

CHINA IN THE NEWS



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China's first suspension railway ready for more systematic operations

An elevated monorail runs along a 1.4km track during its test run at China Sky Railway in Chengdu, capital of Southwest China's Sichuan province and hometown of pandas, on Nov 21, 2016. The panda-faced vehicle is China's first suspension train driven by lithium batteries and can run at a speed of 60km/h and carry around 230 passengers. It's also the first of its kind across the world.

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成都即将打造的首条磁悬浮列车试验线已确定运行路线，为成都到德阳。同时，由西南交通大学自主研制的第二代中低速磁悬浮工程化列车也将于2017年6月正式下线。早在去年12月，中国首条完全自主设计、自主制造、自主施工和管理的中低速磁悬浮商业运营示范线在高速测试中跑出了103千米的时速。今年1月，这条线路在长沙开始试运行，成为世界上第三条实现商业运行的中低速磁悬浮列车线路，这也是目前世界最长的中低速磁悬浮列车线路。而这条线路的核心技术，就是由西南交大提供的。作为“超静交通”的代表，磁悬浮列车的运行噪音比人们说话声音还小。此前，中铁二院科学技术研究院相关负责人在接受媒体采访时透露，从造价上来讲，中低速磁悬浮系统每公里综合造价不超过2亿元，低于地铁5至8亿元的修建成本。同时，磁悬浮列车的运载能力也不如地铁，因此不太适合应用在成都的干线交通上，适合应用于成都支线的交通，“比如成都到周边卫星城等”。

China's Alibaba launches data center in Dubai

Alibaba Cloud, a cloud computing arm of China's Alibaba Group, said here on Monday that it launched a data center in Dubai. Operated by YVOLV, a joint venture between Alibaba Cloud and United Arab Emirates (UAE) company Meraas Holdings, the data center will be the first "full-fledged public cloud" in the Middle East, said Alibaba Cloud and Meraas in a joint press conference. It will serve the "increasing demand" for mission-critical, affordable and secure cloud computing in the region, they said. Simon Hu, president of Alibaba Cloud, said that with the data center, global cloud network will be able to meet demands from enterprises which are going global.

Fahed Al-Hajeri, chief executive officer of YVOLV, confirmed that the cloud provider's achievements in its home market China "can be replicated in the region."

阿里云四大海外数据中心即将启动运营

阿里巴巴集团旗下云计算平台阿里云21日在阿联酋迪拜宣布，其位于欧洲、中东、日本和澳大利亚的数据中心将于月内相继开放服务节点。这标志着阿里云成为中国首家在全球主要互联网市场形成云计算基础设施覆盖的云计算服务商。阿里云已经在美国西部、美国东部、新加坡和中国香港设立有数据中心，并在新加坡设立有海外业务总部。在开放欧洲、中东、日本和澳大利亚4个地区的服务节点后，阿里云可以提供计算服务的节点将增至14个。这些数据中心将为海内外用户提供存储、安全、大数据、人工智能等系列产品。

Chinese actor Jackie Chan among winners of Academy's Honorary Award

Chinese actor Jackie Chan, British film editor Anne V. Coates, American casting director Lynn Stalmaster and American documentary filmmaker Frederick Wiseman were presented with the Academy's Honorary Awards Saturday night to recognize their lifetime contributions to the film industry. The honors were presented at the eighth annual Governors Awards

ceremony at the Ray Dolby Ballroom at Hollywood & Highland Center.

成龙领奥斯卡荣誉主席奖

好莱坞当地时间当地时间11月12日，成龙身穿唐装现身好莱坞参加第八届年度荣誉主席奖 (8th Annual Governors Awards)，获颁奥斯卡荣誉主席奖 (Governors Awards)。表彰他辉煌的演艺生涯和终身成就。成龙的获奖更是奥斯卡对亚洲表演艺术家的认同。本届的终身成就奖得主由美国电影艺术与科学学院理事会投票选出，而成龙则是首位获得奥斯卡终身成就奖的华人，也是有史以来最年轻的奥斯卡终身成就奖获得者，同时也是第四位获此殊荣的亚洲人，在他之前日本导演黑泽明、印度导演萨蒂亚吉特雷伊和日本动画大师宫崎骏分别在1989、1991、2014年获得奥斯卡终身成就奖。今年，同他一同获奖的还有资深电影剪辑师安娜寇茨、资深选角导演林斯塔马斯特以及老牌纪录片制作人弗雷德里克怀斯曼。

Shanxi publishes details of Great Wall protection sites

The government of north China's Shanxi Province has published a circular with details about 4,276 Great Wall sites in the region in an effort to enhance protection. The circular published earlier this month includes the names, location, dates, and protection areas of the Great Wall sections, as well as areas where construction is strictly controlled. The sites are spread across 40 counties and districts in eight cities in the province.

