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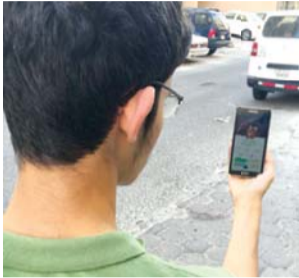
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# PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN KUWAIT

By Athoob Al-Shuaibi

**H**uman rights have been associated in the minds of Kuwaitis with political affairs, and it's often mistakenly believed that human rights are a conspiracy by the West to destabilize countries. This is simply not true. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was composed with participation from a group of nations including Muslim ones such as Egypt, Lebanon and Turkey. It covers all provisions of children's, women's, civil and political rights, among others.

Every two to four years, the Human Rights Council discusses with signatory states to determine the extent of improvement in the humanitarian situation and civil rights in these countries, and here comes the role of human rights organizations. In Kuwait, the Human Line Organization is among the active bodies tackling human rights in the civil society, concerns about children's issues, women, bedoons (stateless Arabs), migrant workers and political and civil rights. It was established in 2012 and has been working to report on the state of affairs in Kuwait to competent committees of the United Nations.

"It takes one to three months to write a report, depending on data availability. We collect information on several levels, laws, bylaws and written regulations in collaboration with official bodies. Sometimes, we try to resolve a case by going through a specific procedure to find out whether it's complying with the written regulations and laws, and how these are in line correspondingly with the global human rights agreement," explained Lulu Al-Rudaini, a member of HLO. She added that unlike some other voluntary groups that may not work together despite the similarity of aims, human rights activists in Kuwait transcend all conflicts and always try to cooperate with each other.

"Human Line Organization has teamed up with the Social Work Society, the Kuwaiti Graduates Society and the Musawat group led by Sheikha Al-Kulaibi and Asma Al-Ghanim. The ministries of health, education and youth have helped in holding awareness activities and campaigns. Corporate social responsibility is a huge part of any business in Kuwait -and some of these who have sponsored us are Al-Ahli Bank, Elevation Burger and Sultan Center. We do not accept financial support from embassies and people or firms with political or religious agendas in order to maintain our credibility," Rudaini explained.

Passion and strong beliefs are not enough to guarantee the success and continuity of the work of civil society organizations. Some are forced to pull out under various circumstances. "We're constantly keen to train new volunteers. Human resources are the key source of our persistence. An individual needs to go past a series of basic and advanced workshops before obtaining membership of the Human Line Organization. Human rights are not selective - they come as a package. Therefore, a member should be tolerant and agreeable to them altogether," stressed Rudaini.

## Promoting tolerance

Human Line Organization believes that improving the affairs of the community is not just a task of the government, but of the members of the community themselves. "We have held awareness activities for tolerance in all schools in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. We partnered with the latter to raise awareness and actions to tackle social stigma against people with mental illness and psychological problems, as well as the stereotypical image of a psychiatrist. We hope that this paves the way for the adoption of a mental health law in Kuwait," Rudaini said.

## Promoting literacy, domestic helper welfare

"As a part of HLO activities, we recently launched a "Shelf" initiative aimed at enriching the contents of libraries in schools, hospitals, prisons and orphanages with used books of diverse fields in cooperation with publishers, authors, Dar Al-Athar Al-Islamiya and the Kuwait Institute

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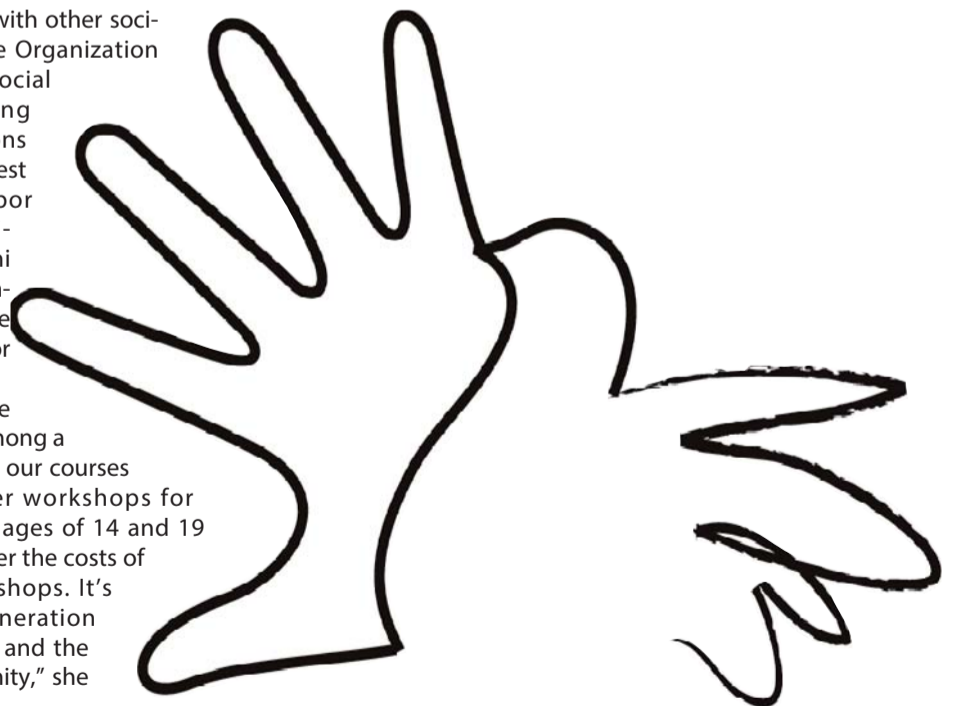
KUWAIT: Lulu Al-Rudaini is the general coordinator of the Taqabbal campaign (Acceptance) - One of the trainers at the tolerance program from the Human Line Organization.

for Scientific Research," she enthused.

As part of its cooperation with other societal institutions, Human Line Organization worked together with the Social Work Association, writing reports and recommendations to get the approval for the latest change in the domestic labor law. The new law set a minimum wage of KD 60. Rudaini said that this is just the beginning, as HLO aspires for the best and will strive to lobby for more rights.

"Our mission is to raise awareness of human rights among a greater number of people. All our courses are free for adults. Summer workshops for young people, between the ages of 14 and 19 years, have a token fee to cover the costs of materials used in the workshops. It's important to bring up a generation that is conscious of its rights and the rights of others to live in dignity," she said.

Presently, there are no sanctions on countries that violate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. However, each signatory state strives to improve its diplomatic reputation. Civil society institutions like the Human Line Organization are not against the government - they help to discover shortcomings in order to avoid them in the future.



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# Kuwait's wall



Al Shamiya gate - also another part of the wall which now sits opposite the seaside in Kuwait City. — KUNA photos

## A historic monument of solidarity

**KUWAIT:** The Third Wall of Kuwait, built in the 1920s, was considered as an embodiment of solidarity between the leadership and people of the land. On an order by the then Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, the construction of the Third Wall began to replace the second structure which was weakened through natural causes and other factors. The material used in the

construction was pure mudbricks while the gates were built using a combination of wood as well as mudbricks.

The process took two months. After it was done, the security of Kuwait, back then, was bolstered and enhanced through this act of solidarity. The Third Wall stretched for eight kilometers, about five miles, from Ras Al-Ayooz in the east to Al-Watiya

coast in the west. It was 14 meters high and one to one and a half meters thick with four gates guarded by 4 to 6 personnel from dawn to dusk. The wall had 26 towers which was built for military and security purposes. The wall was demolished in 1957 in the era of the Amir Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah due to the modernization and urban expansion of Kuwait. — KUNA



An aerial view of the wall



Al Shaab Gate

### THIRD WALL OF KUWAIT BUILT IN THE 1920S



The third wall of Kuwait, built in the 1920s which is an embodiment of solidarity between the leadership and people of the land.



British Military airplanes landing near the wall in 1928



Al Jahra gate, part of Kuwait third wall - still standing in downtown Kuwait



KUWAIT: 193 young men who spent a week at sea as part of Kuwait's annual pearl diving festival return yesterday. The pearl divers arrived in 13 ships. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

# Pearl divers mark end of season

Annual heritage expedition comes to a close

By Faten Omar

**KUWAIT:** Wearing traditional costumes, the 193 young men who spent a week at sea as part of Kuwait's annual pearl diving festival returned to their families yesterday. The pearl divers arrived in 13 ships, during a celebration known as Al Qafal (arrival of the divers with sea treasures) which marks the end of the four-month long traditional pearl diving season in Kuwait. Families of the divers welcomed their sons, in a sign of national and local pride.



Minister of Information and State Minister for Youth Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah welcomes the pearl divers during a celebration known as Al Qafal (arrival of the divers with sea treasures) which marks the end of the four-month long traditional pearl diving season in Kuwait.



The annual traditional diving expedition is organized by the Kuwait Sea Sports Club under the patronage of HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Attending the event at the close of the 28th expedition, Kuwait's Minister of Information and State Minister for Youth Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah quoted HH the Amir's greetings to the divers, and his appreciation of the important messages the cultural and historical activity represents.

The minister congratulated the youth, who took part in the event, along with each of their ship commanders, the adviser Khalifa Al-Rashed and Abdulrahman Al Manaa', traditionally known as the 'noukhetha', on their achievements and thanked the Sea Sports Club officials' efforts in representing and reenacting an important Kuwaiti tradition that commemorates the graciousness and sacrifices of the forefathers of Kuwait. "Diving expeditions represent a huge importance in reviving traditions of the sea and commemorating the graciousness and sacrifices of our forefathers to their country," Al-Humoud said.

The KSSC has held the annual pearl diving trip for the last 28 years and this traditional activity is performed by young sailors from Kuwait and other Gulf countries including Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Under the leadership of experienced sea captains "noukhetha", the young sailors embark on a weeklong sea voyage where they anchor off Khairan island and dive for pearls. The long running festival is a tribute to Kuwait's maritime heritage and aims to preserve the art and occupation of pearl diving and to teach younger generations about the life of their forefathers.



**KUWAIT:** Family members, friends and well-wishers welcome the pearl divers during a celebration known as Al Qafal (arrival of the divers with sea treasures) which marks the end of the four-month long traditional pearl diving season in Kuwait.



**KUWAIT:** 193 pearl divers return after a two-week expedition.

# Still on the Go



## Players in Kuwait continue hunting for Pokemon



By Faten Omar

Catching 'em all is the goal of any Pokemon Go player, but the wildly popular game app sweeping the world is also causing injuries and accidents. A Senegalese man in his early 20s was injured after falling from the stairs of a building while

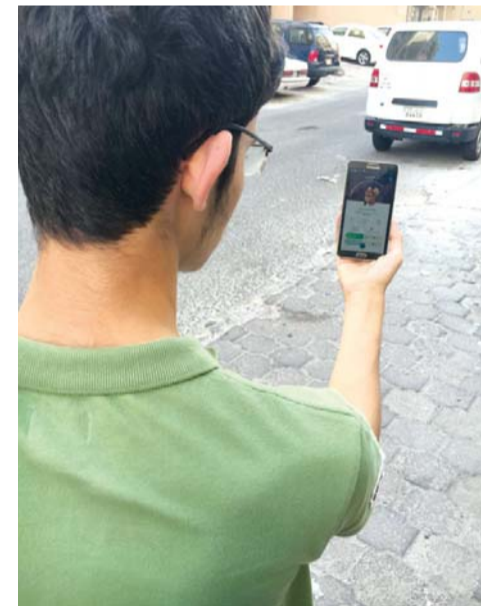
playing Pokemon Go in Khaitan. The man sustained injuries and was hospitalized. Another player, 28-year-old Anas Abozina, told Kuwait Times how his joy of finding a rare Pokemon led to a car accident. "After I was fed up trying to catch a good monster, I found Vulpix in front of me while driving near Arabella Complex. I hit the brakes by mistake and

stopped in the middle of the road, causing the vehicle behind me to ram into my car," he explained.

As a distraction, however, it's not as dangerous as people driving and texting or worse, driving and Snapchatting. Few of the diehard Pokemon fans in Kuwait are deterred by the random accidents. "Players in Kuwait will never stop until they catch them all," Abdullah Amer, a 15-year-old player told Kuwait Times, adding he has reached the max level of 40. Amer said that he was able to catch Pokemon characters by using the Pokevision, Poke Radar and Pokewhere applications. "Those apps helped me a lot to discover the places of rare Pokemon. You'll not only be able to find locations to look for Pokemon, but can also filter your search so it only displays areas where your Pokemon of choice can be found," he enthused. But he

haram about playing a game if the players do not enter mosques or private places.

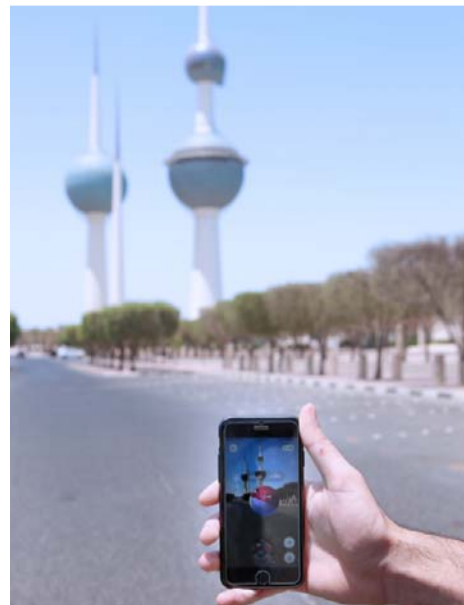
Talal Al-Sharaa, 16, explained that it is common to find Pokemon near mosques. "The database of the game depends on the most crowded places, as mosques are on Fridays," he explained. He added that players can catch Pokemon from a distance of five



meters without entering a place. Sharaa said his elder sister drives him around Kuwait to catch as many monsters as he can, but he also hunts them on the streets.

Many players agree that the most common places to find Pokemon are mosques and restaurants. "When we were children, they told us that the Pokemon cartoon is haram and we should stop watching it. Now in this game, you find them in mosques!" exclaimed 25-year-old Hamza Farouq. He is a newbie, but he was surprised by the number of Pokemon inside mosques around him in Salmiya that he could catch.

Meanwhile, many players said that this game allows them to communicate with people whom they would've had no chance of meeting without playing the game. Nasser Al-Busari, 19, said that he competes with a lot of people and has even met some of them. "In the quest to catch the 66 Pokemon creatures, you have to walk a lot too. I have lost a few kilos in weight, but this is more fun than exercising or dieting," he added.



warned some of these apps do not work anymore since the new Pokemon Go update.

For 32-year-old Miri Gerges, Pokemon Go is an addiction. "I play Pokemon Go a lot with my 10-year-old son inside my home, at restaurants, and while walking by the seaside. But I always run out of balls," she said. Many religious institutions in Arab countries have issued fatwas against Pokemon Go, but Suhaib Ayad, an avid player, is unperturbed. "It is just a warning, and not a binding edict," he said. Ayad, 22, said that there is nothing




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# Pokemon Go guide for Kuwait players

By Aakash Bakaya

Only a handful of games have reached the global exposure that 'Pokemon Go' has achieved, and it has done so in less than a month. But unlike other worldwide hits, it has fortunately reached Kuwait as well. Kuwait has also been fortunate enough to have received an abundant amount of 'Pokestops' and 'Gyms' to ensure players are never far from refilling their supplies (like Pokeballs and health potions) and battling other players in the game's location-based Gyms.

Whether you're already an above level-20 trainer or struggling to find Pokemon or Pokestops in your area, here are some tips to get you playing the game effectively and safely in Kuwait.

### Kuwait City is a Pokestop goldmine

Are your precious Pokeballs dwindling after wasting a bunch of them on a 10CP Pidgey? Finding it difficult to save all your potions for your fainted Pokemon? Then simply take one good round through Kuwait City and fix all these issues immediately. There are nine Pokestops in Souk Al Mubarakiya alone, with a bunch more surrounding it.

