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China's economic growth edged down to 6.8 percent in the final quarter of 2015 as trade and consumer spending weakened, dragging full-year growth to its lowest level in 25 years.

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BEIJING — The slow-down of China's once-sizzling economy has fueled anxiety over its impact on the rest of the world. Yet when Beijing reported Tuesday that its economy grew last year at the slowest pace in a quarter-century, the reaction seemed

SUBURBAN NEWS

FROM THE STAFFS OF THE DAILY HERALD AND THE DAILY HERALD BUSINESS LEDGER

Local accounting firms merge

NAPERVILLE — CPA firm Brennan & Brosnan LLC has merged with the Oak Park-based Sassetti LLC, expanding the firm's reach and services. Terms of the merger were not announced. The merger will allow Brennan & Brosnan to add auditing services to their existing tax planning, tax preparation, accounting, and financial consulting offerings. Brennan & Brosnan, founded in 1994, specializes in serving the tax and business advisory needs of entrepreneurial businesses and owners in the Naperville area. Sassetti LLC dates back to 1921 and provides accounting, audit, tax and advisory services to middle-market businesses, both closely held and publicly traded, not-for-profit organizations, employee benefit plans and individuals. Brennan & Brosnan's employees will continue to operate out of their Naperville office. Margaret Brennan and Betsy Brosnan join the five partners of Sassetti as partners in the new