Government authorities said the protection areas and construction control areas, extending both above and below ground, were jointly designated by the Shanxi Culture Relics Bureau and the Housing and Urban-Rural Development Department of Shanxi.

陕西古长城秦直道遗址保护成果首次集中展览

古长城和秦直道都是我省重要的历史文化遗迹，近年来我省考古学家一直在对这两处大遗址进行研究。昨日，“薪火相传——陕西古长城、秦直道遗址保护特展”在陕西历史博物馆隆重开幕。这也是陕西古长城、秦直道遗址保护成果首次集中展览。

本次展览分为陕西古长城遗址保护和陕西秦直道遗址保护两个部分，分别详细介绍了古长城、秦直道的起源、沿革、用途、历史作用、遗存现状等，并展示了近年来保护两大遗址所取得的最新成果和文物工作者、社会志愿者与群众文保员的先进事迹。陕西是中国长城资源最为丰富的省份，迄今为止，陕西已经完成了境内长城资源调查，实施了一系列保护维修工程。秦直道是秦始皇为防御和征服北方匈奴而专门修建的一条装备“高速公路”，为维护大秦帝国的统一发挥了重要作用。秦直道遗址起自陕西旬邑，经甘肃终于内蒙古鄂尔多斯，总长约750公里，陕西境内长达478公里，陕西已完成了资源调查规划制定，并陆续开始了一系列考古保护工作。

Coca-Cola to reshape bottling operations in China

The Coca-Cola Company on Saturday announced the reshaping of its bottling operations in China. The announcement was made jointly with an agreement of the Coca-Cola Company and its Bottling Investments Group China, COFCO Coca-Cola Beverages Limited (a subsidiary of COFCO Corporation), and Swire Beverage Holdings Limited. As a result, Coca-Cola's bottling operations in China will be concentrated in its two franchise partners, COFCO and Swire. COFCO will own and operate 18 bottling plants, while Swire will own and operate 17.

可口可剥离在华装瓶资产中粮太古接手将平分

从1981年开始，可口可乐在中国内地开设装瓶厂至今已有35年，如今到了可口可剥离装瓶资产挥手告别的时刻。11月18日，太古股份公司 (00019, HK)、中国食品 (00506, HK) 两家港股上市公司同时发布公告，分别披露可口可在中国装瓶版图的重整方案。次日，可口可剥离与装瓶合作伙伴举行了签约仪式，宣布重组后该公司在中国的装瓶业务分别由中粮和太古两家特许经营合作伙伴运营。“在可口可剥离、中粮和太古的博弈和整合过程中，三方各取其乐。”中国食品产业评论员朱丹蓬对《每日经济新闻》记者分析，可口可剥离将装瓶重资产剥离，降低了管理的难度和运营成本；而对中粮和太古而言，这是市场份额和利润的增长点

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Infrastructure, Pre-K Among Chamber Priorities

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce says long-term funding for infrastructure and pre-k education are among its top priorities for the 2017 legislative session. Chief Executive Officer Kevin Brinegar says the chamber could support raising fuel taxes and charging fees for alternative fuel vehicles to "ensure that every user pays their fair share." On early childhood education, Brinegar says his hope is that "disadvantaged youngsters take priority for the state's limited dollars."

Holcomb Taps Goode For Chief of Staff

Governor-elect Eric Holcomb has added former Governor Mitch Daniels' ex-chief of staff to his administration. Earl Goode, who will serve in the same role under Holcomb, currently serves as co-chair of the nonprofit transition team preparing the Lieutenant Governor to take the top state office in January. Holcomb also named Agency Review Leaders, who are tasked with assessing the necessities and progress of executive agencies.

Hospital CEO: Get Ready For Change

The chief executive officer of a rural Indiana hospital says employers and employees should brace for changes to the Affordable Care Act, advising Hoosiers to "be nimble and realize that things may change rapidly." But Greene County General Hospital CEO Brenda Reetz doesn't expect Obamacare to necessarily receive a radical makeover. "I don't think we're going to see a grand day when everything changes overnight," said Reetz, during an interview on Inside Indiana Business Television.

Westfield Mayor Pitches Potential Conference Center, Hotel

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook used his State of the City Address to unveil a major development that could include a civic center, 500-room hotel and a YMCA. Westfield's EdgeRock Development LLC would build the ambitious Grand Millennium Center project on city-owned land.