It might not look like much from the outside, but the old souk is a huge, dense maze once you enter it. Not only will you fill up your Pokeballs and catch a few rare Pokemon traversing the market, you can



easily complete your shopping list as well. I highly recommend checking it out.

### Bus rides are very efficient

Go players - the next time you want to travel from one area to another, avoid a cab and take the bus. Many of Kuwait's bus routes pass through several Pokestops and landmarks while going slow enough to catch quite a few Pokemon. Bus rides will help your Pokedex grow and your wallet stay the same size.

### All along Gulf Road

If you don't know already, water-type

Pokemon are much easier to catch near the coastline. The Kuwait Towers are a great place to start because of its abundant Pokestops, but if you don't feel like walking around too much (it is nearly 50 degrees outside), try making a trip to Al-Kout Mall in Abu Halifa.

The makeshift lake near the pier has three Pokestops and a Gym right next to each other, so you can sit and eat at one of the cafes while spinning your Pokestops for those sweet Pokeballs. The pier at SouqSharq is near identical in quantity of both Pokestops and chilled-out cafes.

### The grass is always greener in a park

Like water Pokemon and coasts, grass-type Pokemon are in abundance near and around parks.

Every area in Kuwait has a park or two in it, but for a great, all-round experience, visit Al-Shaheed Park in Sharq.

It is packed with several amenities like great parking for your car and cafes, and it also hosts a multitude of events on weekends. It's one of Kuwait's best maintained parks and is a great place for both families and Pokemon trainers alike.

### Staying safe

The point of this list was trying to convince players to check out many of Kuwait's little known landmarks scattered around the country and avoid highly secure areas such as mosques and government buildings.

Even if you are avoiding these places (which in most cases you should), there are several other ways to stay safe - both you and your surroundings.

First, do not play and drive! If you must, ask someone else to drive while you hunt the Pokemon. Also try late at night. After 1am, when the streets are empty, you can cruise as slowly as you like to catch that elusive Seadra.

Also if you are walking around, do so with friends and always watch where you are going. Be respectful of public places/spaces and do not enter mosques, shops or other secure locations in search of Pokemon.



First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah receives Ambassador of Cyprus. —KUNA photos



First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah receives Ambassador of Greece.

## KUWAITI FM RECEIVES NEWLY-APPOINTED DIPLOMATS

**KUWAIT:** First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday the newly-assigned ambassadors of Cyprus and Greece to Kuwait. The meeting was attended by Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Khaled Suleiman Al-Jarallah, and other senior ministry officials. —KUNA

# KUWAIT'S DOMESTIC PROPERTY SALES FALL

**KUWAIT:** The sale volume of domestic property dropped 11 percent during 1H 2016, compared with last year's same period of time, according to Kuwait International Bank (KIB). These sales fell to a larger scale on yearly basis, 31 percent, amounting to KD 664 million, the KIB said in a report issued yesterday. Investment sector's sales moved down 17 percent on quarterly basis, 45 percent on yearly basis, whereas housing sector's sales rose by one percent in contrast to the year's previous quarter, however they remained less by 31 percent of sales value recorded in 2015.

Average prices in the investment sector fell by 13 percent, while those in the housing sector maintained the levels since the previous quarter, posting a one percent rise, the report said, revealing that performance in the current year's quarter was affected with onset of the summer holidays' season, in addition to the recent fasting month of Ramadan. The KIB added that the number of overall transactions climbed two percent, on

quarterly basis, amounting 1,268 deals. But despite this rise, the index level remained lower by 24 percent compared to that recorded in the past year's same period of time.

Index of the registered transactions in the investment sector noticeably climbed, by 28 percent, as compared to the previous quarter. However, this rise coincided with decline of prices in the sector. Sales in the real-estate sectors decreased, on quarterly basis, except for the professional and housing sectors that maintained levels of the previous quarter. Meanwhile, all sectors posted decline in sales on yearly basis, except for the commercial and professional ones.

KIB said in the report that housing sales largely remained unchanged, inching up by one percent on quarterly basis, reaching KD 285 million. However they remained very much different from those registered in the past year's same period, by 30 percent. Number of transactions in the investment sector fell by five percent on quarterly basis, 31 percent on

annual basis, posting 798 deals. Meanwhile, the average deal value on quarterly basis climbed by seven percent reaching KD 357,000 per deal thus maintaining the levels recorded in 2015.

Sales in the investment sector dropped by 17 percent on quarterly basis, reaching KD 2311 million much lower than those registered during the same period of 2015 - 45 percent. This sector witnessed relative activity, where the dealings climbed by 28 percent on quarterly basis, reaching 418 transactions, while the average deal value decreased by 35 percent on quarterly basis and 45 percent on annual basis. The commercial sector's sales dropped by 29 percent on quarterly basis amounting KD 125 million. The sales on yearly basis climbed by 22 percent. Number of the commercial sector transactions amounted to 25, falling by 24 percent on quarterly basis and 22 percent on yearly basis. Average decline of the deal value amounted to six percent, higher than that recorded last year-by 56 percent. —KUNA

## News

in brief

### Hot weather will persist with relative humidity

**KUWAIT:** Hot weather will persist along with relative humidity in coastal areas until the end of the week, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Abdulaziz Al-Qarawi said yesterday. Al-Qarawi said that the temperature will reach 48-50 degrees Celsius with relative humidity especially in coastal areas, with light north easterly wind of varying speeds. Today and tomorrow's weather will be very hot in the daytime as well as in the evening with relative humidity prevailing in coastal areas. The minimum temperature will be around 30 to 32 degrees Celsius while the maximum will be between 47-50 degrees Celsius.



Abdulaziz Al-Qarawi

### Electric Authority coping with summer challenges

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Electricity has coped well with "the summer challenges" with the temperatures exceeding 50 degrees, a ministry official said yesterday. Mohammad Bou-Shehri, the Undersecretary, said in a statement following an honoring ceremony for the team tasked with maintaining main relay stations that regular maintenance of the stations and equipment largely helped in coping with the high consumption of power during the summer peak period of time. Maximum consumption of the electricity was recorded on July 17th, amounting to 13,310 megawatt during afternoon of that day, he revealed. Main power consumption is largely due to heavy usage of air-conditioning devices and networks in houses, factories and shopping malls.

### Kuwait oil price down 3 cents to \$36.94 pb

**KUWAIT:** The price of Kuwaiti oil went down by three cents Wednesday to reach \$36.94 per barrel after being at \$36.97 pb the day before, said Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. In the US, the price of crude contracts for September delivery went up yesterday to \$41.08 per barrel while the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) recorded the price of the Brent mix for October delivery on an upward trend, hitting \$43.34 pb.

## KUWAIT TO CONSTRUCT WORLD CLASS RACEWAY

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait will build a world-class Motor Town raceway near Wafra. The complex will have seven racing circuits that would enable the country to host Formula One and MotoGP races in the future, according to a Kuna report. A KD 49 million contract was awarded by the Amiri Diwan to local developer Bayan National Trading Company to design and build the Motor Town south of Kuwait City,

near Arifjan. Motor Town has been designed by Germany's Tilke, which holds credit for a number of popular F1 tracks including Yas Marina in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The contract includes the construction of a pit building and a media centre. A hotel and a shopping mall are expected to be built in the next phase of development. According to Tilke, Motor Town will position itself as a tourist destination.



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KUWAIT: Photo shows jockeys during an event in Kuwait. Al-Ahmadi track is a home for Kuwait's famous horse racing events. —KUNA

Crime

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FIGHTING OVER DRUGS

**KUWAIT:** Two Kuwaitis were arrested in Mahboula for fighting. Preliminary information revealed that they were fighting over drugs. The suspects had a dispute over who has the right to keep the illicit pills. Ahmadi police arrested them and sent them to Drugs Control General Department.

Thief steals KD 2350

A thief stole KD 2350 from the car of a citizen in Mubarak Al-Kabeer area. The citizen found his car's glasses smashed and a case containing the money and some documents missing. Police have launched an investigation.

Abandoned baby

An Egyptian found a baby boy in front of his door in Farwaniya. He then called the police. Police and paramedics responded, and took the newborn to Farwaniya hospital for proper care. Investigation is underway to find out who left the boy there.

Shisha caused a fight

An Indian and Egyptian working in a Jahra cafe exchanged blows over Shisha. The Egyptian asked the Indian to fix the shisha for a customer but the Indian refused. They both got into a heated argument which later turned in to a fight.

Liquor factory busted

Ahmadi Security Director Brig Abdallah Saffah carried out a security campaign in Reqqa area. A drunk expat was arrested. He told police he bought the locally made liquor from a factory, which was later raided after obtaining a search warrant. 154 bags of sugar, 104 bags of yeast, 194 drums of liquor along with four cooling drums were confiscated. Another 'wanted expat' was caught in the factory. Both were sent to concerned authorities. —Al-Anbaa, Al-Rai

MUNICIPALITY PREPARES TEMPORARY SLAUGHTERHOUSES FOR EID AL-ADHA

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Municipality Deputy Director General for Hawally and Ahmadi Affairs and Chairman of Temporary Slaughterhouses Committee Engr Fahad Dughaim Al-Otaibi headed a preliminary meeting to make preparations for temporary slaughterhouses in governorates for the Eid Al-Adha. Branch directors also attended the meeting. Al-Otaibi said the idea of having temporary slaughterhouses is to make it easier for citizens - and to reduce the burden on the main slaughterhouses. Al-Otaibi said the Municipality provides one veterinarian for each temporary slaughterhouse, 20 containers for

each house and special compressors for leftovers. The Municipality will take them from tankers. It also provides cleaners, and provides butchers with temporary health cards after making sure they are free of any diseases.

Civil Service Commission slammed

Municipal Council Member and Farwaniya Governorate Committee Chairman Nayef Al-Sour has criticized the Civil Service Commission for causing delays in appointing Kuwaiti citizens in the Municipality - claiming there are no vacancies for more than five months now. Al-Sour said the young Kuwaitis waited for many years to complete their

studies - only to be disappointed. Meanwhile, Municipality Director General Engr Ahmad Al-Manfouhi said there are 130 job opportunities for youths who graduated this month in various specialties. He said Kuwait Municipality's strategy is to have new blood so as to enhance performance. Vacancies include engineering and technical jobs. Municipality launched its account on twitter and instagram (@Kuwmun) in order to increase the scope of communications between Municipality and the citizens. Public Relations Director said that the account is aimed at linking the citizens, expats and media.

SECURITY CHALLENGES REQUIRE 'READINESS AND VIGILANCE'

**KUWAIT:** Security challenges require more readiness and vigilance to ensure the safety of the nation, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah said yesterday. Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled made those remarks while touring the Coast Guard Department, where he inspected the latest equipment used to monitor the movement of Kuwaiti ships. Moreover, Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled said he was impressed by the meticulousness of that department, as he applauded their finesse and their capabilities, in addition to their desire to make persistent progress.

He also commended the coast guards' efforts of serving the nation in such trying times, saying "their efforts are greatly appreciated." Meanwhile, Assistant Undersecretary of Maritime Border Safety Zhair Jassim offered an explanation on measures taken to protect territorial waters, as well as efforts to deal with security lapses. He also divulged details on new methods used by the department to monitor the movement of vessels, part of efforts to keep maritime security intact. —KUNA



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah visits the Coast Guard Department. —KUNA

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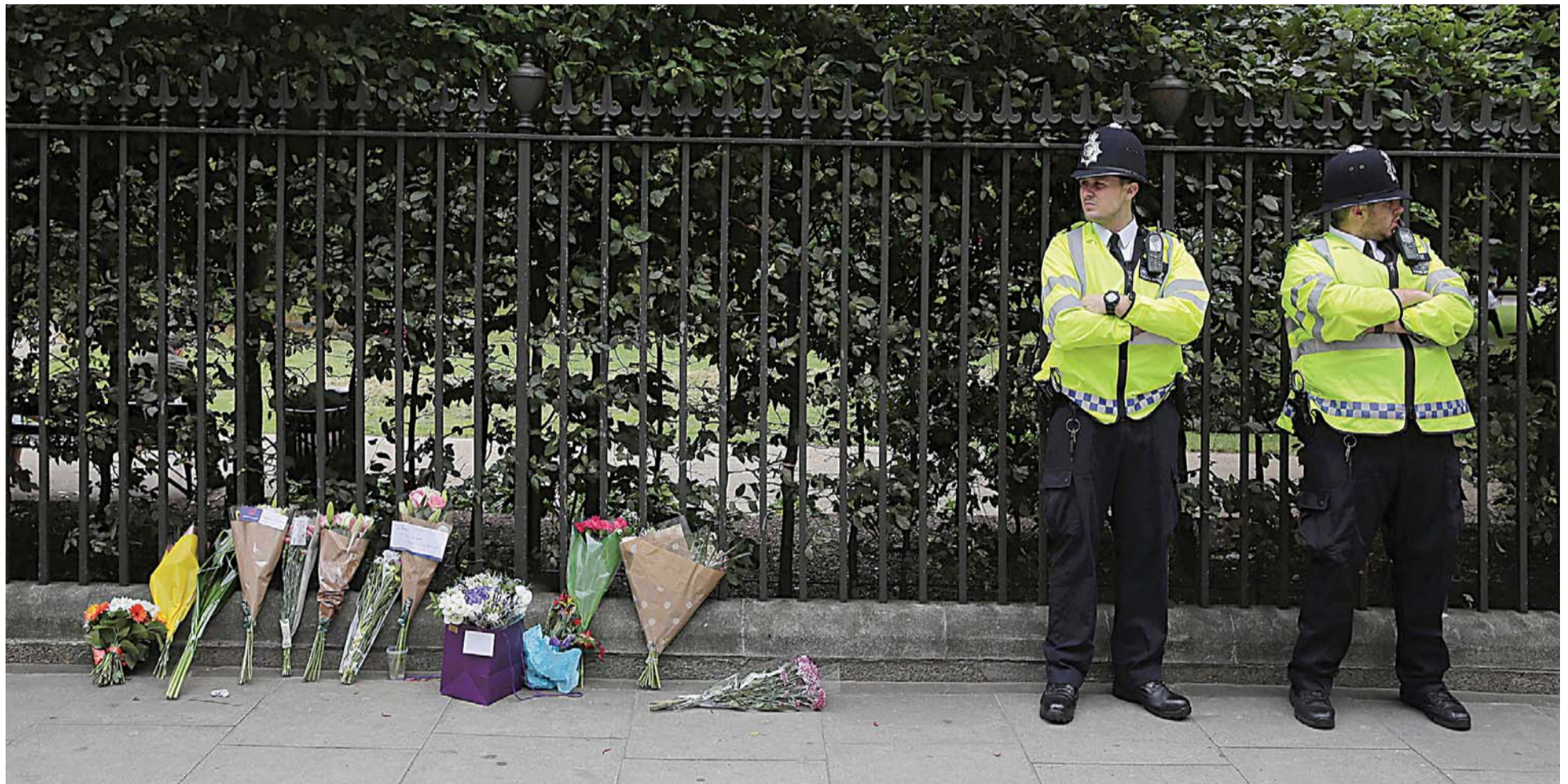
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**LONDON:** Police personnel stand beside floral tributes left in London's Russell Square yesterday, following an overnight stabbing spree that left one woman dead and five others injured. —AFP

## US WOMAN KILLED IN LONDON STABBINGS

19-YEAR-OLD BEING HELD AS MURDER SUSPECT

**LONDON:** British police were holding a 19-year-old man on suspicion of murder yesterday after a central London stabbing spree that killed a US woman but appeared unrelated to terrorism. Cities across Europe have been on edge after a string of attacks in recent weeks and the overnight rampage that killed the woman, thought to be in her 60s, and injured five others, had triggered fresh terror fears. But authorities said there was no sign the Norwegian man of Somali origin was radicalized or had terror motives, with the evidence so far pointing to the attack being sparked by mental health problems.

