. Still, she donned a cat-ear headband, drew whiskers on her face and came out to the parade.

"Even though we're shaking, we're still strong. [...] We're not living in fear," said Weiss, 28, who said the police presence kept her from feeling too nervous.

"It sends a message terrorism doesn't win." AP

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New York

A man in a rented pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists along a busy bike path near the World Trade Center memorial yesterday [Macau time], killing at least eight and seriously injuring 11 in what the mayor called “a particularly cowardly act of terror.”

The driver was shot in the abdomen by police after jumping out of the truck with what turned out to be a fake gun in each hand and shouting what witnesses said was “Allahu Akbar,” Arabic for “God is great,” authorities said. The man underwent surgery and was in critical condition but was expected to survive.

Officials who weren't authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on the condition of anonymity identified the attacker as 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov and said he is from Uzbekistan and came to the U.S. legally in 2010. The officials said Saipov has a Florida driver's license and may have been staying in New Jersey, and a family friend described roots he had in Ohio, where he lived years ago and was a commercial truck driver.

The ride-hailing service Uber confirmed later on that Saipov was one of its drivers. The company said he passed a background check and had been actively driving on the platform for more than six months. He has since been banned from the Uber app.

“We are horrified by this senseless act of violence,” the company said in a statement. “Our hearts are with the victims and their families. We have reached out to law enforcement to provide our assistance.”

The driver in yesterday's attack barreled along the bike path in a rented Home Depot truck for the equivalent of about 14 blocks, or around eight-tenths of a mile, before slamming into a small yellow school bus. The mayhem and the burst of police gunfire set off panic in the neighborhood and left the pavement strewn with mangled bicycles and bodies that were soon covered with sheets.

“I saw a lot of blood over there. A lot of people on the ground,” said Chen Yi, an Uber driver.

Eugene Duffy, a chef at a waterfront restaurant, said, “So many police came, and they didn't know what was happening. People were screaming. Females were screaming at the top of their lungs.”

Police closed off streets across the western edge of lower Manhattan along the Hudson River, and officers rushed into the neighborhood just as people were preparing for Halloween festivities, including the big annual parade through Greenwich Village.

A police bomb squad scoured the truck but found no explosives.

“This was an act of terror, and a particularly cowardly act of terror aimed at innocent civilians, aimed at people going about their lives who had no idea what was about to hit them,” Mayor



Authorities stand near a damaged Home Depot truck after a motorist drove onto a bike path near the World Trade Center memorial

NEW YORK

‘Cowardly act of terror’: Truck driver kills eight on bike path

Bill de Blasio said.

New York and other cities around the globe have been on high alert against attacks by extremists in vehicles. The Islamic State group has been exhorting its followers to mow down people, and England, France and Germany have seen deadly vehicle attacks in the past year or so.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo called it a “lone wolf” attack and said there was no evidence to suggest it was part of a wider plot.

The city's police commissioner, James O'Neill, said a statement the driver made as he got out of the truck and the method of attack led police to conclude it was a terrorist act.

On Twitter, President Donald Trump called it “another attack by a very sick and deranged person” and declared, “NOT IN THE U.S.A.!”

While police did not specifically blame the Islamic State group for the New York bloodshed, Trump railed against the extremist group, tweeting, “We must not allow ISIS to return, or enter, our country after defeating them in the Middle East and elsewhere. Enough!”

Records show Saipov was a commercial truck driver who formed a pair of businesses in Ohio after moving to the U.S. The first business, Sayf Motors Inc., used the address of a family friend near Cincinnati with whom Saipov had

stayed for a couple of weeks after his arrival in the country. The second, Bright Auto LLC, used an address near Cleveland.

A trucking industry website listed Saipov at a Paterson, New Jersey, address that authorities were searching. Court records related to trucking-related infractions list Saipov with addresses in Paterson and the Cleveland suburbs.

The family friend with whom Saipov stayed in Ohio, Dilnoza Abdusamatova, told The Cincinnati Enquirer Saipov was “really calm” and worked hard.

“He always used to work,” Abdusamatova said. “He wouldn't go to parties or anything. He only used to come home and rest and leave and go back to work.”

Police said Saipov rented the truck at about 2 p.m. in New Jersey, entering the bike path about an hour later on West Street a few blocks from the new World Trade Center, the site of the deadliest terror attack in U.S. history. The truck then turned at Chambers Street, hitting the school bus and injuring two adults and two children.