Study: Indiana Facing Massive Infrastructure Funding Gap

With the General Assembly a day away from its official start, a new study is projecting a state funding gap as high as \$8.5 billion needed to cover wastewater and drinking water projects over the next 20 years. The research from the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations says state and local governments could experience annual shortfalls of \$326 million and \$423 million, if current spending stays where it is.

Hoosiers Have Room to Move Up Volunteering 'Ladder'

New statistics from the Corporation for National and Community Service show volunteer services

contributed by Hoosiers in 2015 valued at \$3.1 billion. Indiana ranks 25th in the United States in terms of volunteer participation, which Serve Indiana State Service Director Marc McAlevey says gives Indiana room to "move up the ladder." Indianapolis ranked 10th among the country's largest metropolitan areas for its rate of volunteerism.

Indy Airport Sets Passenger Records

The Indianapolis Airport Authority is reporting record passenger volume in 2016. In its most recent service update, the authority also made the case for the need for a Trans-Atlantic air carrier and outlined what it is doing to address that need.

Unemployment Dips in October

Indiana's unemployment rate dropped to 4.4 percent in October, compared to 4.5 percent the previous month. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says Indiana's total labor force decreased by more than 16,000 last month and currently stands at more than 3.3 million.

Ballard, Richard Push Advanced Energy Benefits

Former mayors of the state's two largest cities will lead the Indiana efforts for a national business group focused on non-traditional energy industries. Former Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard is chief executive officer of the national Advanced Energy Economy organization, while former Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard will serve as senior fellow for Indiana Advanced Energy Economy.

Health Care Stakeholders 'Locking Arms'

Leaders from the health care, advocacy and business communities are coming together to tackle the state's historic health care struggles. The Alliance for a Healthier Indiana says its first task will be to put a dent in the high rate of tobacco use, which is considered the leading cause of preventable death in the state. Indianapolis-based Community Health Network Chief Executive Officer Bryan Mills is spearheading the collaboration and says the effects of poor health ripple throughout all phases of life and harm Indiana's national reputation.

Cook Medical Eyes Larger 16 Tech Footprint

The ambitious vision of the 16 Tech innovation district in Indianapolis is continuing to take shape. Bloomington-based Cook Group Inc., one of the development's driving sources of private sector support, is looking to pump more than \$16.5 million into the first of what could be several phases of expansion. The medical device manufacturer has had a presence at the property since 2012 and is seeking tax abatement for renovations, new space and equipment it says would create more than 80 positions by 2021.

Building Permit Numbers Continue to Rise

The Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis says single-family building permits in central Indiana jumped 12 percent in October. The organization says 494 permits were issued last month in the nine-county region, compared with 443 permits during the same month last year.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Holiday gifts to 529 College Savings Plans last a lifetime



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characteristics, they differ as to the investment choices offered, fees, performance and state tax benefits.

Information on Indiana's College Choice 529 Savings Plans is located at www.collegechoiceplan.com. The DirectPlan is for do-it-yourselfers, while the Advisor Plan is offered by financial advisors. In 2016, Morningstar identified both Indiana plans among "best in class" options and awarded them its "Bronze" rating. Morningstar's Christine Benz says, "the Indiana 529 Plans' lineups are sensibly structured and Indiana's tax credit is among the most generous in the country."

Hoosiers can claim a 20-percent income tax credit-up to a maximum of \$1000 per return each year-for contributions made directly to a CollegeChoice account, whether they are the account owner or not. Make a \$5,000 contribution received by 12/31/16 and you can take a \$1,000 credit on your 2016 Indiana income tax bill. On a net basis, each dollar contributed costs you only 80 cents, representing a risk-free 25% return on your investment.

According to Troy Montigny, Executive Director of the Indiana Education Savings Authority, "Every bit saved now makes a big difference later. With low minimum contributions of \$10 and arguably the best tax incentive in the country, it's never too early or too late for Hoosiers to save for education expenses through the CollegeChoice Plans."

Ugift (www.ugift529.com) is an easy, free-to-use service that lets account owners suggest that family and friends celebrate children's milestones with the gift of college savings in lieu of traditional gifts.

The Private College 529 Plan (www.privatecollege529.com) is owned by 284 member colleges nationwide—12 in Indiana. It is a prepaid tuition plan (minimum initial contribution \$25). Participants purchase Tuition Certificates at current tuition rates, to be redeemed for education years down the road at any member college. Importantly, the colleges bear the market risk and you do not have to commit to a particular college until you actually enroll and redeem your certificates.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Indiana Historical Society

The Indiana Historical Society's (IHS's) annual Festival of Trees holiday exhibit is growing, with more to see and more time to see it. The winter wonderland will be on display Friday, Nov. 18 through Friday, Dec. 30, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center.