"We believe this was a spontaneous attack and the victims were selected at random," senior police officer Mark Rowley told reporters. "We have found no evidence of radicalization or anything that would suggest the man in our custody was motivated by terrorism." The investigation "increasingly points to this tragic incident as having been triggered by mental health issues", he added.

### Europe on edge

The attack took place late Wednesday in Russell Square, a plush garden square in the city centre close to attractions including the British Museum. Police responded quickly to reports of multiple stabbings and immobilised the suspect with an electric stun gun within six minutes. However, he had already injured two women and three men. Paramedics battled to save the US woman but pronounced her dead at the scene.

Among those injured were US, British, Australian and Israeli nationals. Three of the five have been discharged from hospital and the other two are not in a life-threatening condition. US ambassador to Britain Matthew Barzun took to Twitter to send his condolences. "Heartbreaking news that a US citizen was killed in #RussellSquare attack," he wrote. "My prayers are with all the victims and their loved ones." With other European cities on edge following recent attacks, including those in Paris, Nice and Brussels, London Mayor Sadiq Khan appealed for calm and

vigilance. "We all have a vital role to play as eyes and ears for our police and security services and in helping to ensure London is protected," he said.

Extra armed and unarmed officers were being deployed on the streets in a bid to reassure the public. Police had announced hours before the stabbings that the first of an additional 600 armed officers were trained and ready to hit the streets. British police officers are not routinely armed but the decision to boost the number of armed officers in London from 2,200 was taken after last year's Paris attacks that killed 130.

### 'I saw the body'

Xavery Richert, 22, a French tourist staying in a youth hostel on the Russell Square said he saw a man chasing a screaming woman down the road. "I thought it was a bag snatching... she was not hurt," he told AFP. "I came out for a cigarette, I went back, there were firefighters, police, and then I saw the body under a sheet. You could only see the feet

sticking out." Russell Square resident Constantine Somerville added: "It's such a safe area and very quiet especially at night-why would somebody commit an attack in such a quiet area?"

Police were interviewing the suspect, his family and other witnesses and authorities were conducting a full intelligence review. Ida Dahl Nilssen, spokeswoman for the Norwegian criminal police, told AFP that they had been informed of the arrest. "He is recorded as having been outside Norway since 2002, that is to say, a long time ago given that he is only 19," she said. Since August 2014, the terror threat level in Britain has been classed as "severe"-the second highest level, meaning an attack is considered "highly likely". Wednesday's stabbings came two days after a mentally ill Somali-born man was jailed for life for a knife attack at a London Underground station. Paranoid schizophrenic Muhaydin Mire, 30, tried to behead a commuter in December in an Islamic State-inspired attack. —AFP

## IRAN EXECUTES 20 SUNNI 'TERRORISTS'

**TEHRAN:** Iran said yesterday it had hanged 20 "terrorist" Sunni prisoners, in one of the Islamic republic's biggest mass executions in recent years. The men, who were hanged on Tuesday, were accused of carrying out a string of attacks against civilians and religious leaders in Iran's western Kurdish region, state media reported. Iran's intelligence ministry earlier issued a statement detailing 24 armed attacks between 2009 and 2011, including bombings and robberies, allegedly committed by the group.

It said the extremists were responsible for the deaths of 21 people in three western provinces during that time. "102 members and followers of the... terrorist group were identified... some of whom were killed in armed clashes with police forces and some were arrested. Some of those arrested were sentenced to death while some received

prison terms," it added. One of the first plots linked to the group involved giving chocolates laced with poison to police officers and judiciary personnel, although no one was killed.

Prosecutor General Mohammad Javad Montazeri said the convicts, some of whom had come from abroad, followed "takfiri" ideologies, a term Shiite-majority Iran uses to describe Sunni jihadists. In 2009, the group allegedly assassinated two Sunni religious leaders, Mamusta Borhan Aali and Mamusta Mohammad Sheikh Al-Islam—a provincial representative of Iran's powerful Assembly of Experts. Those hanged on Tuesday did not deserve mercy, IRIB state television quoted Montazeri as saying. "These people had committed murder... killed women and children, caused destruction and acted against security, and killed Sunni religious leaders in some

Kurdish regions," Montazeri said.

### 977 executions in 2015

Iran regularly hangs large-scale drug traffickers. Murder, rape, armed robbery and adultery are also capital offences in Iran. In addition, those charged with "spreading corruption on Earth" and "waging war against God" can be put to death under the Islamic Sharia, in force in Iran since the 1979 revolution. According to human rights group Amnesty International, Iran was one of the world's top executioners in 2015 when it put 977 people to death, mostly on drug trafficking charges.

Amnesty does not include secretive China in its figures, but the number of executions in Iran exceeded both neighboring Pakistan and regional rival Saudi Arabia. Over two days in 2009, Iran hanged 44 convicted drug traffick-

ers in one of the country's biggest mass executions. In 2013, the Islamic republic hanged 16 Sunnis in the eastern province of Zahedan, eight of whom were members of a Sunni militant group named Jundallah, which waged a deadly insurgency on civilians and officials in southeastern Iran for almost a decade. The group's leader Abdulmalek Rigi was hanged in June 2010.

### Talks with EU

France criticized this week's executions, echoing statements from rights groups based in the country. "The execution of 20 people in Iran is condemned by France, which opposes the death penalty in all places and all circumstances," the French foreign ministry said in a statement. The incident comes as the European Union has reportedly proposed talks with Iran on human rights. —AFP

## BOKO HARAM CHIEF FUELS TALK OF SPLIT

**KANO:** Boko Haram's elusive leader Abubakar Shekau broke his silence yesterday to insist he was "still around" following reports Islamic State had replaced him, but his message fuelled talk of a split within the jihadist group. For months, speculation has been rife over the fate of Shekau, who has led the Nigeria-based Islamist group since 2009 but has not been heard from since March. But yesterday, following a report suggesting he had been replaced, Shekau released an audio message insisting he was still very much alive and in charge of the group, which last year had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State jihadists.

"People should know we are still around. We will never cause any discord among the people, we will live by the Koran," Shekau said in a 10-minute audio message. "This is our stand and we remain in our capacity as Jama'atu Ahlissunnah Lidda'awati Wal Jihad," he said using the Islamic name for Boko Haram. His voice was recognised by an AFP journalist familiar with previous messages he has posted on social media. It was also confirmed as Shekau's voice by Berlin-based jihadist expert Yan St-Pierre of the Modern Security Consulting Group (Mosecon), who said his message had laid bare divisions within the group. "The person who posted on the internet is a very reliable source," he told AFP. "We knew that Boko Haram was divided on a strategic point of view, now their divisions are public," he said.

### 'They deceived me'

Shekau's audio message was released after IS on Tuesday published an interview with Sheikh Abu Musab Al-Barnawi in its Al-Naba online weekly magazine in which he was introduced as Boko Haram's new leader. In the interview, Barnawi talks about the history of jihad in this region but makes no clear reference to Shekau. Since March 2015, Barnawi has appeared in several videos distributed by Boko Haram, claiming responsibility for successive attacks, earning him the reputation of group spokesman, experts say.

But in his message, Shekau takes aim at Barnawi, dismissing him as an infidel who condones living in an un-Islamic society without waging jihad. And in a tacit acknowledgement that his own position as leader may have been usurped, he speaks of being tricked by some of his followers. "They deceived me," he said. "And now I find myself being forced to follow another character who practices disbelief," he says, in a message which becomes increasingly more animated as he speaks.

### A house divided

St-Pierre said the message suggested Shekau was trying to retain his base of support within Boko Haram without compromising the commitment to IS. "In the message, Shekau refers to Boko Haram under its previous name, but with some ISIS propaganda elements, as if he wanted to reassure its old combatants and base, without denying his commitment to (its leader Abu Bakr) Al-Bagdadi," he said. Speculation over the fate—and alleged disappearance—of Shekau has been rife in recent months: he was last seen in a YouTube video in March, looking weak, and saying: "For me, the end has come." —AFP



**MANAMA:** In this Jan 18, 2012 file photo, an anti-government protester stands in front of riot police while photographing other demonstrators. —AP

## REPORT: INTERNET DISRUPTION AT BAHRAIN RALLY SITE DELIBERATE

SLOWDOWN SUSPECTED OF DISRUPTING DURAZ NEIGHBORHOOD

**DUBAI:** The nightly disruption of internet access in a Bahraini neighborhood home to a prominent Shiite cleric targeted in a government crackdown appears to be deliberate, an advocacy group said yesterday. The report by Bahrain Watch comes as human rights activists, journalists, Shiite leaders and others have been imprisoned or forced into exile in a severe clampdown on dissent in the tiny, Sunni-ruled island kingdom.

With independent news gathering growing more difficult in Bahrain, home to the US Navy's 5th Fleet, the report suggests the internet slowdown is intended to disrupt protesters in the Duraz neighborhood. That's where protesters have held a sit-in and demonstrated in support of Sheikh Isa Qassim, who lost his citizenship in June over government allegations he fanned extrem-

ism. Locals in Duraz have complained about poor internet connectivity in recent weeks, as well as a heavy police presence. Each night around 7 pm and lasting until about 1 am, online traffic there slows to less than a crawl on mobile phones and some fixed-line internet connections, Bahrain Watch said.

"Our experiments show ... certain 3G and 4G cell towers belonging to Batelco and Zain appear to be turned off and 2G cells broadcast notifications to phones indicating that mobile data services are not supported," the report said. "Our experiments also reveal the presence of a device on Batelco's internet backbone that disrupts certain internet traffic to and from Duraz." Batelco and Zain, two of the island's main telecommunication companies, did not respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

### Forcing companies

Bahrain Watch suggests in the report that it may be a government order forcing the companies to throttle internet access. During Bahrain's 2011 Arab Spring-inspired protests, internet traffic in and out of the country dropped by 20 percent, "which could have been a result of intentional governmental throttling or a side effect of surveillance-related tinkering with the network," according to the US-based watchdog Freedom House.

Bahraini government officials did not respond to requests for comment. The government in Bahrain crushed the Arab Spring protests with the help of troops from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Since then, the island has seen low-level unrest, protests and attacks on police. —AP



In this July 18, 2016 photo, Syrian Mohammed Al-Haj Ali messages eyewitnesses in Syria for the news organization Syria Direct. —AP

## SYRIAN REPORTERS COVER WAR AT HOME FROM JORDAN EXILE

GETTING A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON THE CIVIL WAR

**AMMAN:** From a small office in Jordan's capital, two dozen Syrians and Americans talk daily by Skype with activists and civilians on both sides of the conflict in neighboring Syria to get a unique perspective on the civil war and the scope of the suffering. The setup of Syria Direct, a US-funded nonprofit group, is similar to that of news organizations that cover the conflict largely from a distance because on-the-ground reporting in Syria is either restricted or deemed too dangerous. Yet Syria Direct also has a goal beyond reporting - it wants to influence decision-makers.

"What we're trying to do is talk about ordinary Syrians and what their daily life is like after the decisions are made," said managing director Orion Wilcox. Syria Direct is funded by the US State Department and a US charity, but Wilcox said money from Washington does not influence what is published. The group writes about abuses by both the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad and rebel groups fighting him, he said. Remote coverage of the five-year-old war, which devastated large parts of Syria, killed more than a quarter of a million people and uprooted millions more, has been a major challenge. Information is often difficult to obtain or vet. At the same time, global interest in the daily bloody grind in Syria has dropped off as other crises command attention.

### Targeting readers

Syria Direct said it is targeting readers who are already well informed about Syria and want a more granular view than what most news outlets typically provide. The website has about 50,000 page views per month, while its

Facebook page has 77,000 followers. Both are published in English and Arabic. In the group's Amman office, two dozen Syrian and American journalists, translators and trainees met in small groups on a recent morning to discuss story ideas. Two or three pitches are usually pursued per day, with Syrian journalists tapping into their network of sources to gather information.

Stories reported and written by the Syrian journalists in Arabic are translated to English, then fact-checked and edited before being translated back to Arabic. A recent story reported on the rise of miscarriages in rebel-held Madaya, one of four Syrian towns where the UN says over 62,000 people are besieged in rapidly deteriorating conditions. As part of the story, Syria Direct interviewed a Madaya woman who said she suffered a miscarriage after UN food aid stopped coming. "We have sources that we've worked with for a long time and know are reliable," said Syrian journalist Mohammed Al-Haj Ali, who fled to Amman in 2012. "When we hear news ... we check the news with several eyewitnesses."

When hundreds in a rebel-controlled suburb of Damascus suffered from food poisoning in June, Syria Direct spoke to residents who said the cause was spoiled food distributed by a rebel-administered charity. Eliot Higgins, a British blogger and Syria watcher, said he considers Syria Direct a reliable news source - within the limitations of remote coverage. "You're getting stuff that people choose to share, so it's not always representative of the entire conflict or what's going on in a certain area," he said.

### Social media presence

Higgins said some pro-government groups have claimed Syria Direct focuses more on abuses committed by the government than by rebel groups, but that this may in part be due to greater media savviness and social media presence of the Syrian opposition groups. Syria Direct co-founder Amjad Tadros, a veteran news producer for the US network CBS, said the group covers all sides of the conflict. "From the opposition, to the government, to the Kurds, they all insult us because we tell the truth," he said.

For example, supporters of one Kurdish group criticized Syria Direct on Twitter after it reported that a Kurdish militia had forcibly displaced Syrian Arabs from their homes. And a recent story about rebels trying to break a government blockade in the city of Aleppo quoted an opposition commander and a pro-government source. Syria Direct was set up in 2013 by Tadros and the private US-based group Global Peace and Development Charitable Trust, which says on its website that it seeks to promote democracy worldwide.

The trust and the State Department cover the running costs and the training of journalists. The US Embassy in Jordan said the US government does not interfere in editorial decisions. Syria expert Joshua Landis said reporters at Syria Direct fill a need by tapping into their networks and providing relatively nuanced reports about multiple players in a fragmented country. "What we really suffer from is a lack of perspective ... of different groups on the ground," said Landis, a professor at the University of Oklahoma. "Syria Direct does provide some of that." —AP

## TREMORS FROM TURKEY COUP RATTLES US, EU

**ISTANBUL:** From the roads of Pennsylvania and corridors of power in Washington to the public squares of Cologne and EU offices in Brussels, the shockwaves from the July 15 failed coup have gone well beyond Turkey. The aftermath of the coup that aimed to unseat President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has prompted a drastic sharpening in Turkish rhetoric towards the EU and US, with Ankara saying it feels let down by an apparent lack of solidarity.

Analysts say it would be unlikely for now that Turkey, a NATO member since 1952 and EU candidate for decades, could readjust its pro-Western stance or recalibrate its policy towards traditional rivals like Russia. But the ferocity of the rhetoric has been unprecedented, with Erdogan Tuesday accusing Turkey's Western allies of supporting the plotters and taking particular offence that Germany refused to let him address a rally in the western city Cologne via video conference. Erdogan has meanwhile warned Washington it will put relations at stake if it fails to extradite Fethullah Gulen, the Pennsylvania-based preacher who Ankara accuses of being at the heart of the coup plot, charges he denies. "You have to be blind and deaf not to understand that he is behind all of this," Erdogan said. Yet to Erdogan's fury, Washington has yet to show any sign of moving against Gulen, insisting Turkey is a key partner while saying Ankara must send evidence and not just speculation.