A paintball gun and a pellet gun were found at the scene, police said. At least two covered-over bodies could be seen lying on the bike path, and the front end of the truck was smashed in, as was the side of the school bus.

Two law enforcement officials said a note was recovered inside

the truck. One official said the note was handwritten in a foreign language, possibly Arabic.

The contents were being investigated, but the officials said the document supported the belief the act was terrorism. The officials were not authorized to speak publicly about an ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

Tom Gay, a school photographer, heard people saying there was an accident and went down to West Street, where a woman came around the corner shouting, “He has a gun! He has a gun!”

Gay said he stuck his head around the corner and saw a slender man in a blue track suit running on West Street holding a gun. He

said a heavyside man was chasing him.

He said he heard five or six shots, and the man in the tracksuit fell to the ground, gun still raised in the air. He said a man came over and kicked the gun out of his hand.

Argentina's foreign ministry said five of the dead hailed from that country. Belgian officials said one of the dead was from there.

The city's Halloween parade went on as scheduled after the attack, but security was increased, with extra officers, heavy-weapons teams and sand trucks parked as protective barriers along the route.

A Home Depot Inc. spokesman said the company, based in Atlanta, was “fully cooperating” with law enforcement in the truck attack investigation. AP



This undated photo provided by St. Charles County Department of Corrections shows suspect Sayfullo Saipov

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THURSDAY

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	RTPi News (Delayed Broadcast)
15:00	Miscellaneous
16:45	Champions League: FC Porto x Leipzig (Repeated)
18:30	Champions League - Highlights (Repeated)
18:50	Brazilian Mini Serie (Repeated)
19:15	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Talk Show
21:35	Non-daily Portuguese News
21:40	Yes, Chef! - Final
22:10	Brazilian Mini Serie
22:40	Miscellaneous
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League - Highlights
00:45	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:30	Miscellaneous
02:00	European League: Razgrad x Braga (Live)
04:50	RTPi Live

FRIDAY

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Miscellaneous
16:20	Zig Zag
16:35	European League: Razgrad x Braga (Repeated)
18:20	Champions League - Highlights (Repeated)
18:45	Brazilian Mini Serie (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:45	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:20	Portuguese Serie
22:10	Brazilian Mini Serie
22:40	Miscellaneous
23:00	TDM News
23:30	European League - Highlights
01:25	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:15	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:30	Comedy
11:45	Miscellaneous
12:00	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast (PT)
14:50	Soap Opera (PT)
17:20	Miscellaneous
18:15	Miscellaneous
19:25	European League - Highlights (Repeated)
19:30	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)
21:00	Drama (PT)
21:40	Miscellaneous
22:30	Documentary Serie
23:00	TDM News
00:35	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:10	RTPi Live

Offbeat

RUN FORREST! GUMP IMPERSONATOR JOGS AROUND CALIFORNIA CITY

Halloween started early in one Southern California city, where a man dressed as Forrest Gump has been running around neighborhoods and stopping to take pictures with residents.

Video and a photo from police show the man sporting a mangy fake beard, red shorts and a red “Bubba Gump” hat during his jogs around the city of Riverside. It’s the same outfit worn by Tom Hanks in the 1994 Oscar-winning film “Forrest Gump.” Hanks’ character spends part of the movie running across the country.

The man identified himself to KABC-TV only as Forrest Gump. He added that “it doesn’t really matter” who he is. He says his runs are “just something that took off and made the community happy, made people smile.”

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THOR: RAGNAROK

ROOM 1

2:15 4:45, 7:15, 9:45pm

Director: Taika Waititi

Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Cate Blanchett, Tom Hiddleston

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109 min



FLATLINERS

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Niels Arden Oplev

Starring: Ellen Page, Diego Luna, Nina Dobrev, James Norton

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 110 min



GEOSTORM

ROOM 2

2:30 9:30pm

Director: Dean Devlin

Starring: Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess, Abbie Cornish, Daniel Wu

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109 min



LET ME EAT YOUR PANCREAS

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:30, 7:30pm

Director: Sho Tsukikawa

Starring: Minami Hamabe, Takumi Kitamura, Shun Oguri

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 115min

ALWAYS BE WITH YOU

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Herman Yau

Starring: Louis Koon, Julian Cheung, Lam Ka Tung

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 107 min

this day in history



1986 US HOSTAGE FREED IN BEIRUT

An American held hostage in Beirut by Muslim fundamentalists has been released.

David Jacobsen was set free in the west of the Lebanese capital after 17 months of captivity at the hands of Islamic Jihad.