New this year, 72 elaborately themed trees will decorate the History Center, up from 50 trees in 2015. New themes will play off recent events, such as the World Series and Indiana's Bicentennial Torch Relay, as well as pop culture favorites, such as Disney's Frozen and Nintendo's Super Mario Bros.

There are also opportunities to interact with the exhibit, such as voting for favorites or donating clothing items. HealthNet, a local non-profit network of primary care health centers, will be accepting new or gently-used coats, gloves, hats, mittens and scarves in a collection box located beneath its tree.

More to See and Do This Holiday Season at IHS
DAILY - Sing-Alongs and The Elf on the Shelf
TUESDAYS - Twilight Tuesdays, Open until 9 p.m., between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS - Vintage Santa, Noon to 4 p.m., Holiday Handmade, Noon to 4 p.m.
SATURDAY DEC. 3 - Holiday Author Fair, Noon to 4 p.m.
SUNDAY DEC. 4 - Growing Little Leaves: Family History through Traditions, 1 to 3 p.m.
THURSDAY DEC. 15 - Good Beers and Ugly Sweaters, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

CARMEL CELEBRATES HISTORIC GRAND OPENING!

100th roundabout at Carmel Drive & Range Line Road



Carmel round about at 106th St and Keystone Ave

The City of Carmel celebrated the grand opening of its 100th roundabout today. This marks a milestone in a 20-year initiative to transform a transportation network that had previously been littered with failing, traditional suburban traffic lights, four-way stops and other poorly functioning dangerous intersections. The network-wide incorporation of modern roundabouts has transformed Carmel's roadways into a smooth-flowing network that has dramatically reduced accidents. Carmel's roadway designs improve the quality of life for residents by increasing safety, creating a more sustainable street network and reducing daily commute times.

Mayor Jim Brainard joined other officials by cutting the ribbon at the roundabout, located at the intersection of Carmel Drive and Range Line Road, one of the city's busiest. The public was invited to join in the celebration that included live music, food and drink and a celebration pyrotechnics display launched from the center of the new roundabout.

Carmel began 2016 with an already impressive 97 roundabouts. Earlier this week, roundabout number 98 was opened at the intersection of Carey Road and Hawthorne Drive West; followed by number 99, which opened earlier today at 116th Street and Gray Road. The addition of these new roundabouts - with several more to be added in 2017 and 2018 - further solidifies Carmel's standing as the city with the most roundabouts in America.

"This is a great day in the history of Carmel as we celebrate the opening of this milestone roundabout while also recognizing the continued transformation of our city into a more sustainable and environmentally responsible community," said Mayor Brainard. "For the past two decades, we have been aggressively building roundabouts. These smart and functional

traffic moving devices are key components for providing a safe and efficient roadway network in Carmel and help us provide a high quality of life for our citizens."

The first roundabout was constructed in Carmel in 1996 - at the intersection of River Road and Main Street (131st Street at the time) - during Mayor Brainard's first year in office. The Mayor first encountered roundabouts during his college trips to Europe, when he came to appreciate both their efficiency and aesthetic appeal. In the 1990s and early 2000s, Carmel was booming with population

growth and corporate growth, increasing the demand on the local transportation network.

As Carmel began its aggressive roundabout projects, roundabouts were unknown in most parts of the United States. Central Indiana residents unfamiliar with the benefits of roundabouts voiced opposition to this new intersection configuration and favored more familiar intersection controls such as the stop sign or traffic light. Many also expressed concerns about the potential for driver confusion when maneuvering through a roundabout. Mayor Brainard knew that people generally are skeptical of change, and chose to maintain his efforts to utilize roundabouts despite public resistance. The key to success in this effort would be to effectively educate the public on the safety, cost, efficiency and environmental benefits of roundabouts as well as how to properly drive in a roundabout.

The increased traffic efficiency saves 24,000 gallons of gas per year per roundabout, based on federal highway studies, leading to reduced vehicular emissions and improved air quality. The environmental benefits of roundabouts are gaining recognition nationally and internationally. In 2008, the U.S. Conference of Mayors awarded Mayor Brainard with Climate Protection Award for his leadership in Carmel's roundabout program and for its resulting energy and reduction in harmful gas emissions which lead to global warming.

Mayor Brainard believes that creating sound infrastructure is vitally important to continuing Carmel's successful growth. Finding ways to move traffic more safely and efficiently is a priority, and roundabouts help Carmel accomplish that goal in a cost-effective manner.