### 'Not easy going'

Yet the crisis has erupted at a time when the Ankara-Washington relationship is as important as ever, with the United States needing Turkish help in the battle against Islamic State (IS) militants in Syria. US fighter jets use Turkey's southern base of Incirlik as a crucial launch point for lethal raids against IS targets in neighboring Syria. Extremely worryingly for a base that houses dozens of American tactical nuclear weapons, Incirlik was also a key point in the coup with its Turkish commander arrested and power temporarily shut down.

Meanwhile, the US military has also been unsettled by the sacking and arrest of nearly half of Turkey's generals, and believed to include figures who worked closely with American forces at Incirlik. But Turkey is still for Washington an "essential partner in the Middle East" and will do all it can to satisfy Ankara "even if they are not going to cede on Gulen", said Jean Marcou, Turkey expert at Sciences Po in Grenoble. The United States has long experience in handling difficult situations with Turkey, he said. "It's not easy going... there can be problems but that is not going to destroy an alliance and strategic equilibrium."

Turkish media said US Secretary of State John Kerry would visit by the end of the month while joint chiefs of staff chairman General Joseph Dunford came to Turkey for a highly symbolic visit this week. "Dunford's visit shows the US and Turkey are still bound in a sustainable strategic alliance," said Unal Cevikoz, former Turkish ambassador to London.

### 'Pro-Western strategic axis'

Relations with the European Union—which Turkey has sought to join since the 1963 — could prove even more fraught with top officials in Brussels angering Ankara by raising concerns over the magnitude of the post-coup purge. Turkey has also grumbled that it has so far not received its promised returns under the landmark deal to stem the flow of migrants to Europe, raising alarm about the future of the deal. —AFP



**ANKARA:** Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks to the heads of chambers of commerce. —AP

# POLL RESULTS SHOW ANC LOSING SUPPORT

## LONG-TIME S AFRICA RULING PARTY FACES SETBACK

**JOHANNESBURG:** Results from South Africa's fiercely contested local elections could deliver a setback to the African National Congress (ANC), with early indications yesterday showing the party that ended apartheid losing support. With the count well under way, partial results put the ANC ahead nationwide but with its lowest-ever levels of backing.

The main opposition Democratic Alliance (DA) was on course to hold Cape Town, ahead in the city of Port Elizabeth, and locked in a close battle for the capital Pretoria and the economic hub Johannesburg. The ANC has won more than 60 percent of the vote at every election since the country's first multi-racial vote in 1994 when Nelson Mandela was sworn in as president. With more than two-thirds of the vote counted, the ANC had 53 percent support nationwide, with the DA on 27 percent and the radical leftist Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) on eight percent, according to official results. The count is seen as a marker ahead of the next general election due in 2019.

### Reflection on performance

The local election is also a mid-term reflection on the performance of President Jacob Zuma, who has been plagued by economic woes and a series of scandals since taking office in 2009. The ANC has dominated the political landscape since the fall of white-minority rule, but the faltering economy, rampant corruption and soaring unemployment have eaten into the party's popularity.

"We have shown some incredible growth," Mmusi Maimane, the DA's first black leader, told 702 radio. "We call this the change election because we felt that it was a referendum on Jacob Zuma as a national figure, but we also had a referendum about the future of South



**WEMBEZI TOWNSHIP:** African National Congress (ANC) and South African Communist Party (SACP) supporters dance and sing in celebration. — AFP

Africa." Millions of voters queued outside polling stations Wednesday after a fiercely fought and occasionally bitter campaign marked by disputes over alleged racial slurs. A final Ipsos survey earlier this week had placed the ANC and DA neck and neck in key cities

after some undecided voters drifted back to the ruling party. "Democracy is maturing so you will find... a dilution where you might not have very strong support for one party," ANC treasurer Zweli Mkhize said as results continued to be announced. "We still remain quite positive."

### Coalitions loom?

Both the ANC and DA are likely to be forced to court smaller parties and independent candidates to cobble together some outright municipal majorities. Even if the ANC maintains its hold on local power through party alliances, any overall drop in support would reveal a shift in the country's political power balance.

"Simply to form a coalition in Pretoria, the capital, would be an embarrassment," independent analyst Daniel Silke told AFP. "What it really will say is that few results are certain in South African politics any more (and) that the certainty the ANC has enjoyed for so long would simply be negated."

DaMina Advisors, a London-based research firm, said in a note that the early results indicated "public support for the ruling African National Congress has taken a severe nose dive". Contesting its first local poll after bursting onto the scene in the 2014 general election, the far-left EFF may emerge as in a kingmaker role. The party, which won six percent of the national vote in 2014, advocates land redistribution without compensation and the nationalization of mines.

A record 26.3 million people registered to choose mayors and other local representatives responsible for hot-button issues including water, sanitation and power supplies. With most of the results due out yesterday, a major collapse of support for the ANC could pile pressure on Zuma, 74, to step down before his second term ends in 2019. South Africa's electoral commission said late Wednesday voting had proceeded smoothly and without major incident. — AFP

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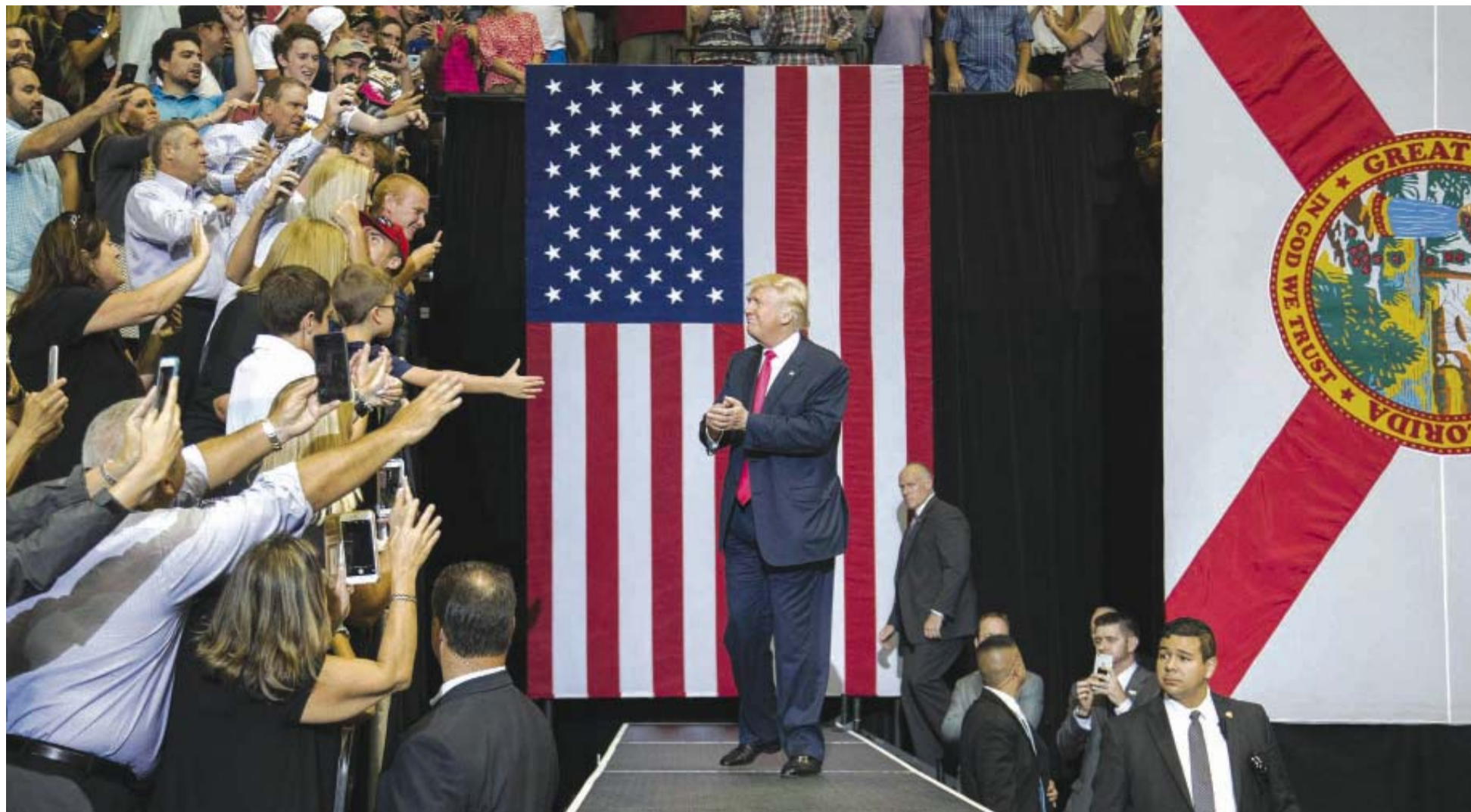
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JACKSONVILLE: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump arrives for a rally at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. — AFP

# GOP FRUSTRATIONS WITH TRUMP MOUNT AS ALLIES WEIGH OPTIONS

## DIVISIVE TACTICS TRIGGERS SINKING POLL NUMBERS

**DAYTONA BEACH:** Republicans' frustration with Donald Trump has reached new heights, with party leaders scrambling to persuade their presidential nominee to abandon divisive tactics that have triggered sinking poll numbers and low morale. Party chairman Reince Priebus is appealing to the New York billionaire's adult children to help amid new signs of a campaign in trouble. Trump's operation has been beset by internal discord, including growing concern about general election preparedness and a lack of support from Republican leaders, according to two people familiar with the organization's inner workings.

One of the people said Trump privately blames his own staff for failing to quiet the backlash from his own party after he criticized an American Muslim family whose son, a US Army captain, was killed in Iraq. The inner tension comes as Priebus and handful of high-profile Trump allies consider whether to confront the candidate directly to encourage a new approach following a series of startling stances and statements. In the midst of the uproar over his continued criticism of the Khan family, Trump infuriated Priebus and other party leaders by refusing to endorse GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan's reelection.

### Direct knowledge

The officials, including one with direct

knowledge of Priebus' thinking, were granted anonymity to discuss internal strategy because they were not authorized to discuss the sensitive issue publicly. This came after one of the most tumultuous weeks of Trump's presidential campaign. Trump's campaign chairman Paul Manafort said Thursday that Trump and Priebus have spoken several times in the last two days. Manafort, speaking on ABC's "Good Morning America," played down the conflict with Ryan. He said the campaign has "sort of had a rule of not getting involved in primaries" and noted that Ryan's rival, a strong Trump supporter, "is not going to win."

On "CBS This Morning," Manafort said that while Trump didn't take a position in the primary, "he's going to support Paul Ryan. He does support Paul Ryan." Trump on Wednesday dismissed suggestions that the GOP frustration was hurting his campaign, even as he openly contemplated an Election Day loss. "Wouldn't that be embarrassing to lose to crooked Hillary Clinton? That would be terrible," he said during a campaign stop in battleground Florida. He also insisted, "We've never been this united."

In an interview later Wednesday with Florida's WPEC-TV, Trump was asked if he was being "baited into battles." "I think that's probably right," he acknowledged. "We're going to focus more on Hillary Clinton." The most powerful Republicans in Washington

and New York's Trump Tower concede things will not change unless Trump wants them to. "The candidate is in control of his campaign," campaign chairman Manafort told Fox News Channel on Wednesday, highlighting his inability to control the nominee. "And I'm in control of doing the things that he wants me to do in the campaign."

### Clinton assault

Clinton, meanwhile, kept up her assault on Trump's business practices, holding up a Trump-branded tie as she spoke at the Knotty Tie Company in battleground Colorado. "I really would like him to explain why he paid Chinese workers to make Trump ties," she told employees in Denver, "instead of deciding to make those ties right here in Colorado." Trump blamed the media - "so dishonest" - for growing criticism of his recent statements and his unwillingness to accept guidance from senior advisers.

Privately, however, Trump has concerns about his own team. He was deeply upset when GOP leaders "took the other side" during his ongoing quarrel with the Khan family, one person said, and blames his campaign staff for not keeping top Republicans in line. Another person said Trump is irritated that general election planning in battleground states isn't further along with less than 100 days until Election Day. The internal tension is complicated by Trump's frequent travels

without his senior advisers and his adult children, who wield significant influence in the campaign, the people close to the campaign said.

Trump stunned Republicans by telling The Washington Post in an interview Tuesday that he wasn't ready to endorse Ryan, who faces a primary contest in Wisconsin next week. Ryan has backed Trump despite deep differences on policy and temperament, and has encouraged other Republicans to unite behind the party's nominee. Former Trump adviser Barry Bennett acknowledged signs of poor morale among the campaign staff he maintains contact with, but he also said it would be silly to dismiss Trump's chances with three months before Election Day.

"This would be the end of any other Republican candidate in the history of the country. And he's only 5 or 6 points behind," Bennett said. Indeed, Trump on Wednesday reported raising \$80 million in July for his campaign and the Republican Party, a significant improvement from past months. Clinton raised about \$90 million over the same period. Privately, Trump points to his recent fundraising success, large rallies and decent polling against a seasoned candidate as evidence that his campaign is working well. And his loyalists continue to stand behind him. "The media is blowing this out of proportion significantly," said New Hampshire Rep Stephen Steponek. — AP

## DNC HACK RAISES FEARS OF CYBER ATTACK ON US

**WASHINGTON:** Can the US election be hacked? The recent breach of Democratic National Committee data, along with other electronic intrusions, has raised concerns about cyber incidents that could affect the outcome of the US presidential race, or other contests. The campaign of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton said the hack that targeted the DNC had accessed an analytics data program that it used as well.

Cybersecurity experts see a potential for more hacks and incidents in the coming months which could hurt the integrity of the election campaign. Bob Hansmann of the security firm Forcepoint, which last year predicted a rise in political cyber intrusions, said a variety of groups might target US political campaigns. "There are a lot of motivations out there," Hansmann told AFP. "It could be to disrupt, discredit or embarrass a candidate. Or it could be to disrupt the entire political system." Campaign organizations can be soft targets, Hansmann said, because they have large numbers of employees and volunteers who are on the move, often with their own computers and smartphones with varying degrees of security.

Almost anyone can employ hackers-for-hire to break into networks, steal data or "spoof" a campaign organization to deliver faked emails or social media messages, he said. Steve Grobman, chief technical officer at Intel Security, said the hack at the DNC "is the latest high-profile reminder that information of tremendous value internally can be used as a devastating weapon if disclosed externally." Grobman said the DNC breach is "a classic example of a 'hacktivist' event, where the objective of a cyber attack is to steal an organization's sensitive information and disclose it in such a way that the reputational, operational or organizational damage to that organization is maximized."

### Russian connection?

The possibility that Russian hackers have been behind the cyber intrusions as widely suspected by some officials and experts-raises the stakes.

Foreign intervention in the election process would be a grave matter. US officials say the FBI is investigating but has drawn no conclusions. Russia has denied any involvement. President Barack Obama said Tuesday that "we have provisions in place where, if we see evidence of a malicious attack by a state actor, we can impose, potentially, certain proportional penalties." But he added that taking such action "requires us to really be able to pin down and know what we're talking about. And so I don't want to get out ahead of the legal evidence and facts that we may have in order to make those kinds of decisions."

Security analysts said the US should take action once the source of the threat is known. This kind of attack "meets the definition of an act of cyber-war, and the US government should respond as such," said Dave Aitel, chief executive of the security firm Immunity Inc. in a blog post on the website Ars Technica. Bruce Schneier, chief technology officer of the IBM security firm Resilient and a fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center, also warned of the gravity of such attacks.

"This kind of cyber attack targets the very core of our democratic process," Schneier said in a blog post. "And it points to the possibility of an even worse problem in November-that our election systems and our voting machines could be vulnerable to a similar attack." As the close and fiercely disputed 2000 presidential election showed, the results of a single state-like Florida can determine the national outcome, potentially simplifying hackers' work. Schneier said interference from abroad cannot go without a response, saying that "if foreign governments learn that they can influence our elections with impunity, this opens the door for future manipulations, both document thefts and dumps like this one that we see and more subtle manipulations that we don't see."