After his release, Mr Jacobsen, 55, was taken to the American embassy compound in east Beirut.

He was kidnapped in May 1985 as he walked the short distance from his home on the American University Hospital campus to the hospital compound.

He is expected to leave Beirut soon with his daughters and sons who have come to the city to greet him.

Mr Jacobsen’s release is being credited to the efforts of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s special envoy, Terry Waite.

Soon after the hostage was freed a US helicopter collected Mr Waite from Lanarca in Cyprus where he had been conducting secret negotiations and took him to the US embassy in Beirut.

Mr Waite’s intervention in the case of the Beirut hostages comes after success in freeing people held in Iran and Libya.

So far he has helped gain the release of three Beirut hostages after their relatives appealed to him for help.

The US authorities were also involved in the negotiations.

US presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said they could not divulge details because of concerns for the safety of other captives in Lebanon.

“Again we call on the captors of all hostages in Lebanon to release their innocent victims.

“No political goals are or will be achieved by resorting to extortion or terrorism,” Mr Speakes said.

The US Government held the kidnappers of the remaining hostages responsible for their safety, he added.

At least two other American hostages are still being held in Beirut as well as several Frenchmen and Briton John McCarthy.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

After David Jacobsen’s release it emerged that in spite of earlier declarations, the US Government had been effectively buying hostages’ freedom.

The US had been selling arms to Iran in return for its influence over the hostage-takers.

This led to the so-called “Iran Contragate” affair after further revelations that money from the arms sales had then been channelled to fund rebels in Nicaragua.

Hostage negotiator Terry Waite was himself kidnapped in 1987 and not released until November 1991.

The following month saw the release of the last US hostage, Terry Anderson, after seven years in captivity.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Not everyone knows that we make our own luck, but it's a fact that you count on every day. If some recent setback has brought you down, don't think of it as a failure.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Get ready to make a big social splash! You might start to move through some rarified circles, both socially and through your job, so get ready to start living large and associating with some VIPs.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Your character is much on your mind right now, as you ask yourself what you are really made of. At some level, you may be trying to decide between right and wrong!

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

You've got so many different and interesting people in your immediate environment - and they're all looking for you today! Everyone you meet has an absolutely fascinating story to tell.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your ability to spin tales comes in handy in many ways on days like today. If someone needs help with a difficult or complex concept you know cold, step up and offer a bit of your knowledge.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You rightly see yourself as a nonconformist, and you love the reactions you get. Go your own way and make up your own mind today, and your independence is sure to be widely admired.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Someone close is more than willing to teach you a thing or two, if you can just make some time for them. This goes double for any family elders or other mentor types in your life.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

If someone is trying to avoid your questions, you need to start raising a ruckus until they can't ignore you anymore. Stay polite, of course - good manners really do count in this situation.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your brain might be stuck in a loop just now, so it's high time to take a look at your options. It's way too easy to repeat negative or nagging messages and just play them over and over without considering alternatives.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Even if you've got a problem with someone close, it's more important for you to deal with other issues right now - like reclaiming your sense of humor! Do whatever it takes to get it back.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You need to put your money where your mouth is today. Even better, you should endeavor to put your money where your bank is! It's definitely time to wrangle your finances and start thinking clearly about the future.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

It's way too easy for you to get caught up in the daily rush of life. Try to regain your perspective by helping someone else today. It could mean volunteering for a big community organization.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA

Beijing	6	17	overcast
Harbin	-4	6	cloudy/clear
Tianjin	8	17	cloudy/overcast
Urumqi	8	19	clear
Xi'an	9	20	cloudy/clear
Lhasa	-2	12	cloudy
Chengdu	14	22	cloudy
Chongqing	15	23	cloudy
Kunming	8	16	drizzle to moderate rain
Nanjing	11	22	cloudy
Shanghai	14	22	clear/cloudy
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Guangzhou	16	28	clear
Hong Kong	21	28	clear

