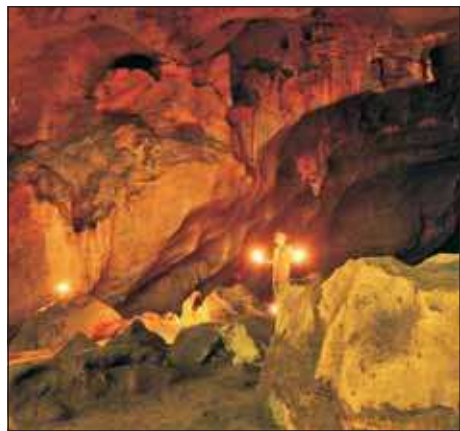


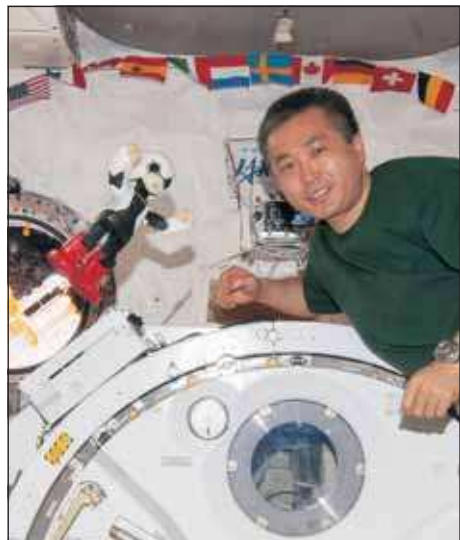
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## Giant yellow duck on multi-city tour of Taiwan



**INFLATABLE FOWL.** A cleaning crew scrubs a giant yellow duck at Keelung port in New Taipei City, northern Taiwan, on December 28, 2013. The famous 59-foot rubber duck created by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman was cleaned up during its multi-city tour of Taiwan. Unfortunately, the inflatable art installation burst and deflated on New Year's Eve, just 11 days after arriving. Officials are investigating the cause of the explosion and the city plans to borrow another copy of the floating artwork. Versions of the famous duck have found temporary residency in cities around the world, including Hong Kong, Beijing, Osaka, Sydney, and elsewhere. The giant duck, which arrived in Taiwan in September, was docked in Kaohsiung until October 20 before floating to Taoyuan, then travelled to Keelung. (AP Photo)

## Celebrations in Dubai, London, Las Vegas usher in 2014

By Jake Pearson and David B. Caruso  
The Associated Press

**N**EW YORK — A worldwide wave of celebrations rang in 2014 with a dazzling 30-minute fireworks show in Dubai, a deluge of confetti in London that tasted as good as it looked, and a lavish, boozy, music-filled party throughout the streets of Las Vegas.

In freezing New York City's Times

Square, a sea of horn-tooting, hat-wearing revellers cheered and some smooched as the famed crystal ball dropped at midnight.

Bronx-born U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor led the 60-second countdown and pushed the button that unleashed the shimmering orb with 2,688 crystals, a role usually filled by the New York City mayor.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, on his last

day in office, sat out the celebration after 12 years on the job, while newly elected mayor Bill de Blasio took the oath of office just after midnight at his Brooklyn home.

Kerrie McConaghy, 20, a university student visiting Times Square from Armagh, Ireland, was dancing and jumping up and down, donning a big blue top hat.

"It's unbelievable here," she said. "The lights, seeing the ball, hearing the music,

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