### Information as weapon

If the DNC intrusion was indeed a Russian-sponsored hack, "it would be a bold move," said James Lewis, who heads strategic technologies at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. Lewis said the DNC attack bears the hallmarks of a Russian hack, "but they are usually more skillful at hiding their tracks." It is not surprising to see Russia involved in this type of attack, said Lewis. The Russians "see themselves in a new conflict where control of information is a tool or even a weapon," he said. "They feel that Western institutions dominate global perceptions, and they feel there's a need to push back."

The evidence against Russia "is about as close to a smoking gun as can be expected where a sophisticated nation-state is involved," said Susan Hennessey, a national security fellow at the Brookings Institution, on the Lawfare Blog. "This means, put simply, that actors outside the US are using criminal means to influence the outcome of a US election. — AFP



**COULAINES:** Police and regional intervention and security teams (ERIS) arrive at the prison of Le Mans Les Croisettes (L) in Coullaines, yesterday where two people including a prison warden and an inmate are held hostage by another inmate, according to police. — AFP

## ANXIOUS SUMMER: TERROR-HIT FRENCH LOOK OVER SHOULDER

### CREEPING ANXIETY HAS TAKEN HOLD OF SOCIETY

**PARIS:** With every new terror attack, French citizens stoically declare that "life goes on", but despite this show of defiance, a creeping anxiety has taken hold of society. Outwardly, the French summer is in full swing, restaurant and bar terraces

targeted in a November attack on Paris are packed and vibrant, beaches are covered with sunseekers and streets as busy as ever. However beneath the surface, many are feeling the strain after a string of terror attacks over the past 18 months.

"There is a cumulative effect. At first (a terror attack) is an unexpected event, but now we are in a situation where we fear it happening again," said Evelyne Josse, a Belgium-based psychologist and trauma expert. Users of a popular French online medical forum describe panic attacks on the metro, being paralyzed with fear at the prospect of taking trains to go on holiday or going to the beach, with one woman writing she feels that going out in a crowd is like playing Russian Roulette. "The anxiety is always there," 32-year-old Thibaut Chaize told AFP on his way to work in Paris. "We are afraid but we can't stop living," he said. "The wariness is always there. Any strange behavior on the metro or at a concert, all that provokes a bit of fear."

### 'It can happen anywhere'

The cluster of terror strikes began in January 2015, when 17 people were killed in a spree of violence in Paris, including at the Charlie Hebdo satirical magazine and a Jewish store. Then in November, when 130 people were killed at restaurants, bars and a concert hall in Paris, the reality of an ever-present danger began to set in, with government talking of "war" and citizens growing used to the sight of soldiers on the

streets. In between, a foiled attack on a high-speed train in France and the Brussels metro and airport bombings only added to the list of places that could be targeted.

In July, when a jihadist drove a massive truck into a crowd in the Riviera city of Nice, crushing 84 to death, and a priest was murdered in a church in Normandy, it became clear that terror went beyond big cities. "I phoned my son during the Paris attacks. Now it is he who called me, 'Dad are you ok?' You never know, it can happen anywhere," said Eric Lecornu, 57, from Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray where the priest was killed last week. For every traumatized citizen, there are those full of bravado, such as a Muslim from the notoriously gritty city of Marseille whose expletive-laden video daring the Islamic State group to attack his hometown went viral. But even the cheekiest are worn down by an ever-mounting security presence and constant metro delays due to "suspect packages".

### 'Israelisation' of society

Summer, when the French decamp en masse on holiday, has been hit by the cancellation of several festivities, from stargazing to fireworks shows and a perfume festival. But the government has taken pains to note that most events were going forward, some drawing bigger crowds than usual, while cancellations have concerned events where security could not be ensured. Beloved Parisian summer activities such as an open-air cinema festival have been moved indoors, while police on horseback are a common sight and a "beach" set up along the Seine River is patrolled by gun-wielding soldiers.

On beaches in Saint-Malo in Brittany, lifeguards have been equipped with guns.

"This is new to us. There are countries like Israel where there is a daily threat of a terror attack. One hears talk of the 'Israelisation' of our society but even in Israel you cannot prevent people from carrying out certain acts," said the psychologist Josse. She said society cannot live in a permanent state of stress, and that like in Israel—which faces the constant threat of attack from Palestinian militants—people will merely learn to adapt to the threat. "That means that most of the time we will live normally, and certain situations will trigger anxiety."

### 'Terrorism has won'

Josse estimates that around 20 to 30 percent of people will choose to avoid anxiety-producing situations such as crowds and public transport. "In reality the risk is minimal. One has more chance of dying in a car accident on our way to a concert or football match than in a terror attack. "You can avoid these places, and it is sure you won't die in a terrorist attack. But you might die of boredom."

The psychologist is most concerned about a societal breakdown as a result of Muslims being seen as a threat. "It is natural to identify danger, and dangerous situations, and then avoid it. So the risk is that we reject anyone or anything that makes us think about Islamism." "Already to me, terrorism has won because the societal fracture already exists and I am afraid it is going to get worse," she said. Kheira, a 46-year-old Algerian living in Paris, told AFP that as a Muslim, she faces a double threat. "We are afraid (of terror attacks) and above all we suffer prejudice. I would like them to change this name 'Islamic State', because for those who don't know Islam, it means Muslims, and it isn't true." — AFP

## BANGLADESH DETAINS TWO OVER JULY CAFE ATTACK THAT KILLED 20 HOSTAGES

CASE HAS DRAWN CRITICISM FROM RIGHTS GROUPS

**DHAKA:** A court in Bangladesh yesterday allowed police to detain two men over an attack claimed by militant group Islamic State on a cafe in the capital, Dhaka, that killed 20 hostages, mostly foreigners. The case has drawn criticism from human rights groups who say the suspects were illegally detained and denied access to a lawyer. A lawyer for one of the two men, Hasnat Karim, said his client was innocent and demanded his immediate release. Karim, who holds dual British and Bangladeshi citizenship, and Tahmid Hasib Khan, a student of Toronto University, were dining separately with family and friends when gunmen stormed the Holey Artisan Bakery on the evening of July 1.

The suspected Islamist militants singled out non-Muslims and foreigners, killing Italians, Japanese, an American and an Indian before security forces stormed the eatery to end the 12-hour siege. Two police also died in the operation. Yesterday, a Dhaka court remanded the men in custody for eight days for

interrogation, with police official Masudur Rahman telling reporters they had been arrested on Wednesday night "from two different places".

### Unknown location

The police assertion of arrests at different sites appeared to run counter to relatives' statements that the men were held at unknown locations after the attack. "The authorities have finally admitted that Mr Karim is in their custody," his London-based lawyer, Rodney Dixon, told Reuters in a statement. "They have had more than sufficient time to make any inquiries. There is clearly no evidence to charge him and he should be let go without any further delay." Rights group Amnesty International has criticised the detention of the men as having denied them their fundamental right to legal representation.

The formal arrests take to seven the tally for the cafe attack, which the government blames on local militants, along with another, on July 26, in which

police killed nine militants believed to be plotting a similar assault. The government has dismissed suggestions that Islamic State has a presence in Bangladesh, even though 'selfies' of some of the attackers posing with an automatic rifle were posted on the jihadi group's propaganda outlets during the siege.

In the past year, al Qaeda and Islamic State have made competing claims over the killings of liberals and religious minorities in the mostly Muslim nation of 160 million. Karim and Khan were among 32 survivors rescued by police and taken into custody for questioning. Police released the others soon after, but the two men's families said they had not returned. Karim, a 47-year-old engineer, was at the cafe with his family to celebrate his daughter's 13th birthday. Relatives of Khan, 22, told the New York Times that the student, who has epilepsy, had been beaten and denied medical attention after being held. Khan's father, reached by telephone, declined to comment. —Reuters

## INDIA AND PAKISTAN RIVALRY OVERSHADOW REGIONAL FORUM

**ISLAMABAD:** India called yesterday for isolation of countries deemed to be supporting terrorism, while Pakistan decried "brutal force" against civilians resisting occupation as the nuclear-armed neighbors' rivalry spilled over into a regional conference. Traditionally tense relations between Pakistan and India have been strained further in recent weeks by a flare-up in protests against Indian rule in its part of the disputed border region of Kashmir, in which about 50 people have been killed. Indian Interior Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in the Pakistani capital Islamabad on Wednesday for a meeting with counterparts from the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Singh had already ruled out bilateral talks with Pakistan on the sidelines, and in his speech to the forum castigated any support for militants. "One country's terrorist cannot be a martyr or freedom fighter for anyone," he said. "Those who provide support, encouragement, sanctuary, safe haven or any assistance to terrorism or terrorists must be isolated." Singh did not mention Pakistan by name but India accuses its neighbor of sheltering militants fighting against Indian rule in its part of divided Kashmir. Pakistan denies supporting militants but say it offers political support to the "freedom struggle" of the people of the Muslim-majority region.

Pakistani Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan, in his remarks, "drew the attention of SAARC member states to the use of brutal force ...against unarmed civilians engaged in a struggle against foreign occupation", a barely-veiled reference to Kashmir. Khan said he hoped the SAARC meeting could be a forum for "a lot of soul-searching on all sides". —Reuters

## MILITANTS AMBUSH FOREIGN TOURISTS IN AFGHANISTAN

**HERAT, Afghanistan:** Taliban militants attacked a group of 12 American and European tourists escorted by an Afghan army convoy in western Herat province yesterday, leaving at least seven people wounded as the insurgents step up nationwide attacks. The tourists—eight British, three Americans and one German national—were ambushed by Taliban gunmen in the restive district of Chesht-e-Sharif, while en route from the neighboring provinces of Bamiyan and Ghor. It is unclear why they were travelling overland at a time when Western embassies typically warn their citizens against all travel in Afghanistan, citing threats of kidnapping and attacks.

"The foreign tourists—three Americans, six Britons, two Scots and one German—were travelling with an Afghan army convoy when they were ambushed by the Taliban in Chesht-e-Sharif," said Jilani Farhad, the spokesman for Herat's governor. He said the insurgents had been repelled and the foreigners were being escorted to Herat city, adding that at least six foreigners and their Afghan driver were left wounded.

The attack comes as Taliban militants intensify their annual summer offensive after a brief lull during the holy fasting month of Ramadan, which ended in early July. Highways in Afghanistan passing through insurgency-prone areas have become exceedingly dangerous, with the Taliban and other armed groups frequently kidnapping or killing travellers. But that has not stopped some tourists, including foreigners, from travelling to Afghanistan, endowed with stunning landscapes and archaeological sites, many of them in volatile areas prone to the Taliban insurgency.

The Guardian newspaper reported the tourists came to Afghanistan with Hinterland Travel, an England-based adventure travel company which offers tours passing through central and north Afghanistan as well as volatile lapis mines in the country. The company was not immediately reachable for comment. Its latest 21-day tour passing through "glorious, stark mountain passes" in Bamiyan and Herat started on July 26, according to its website. James Willcox, founder of another England-based adventure travel operator Untamed Borders, said his agency stopped using the Bamiyan-Herat road in 2009 because "it was just not safe". Bamiyan, famous for empty hillside niches that once sheltered giant Buddha statues that were blown up by the Taliban, is at the center of Afghan efforts to boost tourism revenue. A vast, ancient landscape of russet-hued cliffs, Bamiyan is a rare oasis of tranquility but it is wedged between insurgency-hit districts.

### Growing insecurity

The United States has warned its citizens in Afghanistan of a "very high" kidnapping risk after an American citizen nar-



**AFGHANISTAN:** Two foreign tourists, (center), wounded during a Taliban militant attack, are treated at a hospital in the western Herat province yesterday. —AFP

rowly escaped abduction in the heart of Kabul. Yesterday's attack follows a Taliban truck bombing on Monday at a hotel for foreigners in Kabul, which triggered a seven-hour gun and grenade assault that highlighted growing insecurity in the city.

The guests and staff of the Northgate hotel escaped unharmed, but one policeman was killed after the suicide truck bomber paved the way for two other armed insurgents to enter the heavily guarded facility near Kabul airport.

The attack was a grim reminder of growing insecurity in Afghanistan since most foreign troops withdrew in 2014. The rising violence has resulted in large Afghan civilian casualties. Foreigners are also increasingly being targeted as the conflict escalates. American journalist David Gilkey and his Afghan

translator were killed in June while travelling with an Afghan army unit that came under fire in southern Helmand province. Aid workers in particular have increasingly been casualties of a surge in militant violence in recent years.

Judith D'Souza, a 40-year-old Indian charity worker, was rescued in late July, more than a month after she was taken at gunpoint near her residence in the heart of Kabul. D'Souza's abduction came after Katherine Jane Wilson, a well-known Australian NGO worker, was kidnapped on April 28 in the city of Jalalabad, close to the border with Pakistan. In 2007, the Taliban seized 23 South Korean aid workers from a church group travelling through southern Afghanistan. The militants killed two men before releasing the rest, reportedly in return for ransom payments. —AFP



## INDIAN WOMEN BRAID STRAPS FOR BIG BRANDS IN CONDITIONS 'WORSE THAN SWEATSHOPS'

'WE TALK, WE LAUGH. WE FORGET HOW HARD IT IS'

**MUMBAI:** Every day, after she finishes cooking, cleaning and fetching water for her tiny one-room home in India's financial capital Mumbai, Saubhagya Nadelkari picks up a stack of leather strips and makes her way to her neighbor's home. There, in a narrow alley that is covered with plastic, about half a dozen women sit or stand as they braid long strips for use in belts, sandals and bags. They talk and laugh as their fingers fly, knotting each strip at the end when it is done. "I have been doing this for about 10 years. We used to get more work, now we get less, and get paid less," said Nadelkari, who makes about 100 pieces a day. She is paid about 24 rupees (\$0.40) for a set of 12 finished pieces.

"We only get paid once in six months, and they don't keep proper accounts. But my husband doesn't let me go out and work, and we need the money, so I can't say 'no' to the work." Nadelkari and her friends are among nearly 38 million home-based workers in India, according to a 2012 survey by WIEGO, a global non-profit focused on

informal workers. Restricted to their homes because of limited mobility and lack of childcare, they are engaged in providing low-paid manufacturing or services for local and global supply chains. The women stitch garments, embroider and attach sequins, make shoe uppers, handicrafts, as well as roll incense sticks and prepare food items such as pickles.

Unlike self-employed home-based workers who sell their output directly, sub-contracted homeworkers are dependent on a middleman who drops off and picks up orders and keeps a part of the payment as commission. They are affected by fluctuating demand, cancelled orders, delayed payments and rejected goods. "These are the most invisible of informal workers," said Indira Gartenberg, who has researched home based-workers with non-profit LEARN in Mumbai. "Their situation is worse than a sweatshop, because at least in the sweatshop they don't have to pay for electricity and water and rent and they get paid regularly," she said.

### Economic compulsion

In India, the world's fastest growing major economy, more than 90 percent of workers - or about 400 million people - are in the informal economy, according to the Centre for Equity Studies. Women and children in the informal economy are particularly vulnerable to exploitation. The garment industry is particularly prone to abuse. Of the 38 million home-based workers in India, about 45 percent are involved in making garments or textiles, and half these workers are sub-contracted homeworkers, according to WIEGO.

The piece-rate work that is common in the industry is low paid and seasonal. While the women do the bulk of the work, children pitch in during busy periods, even skipping school to work. "Contract work for textiles has been growing exponentially because of the growing popularity of readymade garments and fast fashion, even in India," said Shalini Sinha, WIEGO's sector specialist for home-based workers. "Many leading global

brands are outsourcing to homeworkers, even if they are unaware of it. Homeworkers are the most vulnerable in the chain, yet they bear a lot of risks because the economic compulsion is so strong," she said. The supply chains of global fashion retailers have come under greater scrutiny since the Rana Plaza disaster in Bangladesh three years ago. Despite pressure from activists, India has not endorsed the International Labor Organization's convention 177, which requires member nations to adopt a national policy to improve the lives of homeworkers.