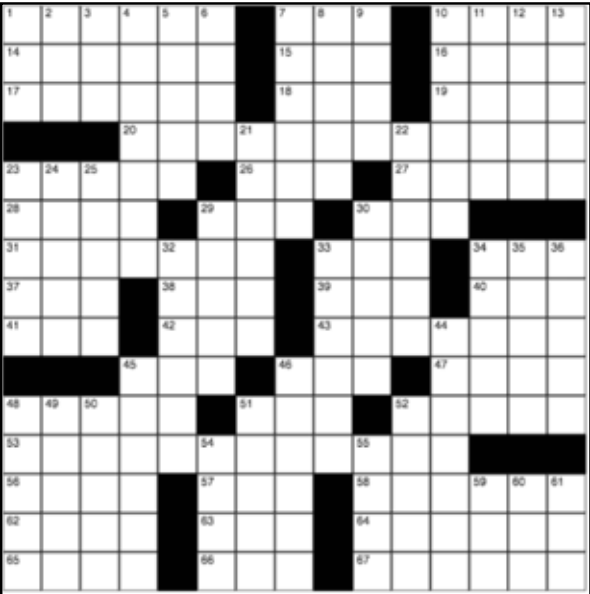
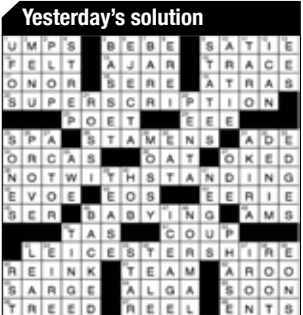
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Frankfurt	4	13	overcast/drizzle
Paris	2	14	overcast/drizzle
London	8	12	cloudy/drizzle
New York	4	22	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Discharges; 7- Peace officer; 10- Salts; 14- Elder; 15- Do one's part?; 16- Caesar's wings; 17- Coddle; 18- Hosp. section; 19- Would ___ to you?; 20- State of being tranquil; 23- Higher; 26- Where It's at; 27- Gossipmonger; 28- Surf sound; 29- Lawyer's charge; 30- Old California fort; 31- Sanctified; 33- Law enforcement agency; 34- High mountain, as found in central Europe; 37- Alias; 38- City in GA; 39- ___ MisÃ©rables; 40- Actress Sandra; 41- Bert Bobbsey's twin; 42- Adversary; 43- Values highly; 45- Damage; 46- Average mark; 47- Tons; 48- Fall bloomer; 51- Fond du ___; 52- Pipe cleaner; 53- Removed bends; 56- Uttered; 57- Feed bag morsel; 58- Second-largest continent; 62- Sacramento's ___ Arena; 63- Night school subj.; 64- Nerve cell; 65- Sketched; 66- ___ Dawn Chong; 67- Spanish fleet;

DOWN: 1- PC panic button; 2- Prizm maker; 3- Naval rank, briefly; 4- Teachers in habits; 5- ___ is human...; 6- Mex. miss; 7- Long narrow skiff used on the Bosphorus; 8- Transpire; 9- Spitting sound; 10- Followed; 11- Exhausted; 12- Singer Bonnie; 13- Later, duddel; 21- Sewing instrument; 22- Ancient musician; 23- Living in a city; 24- Lively Bohemian dance; 25- Song of praise; 29- Stench; 30- Corpulent; 32- Adventurous expedition; 33- Swindle; 34- Journalist ___ Rogers St. Johns; 35- Yellowish citrus fruit; 36- Basil-based sauce; 44- Membrane in the ear canal; 45- Lea; 46- Bovine animals; 48- Syrian president; 49- Belle or Bart; 50- Instant; 51- Tibet's capital; 52- Put off; 54- Attendee; 55- Granny; 59- Tax-deferred nest egg; 60- Atlantic food fish; 61- Santa ___, California;



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PJ (Open line) 993	Telephone – Report 1000
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PSP 28 573 333	Macau Daily Times 28 716 081
Customs 28 559 944	
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BASEBALL

A classic or a rout? In Game 7, anything is possible



In this Oct. 27, 1991, file photo, Minnesota Twins' Jack Morris throws against the Atlanta Braves during the first inning of Game 7 of the baseball World Series in Minneapolis

Noah Trister

GAME 7 of the World Series.

It's a chance to make history — whether you're a star like Madison Bumgarner or a role player like Sandy Amoros.

The Dodgers and Astros will play today [Macau time] on the biggest stage baseball has to offer, and in a one-game, winner-take-all scenario, just about anything is possible. This series has featured both home run binges and pitching duels, blown leads and surprising saves.

"I don't anybody here is shocked that it's going to Game 7," Houston ace Justin Verlander said after Tuesday night's 3-1 loss at Dodger Stadium.

Here's a look back at Game 7 of the World Series, through the years:

These games need no introduction. One name is often enough.

Bill Mazerowski. Jack Morris. Luis Gonzalez.

