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The North Korean leader, Kim Jong-il, right, at a parade Sunday with his youngest son and heir apparent, Kim Jong-un, center, in the younger Mr. Kim's most public appearance yet.

North Korea gets a good look at its next leader

PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA

As tanks roll by at parade for military, Kim Jong-un is cheered in public debut

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clapping, waving and even cracking a smile, Kim Jong-il's heir apparent joined his father Sunday at a massive military parade in his most public appearance since being unveiled as the next North Korean leader.

Kim Jong-un, dressed in a dark blue civilian suit, sat next to his father on an observatory platform at Kim Il-sung Plaza as armored trucks with rocket

launchers and tanks rolled by as part of celebrations marking the 65th anniversary of the reclusive state's ruling Workers' Party.

It was a momentous public debut for Kim Jong-un less than two weeks after he was made a four-star general in the first in a series of appointments that set him firmly on the path to succession, which would carry the rule of the Kim dynasty over the Communist country into a third generation.

Just days earlier, the world got one of its first glimpses of the son from photos published in The Rodong Sinmun, a newspaper. However, the Sunday appearance was carried live by state television, beaming him into North Korean households and giving the people their first good look at the future leader.

Seeing the two Kims side by side above a huge portrait of North Korea's founder, Kim Il-sung, and later waving to the crowd, drew raucous cheers of "Hurrah!" and some tears from North Koreans attending the parade in the heart of Pyongyang.

"Kim Jong-il! Protect him to the death!" "Kim Jong-il, let's unite to support him!" they chanted as the 68-year-old leader walked the length of the platform, appearing to limp slightly and gripping the banister.

The Kims also appeared at a nighttime celebration in Pyongyang that exploded into a grand spectacle of fireworks, patriotic music and color.

Historical footage of Kim Il-sung played on big screens as thousands of dancers below performed intricate cho-

reographed routines. At one point, the dancers seemingly transformed the stadium floor into a vast sea of ocean waves, then a field of trees moments later.

The earlier parade was said to be the nation's largest ever, a display of unity and military might for a country known for its elaborately staged performances that suggested bigger celebrations than just the Workers' Party anniversary.

Thousands of troops from every branch of the North Korean military of 1.2 million, as well as from naval officers' academies and military nursing

MENTOR TO NORTH KOREAN LEADER IS DEAD The highest ranking North Korean official to ever defect to the South has been found dead in Seoul. PAGE 4

Vietnam puts the past aside in remapping its alliances

HANOI

As Beijing asserts itself, Hanoi's relations with U.S. are on an upswing

BY SETH MYDANS

A visit to Vietnam this week by the U.S. secretary of defense, Robert M. Gates, is the latest step in a bilateral relationship that is at its warmest since diplomatic ties were established 15 years ago.

A steady progression of careful gestures has eroded the enmities of the Vietnam War, built a basis of increasing trust and turned the two nations' attention, in large part, from issues of the past to the present.

It is the second U.S. cabinet-level visit to Vietnam in four months; Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton came in July. Exchanges at this level have become almost routine.

"I would say that relations are at their highest point in 15 years," said Nguyen Manh Hung, director of the Indochina Institute at George Mason University in Virginia. "We have basically removed the major hurdles of suspicion in military to military relations, and I would expect things to proceed quite fast," he said.

Mr. Gates was expected to meet with Gen. Phung Quang Thanh, the Vietnamese defense minister, at a gathering of defense chiefs from the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations and partner nations.

The main concern shared by the two nations underscores the shifts in alliances in the 35 years since the war came to an end: Chinese claims in the South China Sea.

It is an issue with some irony. Where the United States sought during the war to contain an expansion of Chinese communism into Vietnam, it is aligned with Vietnam today in concern over an escalation of China's maritime claims.

China was an ally of North Vietnam in its war against the United States in the 1960s and '70s and is now a partner of a unified Vietnam in an uneasy relationship between Communist nations of vastly different size.

"Vietnam worries about Chinese in the South China Sea and America worries about interference in freedom of navigation," Mr. Hung said. "Because of this, the strategic interests of Vietnam and the United States converge."

Last week, Vietnam demanded the release of a fishing boat and nine crew members arrested a month ago near disputed islands. China has said that the crew must pay a fine, and Vietnam has asserted that the crew members have been mistreated.

In March, China raised the level of its territorial claim, asserting that the South China Sea was a "core concern," a phrase that placed it on a par with Taiwan and Tibet, its most sensitive territorial interests.

In response, during a visit to Hanoi in July, Mrs. Clinton hardened Washington's stance by saying the United States has a "national interest" in freedom of VIETNAM, PAGE 4

In U.S. races, foes criticize one another over China

Members of both parties run ads accusing rivals of sending jobs overseas

BY DAVID W. CHEN

With many Americans seized by anxiety about the country's economic decline, candidates from both political parties have suddenly found a new villain to run against: China.

From the marquee battle earlier this month between Senator Barbara Boxer and Carly Fiorina in California to the House contests in rural New York, Democrats and Republicans are blaming one another for allowing the export of jobs to the United States' economic rival.

In the past week or so, at least 29 candidates have unveiled advertisements suggesting that their opponents have been too sympathetic to China and that, as a result, Americans have suffered.

The ads are striking not only in their volume but also in their pointed language.