That includes counting them as laborers, and providing social security protection and adequate remuneration. Activists including WIEGO are also campaigning for secure contracts, social protection, better remuneration and unions. For Nadelkari in Dharavi, a sprawling slum that is home to thousands of homeworkers, all of these would be welcome. "Until then, at least I get to do the work with my friends. We talk, we laugh. We forget how hard it is," she said. —Reuters

## STALKER SETS INDIAN SCHOOLGIRL ON FIRE

**CHENNAI, India:** The death of a schoolgirl three days after she was set on fire by a stalker in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu has sparked outrage from activists who said the law was failing victims of unwanted advances from men. In a statement to the police before she died, the 17-year-old said the man walked into her house in Villupuram on Monday, set himself on fire and hugged her, all the while saying that he would not let her live for spurning him.

"She said he had stalked her for over a year and she had said no repeatedly," police inspector Senthil Vinayakan told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "The man has been booked for a similar offence earlier and had even spent time in jail. But no one anticipated this and now they are both dead." The incident comes a month after a software engineer was hacked to death in broad daylight at a train station in the port city of Chennai. The man arrested for her murder had been stalking her for months, police said.

"Women, especially young girls, are more at risk today," said U Vasuki of the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA). "The fact that they have a right to reject just as a man has a right to propose seems to be becoming irrelevant." Nearly four out of five women in India have faced public harassment ranging from staring, insults and wolf-whistling to being followed, groped or raped, said a

recent survey by the charity ActionAid UK.

There were 337,922 reports of crimes against women such as rape, molestation, abduction and sexual offences in 2014, up nine percent from the previous year, according to the latest data from India's National Crime Records Bureau. Protests after the fatal gang rape of a woman on a Delhi bus in December 2012 forced the government to enact stiffer penalties on gender crimes, which included criminalizing stalking and voyeurism.

The amended law spelled out that sexual offences would include physical contact, advances involving unwelcome and explicit sexual overtures and a demand or request for sexual favors among other acts. "But the law is failing to protect these young girls," Vasuki said, citing the case of a girl in Trichy stabbed inside her college campus for refusing the advances of a man earlier this year. Similarly in March, in southern state of Andhra Pradesh, a teenage girl with 90 percent burns died just hours after she complained to the police about being stalked. "Stalking is taken for granted in most cases, a sort of inconvenience that women are expected to put up with," said advocate Sudha Ramalingam. "Though the new law has up to a five-year jail term for a repeat offender, not many families are encouraging their girls to file police complaints because of societal pressure and sometimes violent consequences." —Reuters



**NEW DELHI:** This file photo shows Indian Bollywood Actor Aamir Khan (left) with writer and director Anusha Rizvi (center) and Mahmood Farooqui (right) as they attend a promotional event for the new film 'Peepli Live', in New Delhi. —AFP

## INDIAN COURT JAILS FILM DIRECTOR FAROOQUI FOR 7 YEARS OVER RAPE

**NEW DELHI:** An Indian court yesterday sentenced a Bollywood director to seven years in jail for raping an American research scholar last year, the victim's lawyer said. Mahmood Farooqui, best known for co-directing the popular 2010 satire "Peepli Live" on farmer suicides, was convicted on Saturday after a fast-track court in New Delhi found him guilty of the March 2015 attack. The victim, then aged 35, had travelled to India to seek Farooqui's assistance with her research when the assault took place at his home in an upscale area of the capital. "The court sentenced him to seven years (of imprisonment), which is the minimum jail term for this offence," the victim's lawyer, Vrinda Grover, told AFP.

Grover, who had argued for the maximum term of life imprisonment, said the court had also imposed a 50,000 rupee (\$747) fine. Farooqui, who pleaded not guilty, was taken into custody at the weekend. The woman returned to the US shortly after the incident but came back to report the matter to police. "Peepli Live", which explores the divide between urban and rural India, was produced by Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan. Farooqui co-directed it with his wife, Anusha Rizvi. India introduced tough laws against sex offenders in the wake of the fatal gang-rape of a Delhi student in the capital in December 2012 that sparked mass street protests. But high levels of sexual violence against women continue. —AFP



**MANILA:** This file photo shows Jennilyn Olayres hugging the dead body of her partner Michael Saron who was shot by unidentified gunman and left with a cardboard sign with a message "I'm a pusher" along a street in Manila. —AFP

## HUMAN TOLL RISES AS BODIES PILE UP IN PHILIPPINE DRUG WAR

**MANILA:** Men shot and left to bleed out on busy streets, mutilated corpses dumped in vacant lots. The bodies are piling up as President Rodrigo Duterte's drug war brings terror to Filipino slums. Hundreds of people have died since Duterte won a landslide election in May, promising to rid society of drugs and crime in six months by killing tens of thousands of criminals. In one viral image summing up the human cost, a young woman howls in pain as she cradles her partner's blood-soaked body under the glare of television lights as horrified bystanders look on from behind yellow police crime tape. "My husband was innocent. He never hurt anyone," Jennilyn Olayres said of her partner Michael Saron, 30, a tricycle driver-refuting the crude cardboard poster left behind by the motorcycle-riding gunmen killers saying "drug pusher". Police figures showed this week that 402 drug suspects had been killed since Duterte was sworn in at the end of June. That figure does not include those slain by suspected vigilantes. The country's top broadcaster, ABS-CBN, reported that 603 people had been killed since Duterte's May election, with 211 murdered by unidentified gunmen.

Police raids of suspected drug dealers' hideouts have led to near-nightly deaths. Most of the dead suspects—often found face-down in pools of blood—had pistols lying next to them in the act of resisting arrest, according to authorities. Suspected sympathy killings by anti-drug vigilantes have also left a trail of death. One man was attacked as he drove his tricycle, his body left hanging from the humble vehicle as blood dripped onto the street. Other people have simply turned up dead in deserted streets and vacant lots at night, their faces cocooned in packaging tape and with cardboard signs accusing them of being drug dealers hanging on their chests.

### Victims not rich

At his first "State of the Nation" address to Congress, Duterte defended his anti-crime campaign and described the scene at Saron's shooting as a parody of Michelangelo's 15th century Pieta marble sculpture. "And there you are, dead and portrayed in a broadsheet like Mother Mary cradling the dead cadaver of Jesus Christ," the president said, describing the tableau as "drama". For an alleged drug dealer, Saron did not have a lifestyle like Mexican or Colombian cartel kingpins. The rented hovel that was home to him and his girlfriend, made of scraps of plywood and iron sheeting, was not much bigger than a pig pen. It stood precariously on stilts atop a smelly, garbage-choked open sewer.

"At times we slept until late on purpose so we only had to worry about lunch and dinner," Olayres, a street vendor, told AFP at her partner's wake. Held in a hall at a local government office, two more of the dead were being mourned at the same time. Olayres said Saron was among the more than 16 million Filipino voters who had catapulted Duterte to office. The attacks have left wives and relatives crying and fainting at the carnage, but also driven drug users and small-time dealers into frantic mass surrenders to district officials. Police say a staggering 565,806 have turned themselves in. Many of those who presented themselves with pledges to straighten out their lives wore rubber wristbands bearing Duterte's name—materials used during his election campaign. Before the bodies started piling up, Manila police also launched a campaign, codenamed Oplan Rody—the incoming president's nickname—to rid the streets of drunks and shirtless men, who were made to do 40 pushups to avoid jail time. A children's night curfew was also imposed in some districts, with violators and their parents made to undergo counseling. —AFP

## JAPANESE 'LITTLE TIGER' TREADS SAMURAI PATH TO MUAY THAI FAME

'ALTHOUGH I'M A WOMAN I WANT TO INHERIT THE SAMURAI SPIRIT'

**TOKYO:** A pint-sized Japanese woman with a humble, Zen-like philosophy is taking kickboxing by storm, battering rivals to become a world champion in the violent Thai martial art. Ayaka Miyauchi, a former dentist's assistant who goes by her fighting name "Little Tiger," has captured six world titles in Muay Thai but insists the true mark of a champion is how they behave outside of the ring. "A belt isn't the only thing which defines a champion," the 33-year-old flyweight queen told AFP in an interview. "A real champion is a champion even outside the ring." Though she packs a knockout punch that belies her 1.57-metre (5ft 2in) frame, Miyauchi looks to the moral code of Japan's ancient samurai warriors for spiritual guidance.

"Although I'm a woman I want to inherit the samurai spirit," said the Tokyo-born fighter, who tips the scales at just 46 kilograms. "My motto is to conquer myself first," added the trail-blazing Miyauchi after finishing a workout in red trunks and green T-shirt with emblazoned with six stars—one for every one of her world crowns. Miyauchi works out of a backstreet Tokyo gym just a few miles from where former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson was knocked out by Buster Douglas in 1990 in arguably boxing's biggest-ever upset. But while Japan has enjoyed boxing success in the lighter weight divisions, Muay Thai—known as the "art of eight limbs" because it involves the use of fists, elbows, knees and shins—is still a relatively minor sport in the country. Few people recognize Miyauchi, who is one of around 10,000 kickboxers, professional and amateur, in Japan.

### Police escort

The combat sport is huge in Thailand, however, where she gets VIP treatment and a police escort with

sirens blaring as she makes her way through the Bangkok traffic to her title fights. "I want more Japanese people to know about Muay Thai," said Miyauchi, who earns a mere 300,000 yen (\$2,900) per bout in stark contrast to the megabucks raked in by boxing world champions. "Hopefully I can introduce it to Japan in my own way," she said. "That's my mission." Miyauchi's career in martial arts began at the tender age of just five as a toddler who tried karate. After flirting briefly with dentistry in her early twenties, Miyauchi began kickboxing and the less delicate procedure of rearranging people's teeth with her fists and feet. Since her professional debut in 2007, Miyauchi has racked up 27 wins, including nine knockouts, and 15 loss-

es against four draws. She has only been knocked to the canvas once in her career. "Her kicks are very strong and heavy," said 'Don', a 45-year-old Thai trainer, breathing hard after cushioning Miyauchi's stinging spinning kicks in a ring flanked by two Thai-style Buddhist altars. "She has all the weapons—kicks, punches and elbow attacks. She hits almost as hard as a man." Often the only woman in a tiny Tokyo gym echoing to the sound of gloves smacking into punchbags and heavy with the smell of sweat and aromatic Thai oils, Miyauchi refuses to brag. While paying tribute to the boxing legend Muhammad Ali, who died last month, she said sheepishly: "I don't want to be famous. I don't look good with a big mouth." —AFP



**TOKYO:** This photo shows Thai martial arts Muay Thai fighter Ayaka Miyauchi of Japan posing with her six world championship belts at her gym in Tokyo. —AFP

## CHINA JAILS RIGHTS LAWYER FOR SEVEN YEARS

**TIANJIN:** A prominent Chinese human rights lawyer was convicted of subversion and sentenced to seven years in prison yesterday, state media reported—the third such trial this week as authorities crack down on dissent. Lawyer Zhou Shifeng was director of the Beijing Fengrui law firm, which has defended victims of sexual abuse, members of banned religious groups and dissident scholars, among others. It was at the center of the "709 crackdown"—named for the July 2015 date on which it began—which saw more than 200 activists and lawyers detained for involvement in cases considered sensitive by China's ruling Communist party.

Zhou was convicted of "subverting state power" and jailed for seven years, the official Xinhua news agency cited the Second Intermediate People's Court in the northern city of Tianjin as saying. He pleaded guilty and said he would not appeal, Xinhua added. The proceedings were held under air-tight security, with scores of police and plainclothes personnel—identifiable by small gold star

pins—stationed for blocks around the court, clustered every few yards and filming those present on camcorders and phones.

Traffic on the court side of the street was entirely cut off about 300 meters on either side of the entrance, with journalists diverted from the site and then closely trailed. Zhou is the third 709 detainee to go on trial in Tianjin this week. Authorities insist the Tianjin trials are open, with the court saying that more than 40 people including politicians, legal scholars, and "civilian representatives from all walks of life", as well as mainland and overseas media outlets, were present at Zhou's proceedings.

But family members of those detained, particularly their wives, complain of being constantly surveilled and forcibly being kept away from the court or seeking further information. The court said in a social media post that Zhou had twice stated in writing that he did not want his relatives to attend his trial. It included a photo of what it said was a handwritten letter signed and fin-

gerprinted by Zhou, reading: "Given that my family members are all farmers who are not very well-educated, having them come to the court to attend my hearing would be of no benefit to either me or them."

AFP was not given access to the court yesterday, and in previous cases only court-appointed defense lawyers have been present. Zhou's trial followed those of activists Zhai Yanmin and Hu Shigen, who were both found guilty of subverting state power by the same court. Zhai was on Tuesday handed a three-year suspended sentence—considered relatively lenient by the standards of Chinese dissident prosecutions—for crimes that included waving banners and shouting slogans. Hu, a prominent dissident and writer who previously spent 16 years in prison for trying to organize memorials for victims of the 1989 Tiananmen Square killings, was on Wednesday given seven and a half years, with the court stating he had sought to foment "color revolution". —AFP

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In this Saturday, July 30, 2016 photo, two girls pose for a picture as they sit in front of the family house during the wedding party of Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, in Gaza City. — AP



## Weddings cut through gloomy mood in Gaza Strip



Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, and his bride, Falasteen, walk into the wedding hall, in Gaza City.

# Weddings cut through gloomy mood in Gaza Strip



Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, 22, walks with his bride, Falasteen, out of her family house to the wedding hall to celebrate their wedding, in Gaza City. —AP photos



Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, center left, and relatives dance in front of his bride, Falasteen, in her family house during their wedding party, in Gaza City.



Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, and his bride, Falasteen, take the stairs down to the wedding hall, in Gaza City.



Saed Abu Aser, center right, dances with relatives while holding guns in the family house during his wedding party.

Like dozens of other couples who got married this summer in the isolated Gaza Strip, for Saed and Falasteen Abu Aser, their wedding was an elaborately planned celebration, complete with a procession through the streets of their neighborhood. In a time with little to be joyous about in Gaza, weddings have emerged as welcome festivities that offer a break from the often morose mood in the strip. The coastal territory has faced three wars with Israel over the last decade and a stifling blockade imposed by both Israel and Egypt after the Islamic militant Hamas group violently overran the territory in 2007. But

for the happy couple and their families, a wedding is both a respite from daily hardships and a focal point in the lives of both the well-off and the poor.

"My joy is great among my family and my friends and my neighbors and I thank them because they helped and supported me," said the 22-year-old groom Saed Abu Aser. His bride, Falasteen, is 17. The Abu Asers are first cousins who come from a poor family. It is not uncommon for cousins to marry in Palestinian society. Their festivities began days before the wedding ceremony, with a boisterous stag party in which



Friends and relatives of Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, dance in the streets around the neighborhood, while being carried on a friend's shoulders, before his wedding.



Relatives of Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, dance in a party celebrating his wedding, in Gaza City.



Saed Abu Aser is sprayed with cologne as gets dressed for his wedding.



Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, dances in the street on his way to the wedding hall, in Gaza City.



A woman throws candy at friends of Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, as they pass through the neighborhood dancing, before his wedding party.

the groom's friends set the dance floor on fire to the tune of a local band while glitter twinkled from their sweaty faces.

On the day of the wedding, the families gathered for a cheerful lunch before the bride and groom got all spruced up for the big night - he in a black suit and she in a white gown and matching cape, her face daubed in white powder. They held a lavish wedding party at a hall, where they were driven to in a convoy of decorated, honking cars. All those expenses can add up, but Abu Aser's family took out a loan to pay for what has become an increasingly important milestone for people in Gaza. Other impoverished Gazans ask for donations to pay for their rites of marriage. — AP



Friends of Palestinian groom Saed Abu Aser, help him into his tuxedo in the family house in preparation for his wedding.