In 1960, Mazerowski led off the bottom of the ninth inning in Game 7 with a homer that gave Pittsburgh a 10-9 win over the New York Yankees. That slugfest was a wild one, with 10 runs scored in the final two innings.

The 1991 finale between Minnesota and Atlanta at the Metrodome was tense for different reasons. Morris pitched all 10 innings for the Twins, who finally won 1-0 on Gene Larkin's bases-loaded single.

Gonzalez's RBI single in 2001 capped a two-run, ninth-inning rally by Arizona against Mariano Rivera and the Yankees. The Diamondbacks won 3-2, denying New York a fourth straight championship.

Nearly a century ago, in 1924, Washington rallied from a two-run deficit in the

eighth and eventually beat the New York Giants 4-3 in 12, with Walter Johnson pitching the final four innings in relief.

Amoros made his mark as a defensive sub in 1955, running down Yogi Berra's drive in left field to halt a sixth-inning rally by the Yankees. Brooklyn held on for a 2-0 victory and finally won its first crown.

Cleveland hasn't won a World Series since 1948 but came agonizingly close in 1997 and 2016, losing Game 7 in extra innings both years. Edgar Renteria's 11th-inning hit won the '97 Series for Florida, and the Chicago Cubs outlasted the Indians last year, winning 8-7 in 10 to take their first title since 1908.

Sometimes, Game 7 turns into a blowout. Detroit fans threw things at Joe Medwick of the Cardinals in 1934, as St. Louis was on its way to an 11-0 win over the Tigers. In 1985, the Cardinals were on the other end of an 11-0 drubbing, and this time they were the ones venting their frustration against the Royals. A missed call had gone Kansas City's way near the end of Game 6, and St. Louis fell apart in Game 7. Manager Whitey Herzog and pitcher Joaquin Andujar were ejected. **AP**

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Girl About Globe

Linda Kennedy



SPA HA HA

London. A spa treat at the Ham Yard Hotel, the city's latest and hottest, just north of Piccadilly. Its spa appeared in the 'Ten Best Spas in London' so thither my sister and I went for a birthday treat. Spas are like tourist destinations for women. Westminster Abbey for the flabby. Madame Tussauds for bods.

The hotel lobby was chic and witty. We took the lift to the spa, were welcomed and given apple and ginger juice. We were then handed huge white towelling robes of such texture and thickness it was like wearing a polar bear costume. Was there a Disney character, Spa Bear? Was it in Frozen? But there was no instruction about what should be worn underneath.

The biggest dilemma of any spa situation is the decision about what you strip down to. Does all underwear remain? Just the bottom? Nothing at all, or is that loose?

A sororal pow-wow agreed upon the embarrassment involved in the extent of disrobing. The outcome of this brief summit on briefs was to remove everything but our knickers. We strode forth from the changing area, pleased not to trip on the hem of our towelling gowns as they would surely have been yanked open, revealing the choices we had made.

Carefully, we maneuvered our heavy costumes to one of the treatment rooms, Spa Bears hunting for pampering.

We had opted to be massaged and facialed on neighbouring beds, in what was known as the 'Couples Room'. (It was a name, I felt, which could have been adapted on a per booking basis. For us, 'The Girls' Day Out Treat' room.)

Checklist time. The questions posed by beauty staff used to relate to allergies, heart conditions and vascular issues. No more. The modern spa census pokes more into your vanity than your varicose veins. 'Have you ever had Botox or fillers?' 'Have you ever had a chemical peel?' We denied everything.

My sister was getting a facial, I was having a massage. I was advised there would be a 'full body component plus reflexology, and a head massage to finish the treatment'. The friendly masseuse handed me a small packet and then she, and the facialist, withdrew to allow us to get ready.

I opened the packet, assuming it was something to hold my hair during the massage, to be removed during the head massage. Inside there was a strip of paper with two strings on either side. A paper ponytail tie? Or a make-up band to push hair back?

I sought to twist the scrap of mysterious paper into my hair. An experimental high ponytail fell out. A messy bun disintegrated. I twanged it towards my sister. 'Any ideas?' Defeated, I just left it on the table.

A gentle knock. The masseuse and facialist came back into the room.

My masseuse moved the towel over my lower half, preparing for a leg and an appropriate amount of gluteus maximus to be exposed.

'Oh' she commented, 'you didn't use them.'

I was already facedown on the massage bed but peered round. She was staring at my knickers, then she looked over at the paper conundrum on the table.

Twenty seconds later, she whispered 'relax' into my ear. I was rigid. I had narrowly avoided wearing a paper thong on my head.