One ad for Representative Zack Space, an Ohio Democrat, accuses his Republican opponent, Bob Gibbs, of supporting free-trade policies that sent Ohioans' jobs to China. As a giant dragon appears on the screen, the narrator sarcastically thanks the Republican: "As they say in China, 'xie xie,' Mr. Gibbs!"

In an ad featuring Chinese music and a photo of Mao Zedong, Spike Maynard,



A Republican ad in Ohio accused the local Democratic candidate of losing local jobs.

a Republican challenger in West Virginia, charges that his Democratic opponent, Representative Nick J. Rahall, supported a bill creating wind-turbine jobs in China.

And on Wednesday, Senator Harry Reid, the Nevada Democrat who is the Senate majority leader, began showing an ad that weaves pictures of Chinese factory workers with criticism that the Republican challenger, Sharron Angle, was "a foreign worker's best friend" for supporting corporate tax breaks that led to outsourcing to China and India.

The barrage of ads, expected to total in the tens of millions of dollars, is occurring as politicians are struggling to ad-CAMPAIGN, PAGE 6

TRYING TO WIN WHERE FAITH IS LOST Representative Patrick J. Murphy found much disillusionment among the voters of Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania. PAGE 2

ECONOMY TRUMPS WAR IN U.S. ELECTIONS Candidates have been largely silent on Afghanistan, focusing instead on the economy, writes Albert R. Hunt. PAGE 2

No hands on the wheel, but a smooth ride at 55 m.p.h.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA

BY JOHN MARKOFF

Anyone driving the twists of Highway 1 between San Francisco and Los Angeles recently may have glimpsed a Toyota Prius with a curious cone-shaped device on the roof. Harder to notice was that the person at the wheel was not actually driving.

The car is a project of Google, which has been working in secret but in plain view on vehicles that can drive themselves, using artificial-intelligence software that can sense anything near the car and mimic the decisions made by a human driver.

With someone behind the wheel to

take control if something goes awry and a technician in the passenger seat to monitor the navigation system, seven test cars have driven 1,000 miles, or about 1,600 kilometers, without human intervention and more than 140,000 miles with only occasional human control. One even drove itself down Lombard Street in San Francisco, one of the steepest and curviest streets in the United States. The only accident, engineers said, occurred when one Google car was rear-ended while stopped at a traffic light.

Autonomous cars are years from mass production, but technologists who have long dreamed of them believe that they can transform society as profoundly as the Internet has.



The laser on the roof of one of the self-driving vehicles Google is developing.

Robot drivers react faster than humans, have 360-degree perception and do not get distracted, sleepy or intoxicated, the engineers argue. They speak in terms of lives saved and injuries avoided — more than 37,000 people died

in car accidents in the United States in 2008. The engineers say the technology could double the capacity of roads by allowing cars to drive more safely while closer together. Because the robot cars would eventually be less likely to crash, they could be lighter, reducing fuel consumption. But of course, to be truly safer, the cars must be far more reliable than, say, personal computers, which crash on occasion and are subject to infections.

The Google research program using artificial intelligence to revolutionize the automobile is proof that the company's ambitions reach beyond the search engine business. The program is also a departure from the mainstream GOOGLE, PAGE 18



WORLD NEWS

Cries of relief Relatives of the 33 men trapped in a mine in northern Chile were overjoyed after rescue workers drilled an escape hole Saturday. The men, trapped since Aug. 5, could be pulled out this week, though officials say risks remain. PAGE 7

Allies fight for conflicting aims

Terrorism may be the main enemy for the United States as it fights the Afghanistan war, but India sits at the core of Pakistan's thinking. PAGE 3

Dissidents suffer China's ire

China responded to the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Liu Xiaobo, a jailed dissident, by placing scores of activists under house arrest. PAGE 4

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China softens stance on Japan

Criminal trials and military tribunals don't work for terrorists. Military detention without charge or trial has been the best way to disable them, writes Jack Goldsmith. PAGE 8

No currency deal at I.M.F.

Leaders in a number of industrial economies are watching with mounting concern as China exerts dominance in the rare earth market, Michael Richardson writes. PAGE 8

Trimming costs in the cloud

Growing numbers of Asian companies are cutting costs by renting computer capacity from off-site cloud computing centers, instead of buying their own dedicated servers. PAGE 17

Undercover in a fraud scheme

A trader recognized fraud when he saw an investment presentation. When he reported it, the F.B.I. enlisted him as an undercover informant to gather evidence on the scheme. PAGE 17

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Keeping terrorists out of court

There is an increasingly influential cadre of American lawyers specializing in Supreme Court cases, attracted to the importance and intellectual challenge of the work. Many are willing to serve without charge to draw prestige and paying clients to their firms. global.nytimes.com/us

ONLINE

Grown up, but irresponsible

They have sex with friends, acquaintances and people they are casually dating. Many have never been tested for sexually transmitted disease, but they rarely use condoms. Who are they? Not teenagers but 50-something single Americans, according to the U.S. National Survey of Sexual Health and Behavior. nytimes.com/weekinreview

A new breed of U.S. lawyers

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EDUCATION

A dual system in France

National pride has given way to defensiveness, as the most prestigious French schools, the grandes écoles, have been shut out of the top ranks of an influential listing. PAGE 14

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