A picture shows the front view of the Grand Mosque, a marvel of Afro-Brazilian ancient architecture in Benin's administrative capital of Porto-Novo. — AFP photos



Children playing next to the Grand Mosque, a marvel of Afro-Brazilian ancient architecture in Benin's administrative capital of Porto-Novo.



Children playing next to the Grand Mosque.



Children sitting at the main entrance of the Grand Mosque.

## Benin's Afro-Brazilian heritage risks crumbling away

With a fine ceramic minaret, multicolored walls and a great, carved wooden door, the Grand Mosque in Benin's capital is a marvel of Afro-Brazilian architecture, yet like much in Porto Novo it faces collapse. "It looks just like a church in all ways because the former slaves were used to building churches in Brazil," said Moubarak Mourchid, head of the city's heritage agency. "They converted to Islam as a show of rebellion against their masters and when they came back to west Africa, they became craftsmen who used the building techniques they had learned over there," the historian told AFP.

"These skills were then transmitted from generation to generation." Yet unless urgent steps are taken, residents and local specialists say hundreds of these old buildings are at risk. From the end of the 18th century, Porto-Novo on the Gulf of Guinea was one of the African ports that took in freed slaves who wanted to sail home to the continent of their ancestors. The streets in what is now Benin's second city and administrative capital call to mind the old Portuguese colonial settlement of Salvador de Bahia in Brazil. And much of the architecture bears witness to key Afro-Brazilian links in African history, but not a single building, not even the mosque, has been classified as a UN World Heritage Site, Mourchid said.

### 'No political will'

"It must first be recognised as part of the national heritage by the state. But there's no political will concerning parts of our patrimony," he said. Without government intervention, the buildings would be left to rot but for work carried out by the House of Patrimony and Tourism of Porto-Novo, an office seen as a big step towards safeguarding Africa's heritage when it was founded in 2009. Today, a handful of committed enthusiasts are trying to fight against years of neglect, damage from rainy seasons and people ready to let their property disintegrate to cash in on its real estate value.

In 2009, Porto-Novo's director of culture and patrimony Richard Hounsou counted 450 buildings of the Afro-Brazilian type but said today "there are fewer than 400 left, that's obvious." Ali Moubarak lives in one of the many imposing homes. Dressed in a long white tunic, he receives visitors and shows them the creeping damage to his three-storey house. The building is divided in two. From the inner courtyard, you can see right into the rooms, like a doll's house. "It was built by my grandfather, around 1910. He was a nurse, he was an important man," Moubarak said.

Like other prominent citizens of his time, Moubarak's grandfather had his home constructed in traditional Afro-Brazilian style as a show of wealth. He had "four or five wives and I don't know many grandchildren," added Moubarak. "Under Beninese law, we are all heirs and it's the oldest who make decisions." The walls began to flake as the family grew poorer. With all the comings and goings, Moubarak does not know exactly how many people live under his roof. Cousins and children are among the residents, with teenagers working in a laundry set up in one bedroom. Another has been turned into a sewing shop.

In a magnificent room on a third floor, the old glory of the house is preserved in the wooden and bamboo beams, walls painted in floral patterns and a finely carved chest with a period mirror whose frame may soon be used for firewood. The city of Porto-Novo has offered to restore the property and Moubarak has accepted, but he needs the consent of other heirs living in the commercial capital of Cotonou or in distant France, who have shown little interest in the architectural heritage. The alternative is to let the house collapse once and for all, the better to sell a sizeable plot of land or use the site to build several new houses and rake in a profit.



People walk past the Grand Mosque.

Renovation has started on another home not far away but concrete is used to replace walls, rather than the traditional mix of sand and limestone, while trying to respect "the shape and motifs of the time", said historian Mourchid, who is supervising the work. "It would cost twice as much to use the original materials." In all, the city has inventoried 41 homes eligible for renovation if the owners agree. One belongs to Josephine Rey, an elderly woman who sells coal and wood. She loves the old home her father left her but says she has waited two years already for help repairing her roof.

"I spend my nights praying that it doesn't fall down on my head," she said. Both money and expertise are problems, conceded another heritage agency official Georges Bankole, who said there are plans to open a school with Brazilian partnership to train artisans. "The budget for patrimony is the smallest in the entire culture ministry," he said. And "beyond the problems of money, we've lost building practices," said historian Mourchid, regretting that great houses gradually turning to dust are taking the memories of freed slaves with them. — AFP

## Streisand slams Trump repeatedly in concert tour opener

Barbra Streisand kicked off her first concert in three years Tuesday singing many of her greatest hits and taking more than a few hits at Donald Trump. The 74-year-old chanteuse ripped the Republican presidential candidate repeatedly at Los Angeles' Staples Center, where she began a nine-date tour entitled "Barbra: The Music...The Mem'ries...The Magic!" After sharing the stage between songs for a comedic bit with mind reader Lior Suchard, Streisand quipped, "The only person's mind he can't read is Donald Trump's because he doesn't have one."

While she got the crowd swooning by singing her most memorable songs over a six-decade career, Streisand left them laughing as well by

telling them how much she delighted in seeing many of the missteps Trump had been making on the campaign trail in recent days, labeling the election a "doozy." Related Kerry Washington, Mark Ruffalo, Other Celebrities Join Campaign to Stop Donald Trump Before launching into her classic "People," Streisand recounted how she learned that no matter "what the color of your skin or where you were born—Cuba, China, Malaysia, Madagascar—our genetic make up is 99.9% identical to every person on the face of the earth.

"The other .1% is Donald Trump," she cracked. Streisand also made her support for Hillary Clinton clear as she recounted that she

had sung "Happy Days Are Here Again" for three sitting presidents (John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Bill Clinton). "And I hope in a few months from now I will be singing it for the next President Clinton," she said. Streisand is touring in support of her 35th album, "Encore: Movie Partners Sing Broadway," out Aug 26th. She was joined on stage by several of the performers who will be featured alongside her on the album, including Jamie Foxx, Seth MacFarlane and Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds.—Reuters



Barbra Streisand



Customers queuing in front of the Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice and Noodle stall in Singapore.



Singaporean hawker Chan Hon Meng preparing food for customers at his Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice and Noodle stall in Singapore. — AFP photos

# In demand: Singapore's Michelin-starred street food

A queue 100-people long snakes out from a tiny food stall in Singapore's Chinatown, each customer impatiently waiting their turn for a taste of Chan Hon Meng's prized soya sauce-braised chicken. He has always had loyal customers but in the days since he was awarded a Michelin star, waves of new gourmands have descended on his stall in such numbers that he's struggling to keep up with demand. Chan is one of two "hawkers"—so-called because many started out as street peddlers—awarded one star by the culinary bible when it launched its inaugural Singapore guide in late July. Only one restaurant, French chef Joel Robuchon's eponymous outlet, secured the coveted three-star rating.

"I'd heard of the Michelin guide but I thought they only gave those out to restaurants," Chan told AFP while chopping up chicken, which is served over rice or thin yellow noodles topped with his now famous dark soya sauce. A plate costs just Sg\$2.50 (\$1.85), making it one of the cheapest Michelin-starred dishes in the world. "The fact I have this star shows that simple food like ours is worthy of a global award too," said Malaysian-born Chan. His place, Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice & Noodle, offers exactly what it says in the name. Like most hawker stalls, the focus is on delivering signature dishes that customers return for.

Chan says he now sells 180 chickens per day, 30 more than his pre-Michelin star average. "Any more than that and I cannot cope, and I don't want to give people food that is not up to standard," the 51-year-old added. He works 17-hour days in his minuscule kitchen, where lines of his whole braised birds hang on display. The stall is housed in a food centre packed with an array of vendors selling everything from chilli crab to pork intestine. Aging

wall fans provide the only respite from Singapore's humidity and the heat from the kitchens, but the queue for Chan's chicken grows nonetheless.

## Singapore's 'soul food'

Across town in an unassuming food court is Tang Chay Seng's stall, Hill Street Tai Hwa Pork Noodle. Since Michelin awarded them one star, hundreds are turning up daily for a bowl of minced-meat and noodles. Customers now face a wait of up to two hours for a Sg\$5.00 serving—it was around 30 minutes before. Tang's father came to Singapore from China's Guangdong province, where their specialty "Teochew" noodle dish originates. Initially he worked as a butcher's assistant before selling pork noodles in a coffee shop at Hill Street, where his three sons helped out.

"Learning a skill is not easy. We worked very hard all the time and I had no childhood," Tang told AFP. He took over running the stall in the 1960s, after his father fell ill. "The importance lies in the noodles. Everything else, there's a recipe you can follow but for the noodles, it has to be cooked just right, which you can only learn from practice," he explained. Leslie Tay, a doctor who runs a popular blog called "ieatishootipost", described hawker fare as the "soul food" of the nation. Street food vendors started out in the early 20th century catering to immigrants who came in search of work in what was then a British colony, providing cheap fare that reminded settlers of home.

After Singapore gained independence from Malaysia in 1965, hawkers were regulated for hygiene reasons: many were itinerant, had no access to running water and emptied their waste directly

into open drains. "So these street food vendors were relocated to hawker centers, which were basic sheltered areas with stalls that hawkers could sell food, had proper sanitation, and an area for people to eat," Tay added.

## Tradition under threat

Chan came nearly three decades ago from the Malaysian mining town of Ipoh where he learnt how to make soya sauce-braised chicken from a Cantonese chef. But like many traditional hawkers, he is finding it hard to find good help despite brisk sales. "It's not that I don't trust anyone, but I have difficulty hiring people to work in a stall like this," he said. Long hours and low wages mean few want to take on the work and Singapore has placed restrictions on using foreign labor.

Tang has spent decades building his reputation. Long regarded as a favorite with Singapore's food lovers, it has featured in travel guides and culinary blogs. But he is resigned to the fact the next generation may not have what it takes to make hawker stalls a success. In 2010 Tang took legal action—and won—against a nephew who had set up a rival outlet with a similar name, accusing him of trying to capitalize on Hill Street's popularity without putting in all the work. He added: "My son tried to open a stall but he couldn't stand for long because he has leg problems. I have feet problems too, from standing more than 18 hours a day." The 70-year-old added: "It's hard work, but this is all I know." — AFP



Photo shows Singaporean hawker Chan Hon Meng chopping braised chicken at his Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice and Noodle stall in Singapore.



A customer (left) taking away bowls of noodles at the Hill Street Tai Hwa Pork Noodle stall in Singapore.

# A Brazilian casserole for the Olympics

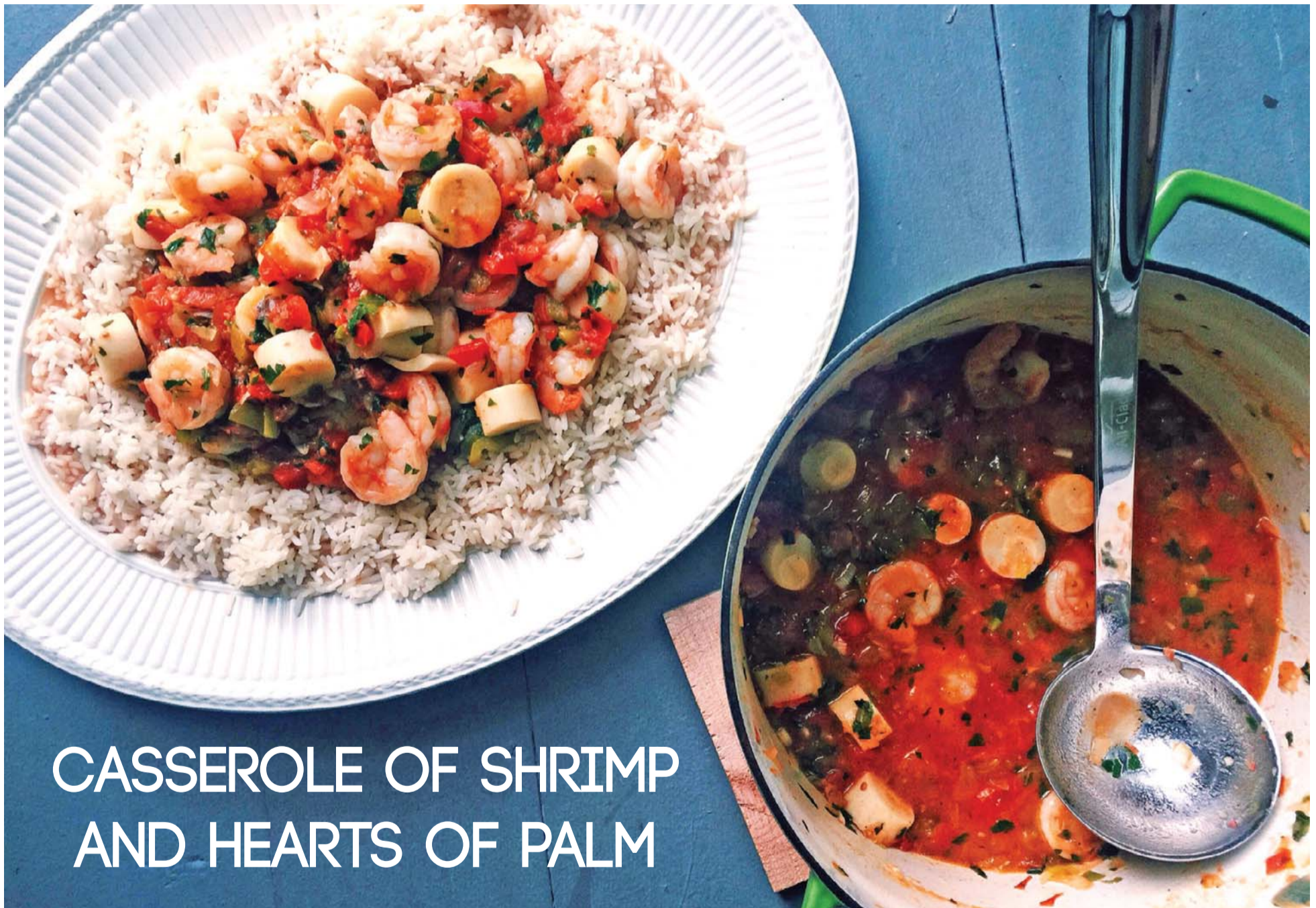
By Katie Workman

**A**s the world turns its attention to the host country of the Olympic Games, I'm reminded of a trip I took to Brazil 20 years ago with my friend, chef and cookbook author Christopher Idone. He was so enamored of Brazilian food that he wrote a wonderful cookbook, "Brazil: A Cook's Tour" (Clarkson Potter), for which I was the editor.

We traveled through Sao Paulo, Rio and Bahia, and all the recipes over which we had poured on manuscript pages were suddenly there in real life, 3-D, red with dende oil, crunchy with manioc flour, aromatic with coconut milk. There were rich Feijoadas, creamy Tutu a Mineira, hot and cheesy Pao de Queijo. Brazil's combination of Indian, African and European (mainly Portuguese) cultures is visible in the

ingredients, techniques and dishes of the country. In more recent years, an influx of Japanese, Lebanese, North American, Chinese and other immigrants has continued to enrich the culture and food with new influences.

One of my favorite dishes was Camaroes com Palmito, or Casserole of Shrimp and Hearts of Palm, which we encountered in Rio de Janeiro. Two of the most appealing foods ever are nestled together in a tomato-tinged, brothy, one-pot dish, fragrant with scallions, cilantro and parsley. Christopher and I continued to cook and eat together after our trip to Brazil. He died just months ago, having introduced a whole lot of people to a whole lot of cuisines, including Brazilian. This recipe is adapted from his classic book, and I can't think of a better meal to tuck into during the opening ceremony.