Afterwards, sipping water, I help up the thong. It was obvious now. But was I the only one who'd misunderstood which buns this was for? I considered a selfie with the pants twisted round a chignon in my hair. Just to see who else picked up on hashtag #knickerscrunchie

THE RUNAWAY 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL SNEAKS ONTO PLANE AT GENEVA AIRPORT

A runaway 7-year-old girl slipped through security checks at Geneva's airport and onto a plane without a ticket before being spotted by a crew member and handed over to police, officials said yesterday.

In the incident on Sunday, the girl, who was not identified, initially slipped away from her parents at Geneva's main railway station and traveled by train to the airport. The girl repeatedly "took advantage of her small size" and employed a "ruse" to make it look like she was tra-

veling with adults ahead or behind her, he said.

Acknowledging an "eminently regrettable" incident that could have turned out worse, Geneva airport spokesman Bernard Stampfli said authorities were enhancing measures to make sure that children are accompanied by adults when passing through security checks.

EasyJet acknowledged that "an unaccompanied child incorrectly boarded flight EZS1305 from Geneva to Ajaccio," and said an investigation has been launched.

Bonding: MGM returns to film distribution with Annapurna partnership

Jake Coyle, New York

THE storied movie studio MGM is getting back into distribution, teaming with Megan Ellison's Annapurna Pictures in a joint venture that could have ramifications for the next James Bond film.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Annapurna yesterday [Macau time] announced a partnership to distribute films in the United States. The move signals growing ambitions for MGM, which was once one of Hollywood's premier brands. After financial struggles, the Beverly Hills, California-based studio, founded in 1924, emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2000 and has since released its films through larger studios.

"The time has come for MGM to regain control of its own destiny and return to U.S. theatrical distribution," Gary Barber, MGM chief executive and chairman, said in a statement.

MGM remains the home of James Bond, but neither MGM nor Annapurna said if the next Bond movie, planned for 2019, is a part of their new deal. MGM's pact with Sony Pictures on the franchise expired in 2015. Worldwide distribution rights for the 25th Bond film, MGM said, would be announced "at a later date."

MGM and Annapurna said



Daniel Craig appears in a scene from the James Bond film, "Spectre"

they will together release about 15 films a year, including six to eight by MGM. Each company retains creative control over their individual projects. Annapurna, which has recently begun marketing and distributing its own titles, will handle campaigns for all MGM titles.

"We are thrilled to expand our relationship with Gary and the entire MGM team," said Ellison. "MGM's distinguished legacy and library of films has made them a pillar in the industry and I couldn't be more proud and confident in our team's ability to collaborate on the distribution of their upcoming slate."

The first movie MGM will release under the agreement will be Eli Roth's "Death

Wish," a remake of the 1974 revenge thriller, in March. Also on the docket are a musical of 1983's "Valley Girl," the Rocky saga sequel "Creed 2," and a female-led remake of 1988's "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" titled "Nasty Women."

Since its founding in 2012, Annapurna has become an Academy Awards regular thanks to films like "American Hustle," "Zero Dark Thirty" and "Her." Its recent forays into distribution, however, have been less successful. None of its three releases this year — Kathryn Bigelow's "Detroit," Angela Robinson's "Professor Marston & the Wonder Woman" and Mike White's "Brad's Status" — have performed well at the box office. AP

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Station	Air quality	
Roadside	95-125 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	95-125 Moderate	
Ambient	100-130 Bad	

SOURCE: D5MG

WORLD BRIEFS



RUSSIA-IRAN Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Iran yesterday for trilateral talks with Tehran and Azerbaijan. The talks are to focus on regional matters, as well as terrorism and security issues. The three countries all share the Caspian Sea and railway and road projects are expected to be discussed at their meeting as well.

YEMEN A suspected airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Shiite rebels in Yemen killed at least 29 people, including children, in the country's north, a Yemeni health official said yesterday.

MACEDONIA has fired its honorary consul in Barcelona, who has been charged with murdering his 3-year old twins in South Africa.



BRAZIL Thousands of drivers from Uber and cabbies faced off in Brazil's capital Tuesday as the Senate voted to soften proposed new regulations that the ride-sharing app said would sink its business in its second-largest market worldwide.

HONDURAS An international team of lawyers said that the 2016 killing of Honduran environmental activist Berta Caceres was the product of a coordinated plot and suggested that leadership of a dam development company may have ordered her assassination.

HOLIDAY TIMES

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