## CASSEROLE OF SHRIMP AND HEARTS OF PALM

**Start to finish: One hour**  
**Servings: 8**

### Ingredients

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
 2 onions, chopped  
 1 green bell pepper, cored, seeded and chopped  
 1 teaspoon minced garlic  
 10 large ripe plum tomatoes, roughly chopped  
 1 cup chicken broth  
 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley, divided  
 4 scallions  
 2 pounds extra-large or jumbo shrimp  
 2 (14-ounce) cans hearts of palm, drained and cut into 1-inch

pieces  
 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste  
 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
 Hot cooked white rice to serve (about 6 cups)

### Preparation

Heat a large heavy stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat. When the pan is hot, add the flour and stir until it starts to turn light beige, about 2 minutes. Turn the flour out of the pan onto a plate. In the same pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onions, and saute until slightly softened, about 4 minutes. Add the bell pepper and garlic, and sauté until the vegetables are all tender, about 4 more minutes. Add the tomatoes and their juices. Partially cover and bring to a simmer. Adjust the heat so the

tomatoes keep at a simmer, and cook for another 10 minutes, partially covered, stirring occasionally, until the tomatoes are soft and soupy.

Add the broth and return the mixture to a simmer. Stir in half of the parsley and half of the scallions. Add the shrimp and hearts of palm to the pot with the tomato broth mixture, season with salt and pepper and stir. Sprinkle the flour very gradually over the cooking shrimp and tomatoes, stirring constantly, until all of the flour is incorporated. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the mixture is thickened and the shrimp are almost cooked through, about 4 minutes. Stir in the remaining parsley and scallions, and the cilantro, and cook for 1 more minute. Serve over white rice. — AP





# How I quit sugar

HOLISTIC  
CURE

By Aisha Al-Zabin

I'll admit it. Sugar is a drug and I was an addict. When I was around 7 years old, my favorite thing to do at family gatherings was steal a sugar cube. I would put it in my mouth and feel it melt on my tongue. It made me so happy. My grandmother had bowls of candy displayed on the coffee table at all times. My mother, who's a dentist by the way, always gave us stern looks when we asked if we could take one. The fact that candy was not allowed made it that much more appealing to me. I would always raid secret stashes of candy, hide and enjoy them alone. One candy bar was never enough. It didn't help that my sugary cereal was sprinkled with even more sugar in the morning. Ice cream was a daily thing. My family on my father's side was known to have a sweet tooth.

As I grew up I started buying my own candy. I would get lost in all the Kit Kats, Snickers bars and Gummy candy. When I reached my 20's I developed hypoglycemia. Whenever I went shopping I would get low blood sugar and start trembling. Like an addict that hasn't had a hit of Cocaine in a while. I would always carry around a chocolate bar for when that happened. I would eat the chocolate in a manner one would only see on the National Geographic channel. Like a lion feasting on it's prey. Just to get my blood sugar up. Yes, I got high on sugar. I was browsing Instagram one day and came across a brain scan that showed a brain on Heroine and a brain on sugar. The scans were identical. This means that the same addiction process that happens in our brain during a Cocaine high happens when we eat a bar of chocolate. I was shocked! I remember watching a documentary about sugar, and the effect it has on our bodies. One part particularly struck me was when one of the experts had this to say referencing giving kids candy, "You might as well shoot them up with Heroine, it's the same thing!"

## Anxiety and depression

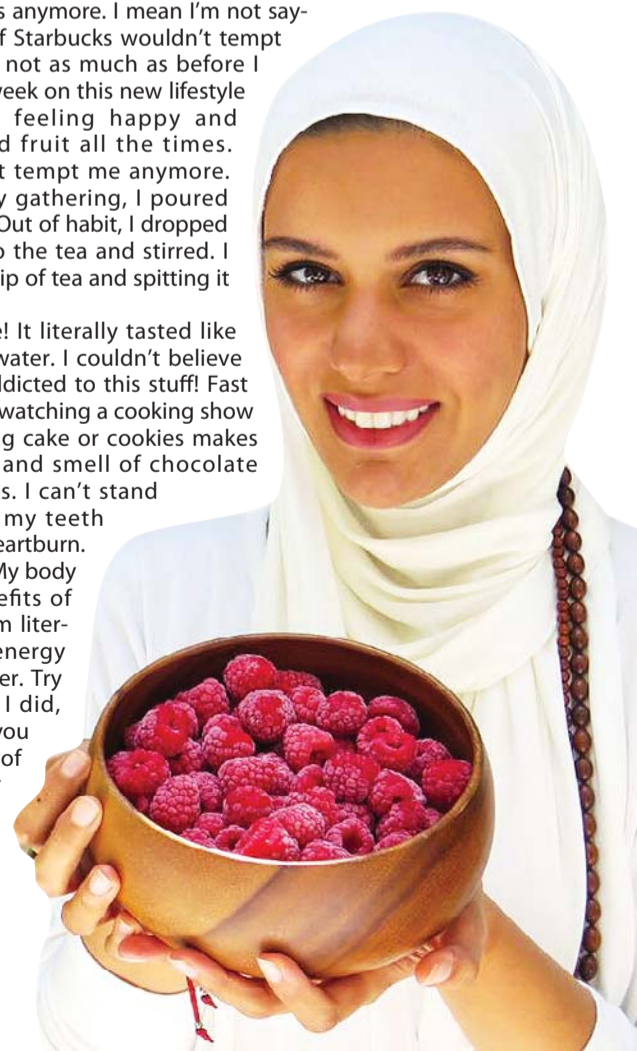
It was when I reached my 30's that thing got from bad to worse. I would buy cartons on Kit Kat and Kinder Bueno, and I would have one candy bar after every main meal, and I would eat two candy bars before bed. So I was having five bars a day. When I was out shopping, I couldn't walk around without a sugary Starbucks Caramel Frappuccino, "extra caramel up and down" as Kuwaitis say. I developed major migraines. I was always on edge, my anxiety and depression increased. I was a mess! I would wake up in the middle of the night sweaty and needing another sugar hit. One night I decided enough was enough! I woke up the next morning and removed all the sugar in the house. I filled a moving box with sugar, Nutella, chocolate, candy, jams, cookies, cupcakes, sugary cereal, and cake mixes. I took the box to a food drive and went straight to the grocery store and bought all kinds of fruit. Bananas, grapes, apples, strawberries, mangoes, and one fruit that I always hated with passion: papaya. I decided I was going to give every fruit a chance. I went home and made smoothies. I substituted all sugar with honey. I bought dates to put in my bag for my shopping trips.

And I vowed to never have a candy bar ever again. Of course the first three days of detoxing were hell. I had migraines and I was very cranky, but I stuck with it. My coffee in the morning was just filtered coffee and creamer. Breakfast was a huge bowl of fruit, which gave me that hit of sweetness after the bitter coffee. I had fruit between meals and before bed. I mostly had mangoes since they were the sweetest. On the third day I got up the courage to try the papaya. I cut it in half, scooped out the seeds, and started scooping the papaya into my mouth. I forced myself to chew and swallow. It wasn't as bad as I thought. I forced myself to finish the whole thing. That night I had a strange craving for papaya, so I went out and bought another one. It was so weird, how this fruit that I loathed so much became a craving. The dates were another story.

## Why risk eating it?

I would munch on dates and dried fruit while shopping and found that I didn't really have that craving for Starbucks anymore. I mean I'm not saying that the smell of Starbucks wouldn't tempt me sometimes, but not as much as before I quit sugar. After a week on this new lifestyle I would wake up feeling happy and refreshed. I craved fruit all the times. Chocolate wouldn't tempt me anymore. One day at a family gathering, I poured myself a cup of tea. Out of habit, I dropped a cube of sugar into the tea and stirred. I remember taking a sip of tea and spitting it right out.

It tasted horrible! It literally tasted like bittersweet sugary water. I couldn't believe how I used to be addicted to this stuff! Fast forward a year later; watching a cooking show that involved making cake or cookies makes me gag. The sight and smell of chocolate makes me nauseous. I can't stand the stuff. It makes my teeth hurt and gives me heartburn. Why risk eating it? My body is reaping the benefits of this new lifestyle. I'm literally bursting with energy and I'm much happier. Try quitting sugar like I did, and I promise you, you will discover a part of yourself you never knew existed. Challenge yourself today, and be the best version of you.





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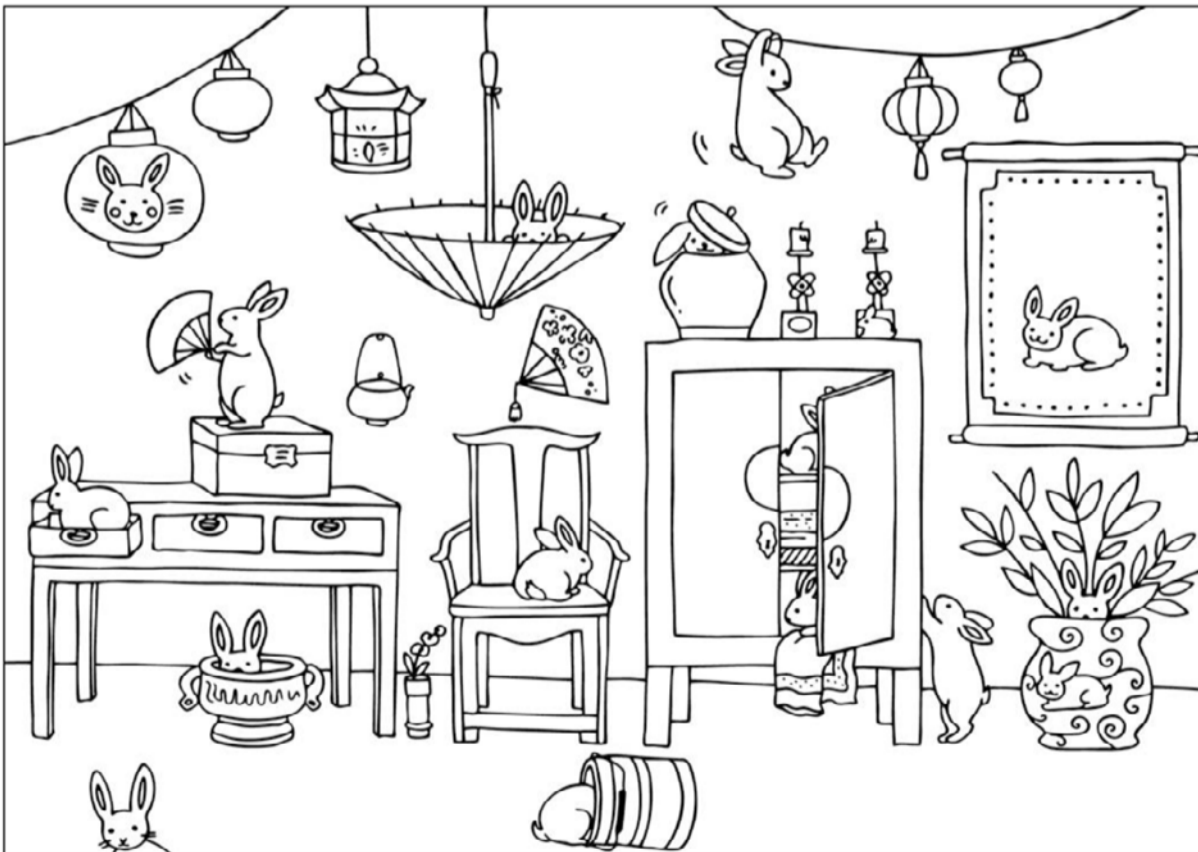
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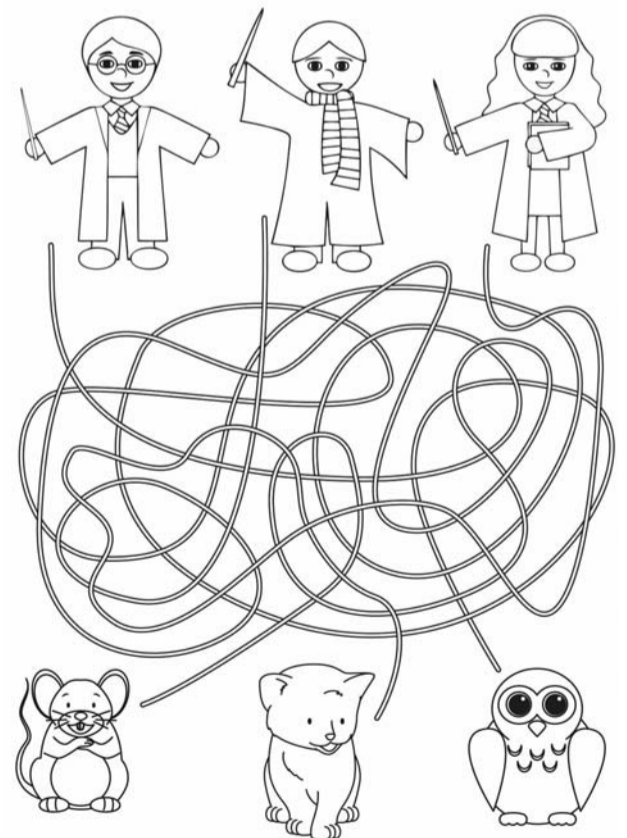
# Amazing facts of the world under the sea

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- 2) It's possible for a shark to detect another fish's heartbeat before it attacks.
- 3) When a giant squid eats, the food passes through its brain.
- 4) Clams can live for more than a 100 years.
- 5) Many fish species are able to change their gender from female to male.
- 6) An electric eel produces a charge so strong, it can stun a full grown horse.
- 7) Some elephant seals dive deeper than most submarines .
- 8) A lobster's teeth are located in its stomach .
- 9) A Dolphin can learn to recognize itself in the mirror.

## Count the rabbits



## Harry Potter Maze





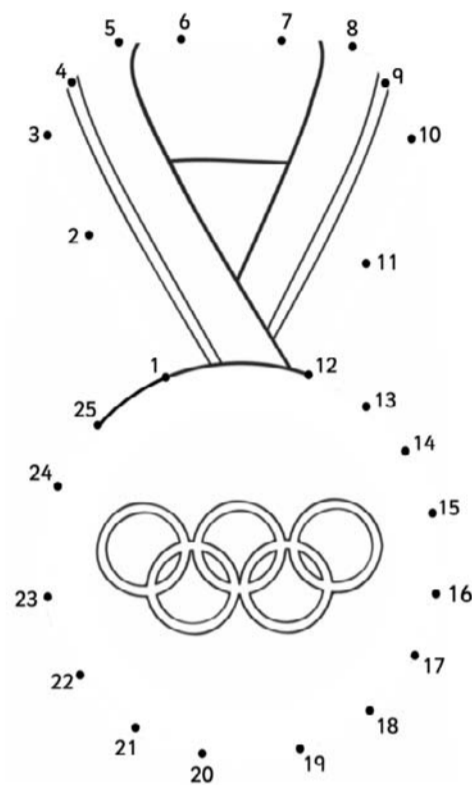
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### Olympic Medal Dot to Dot



## Olympic Sports Word Search

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## Matt Damon's 9 most critically acclaimed films



Since earning his career breakout with *Good Will Hunting* in 1997, Matt Damon has won an Academy Award, worked for some of the finest directors (and alongside some of the most talented actors) in Hollywood, and proved his mettle as a dramatic actor, gifted screen comic, and steely action hero. In honor of his latest starring role, in *Jason Bourne* this weekend, we decided to rifle through the Damon filmography and take a closer look at the ten most critically successful entries. Which of your favorites made the cut? Which ones have the critics blasphemously overlooked? There's only one way to find out!

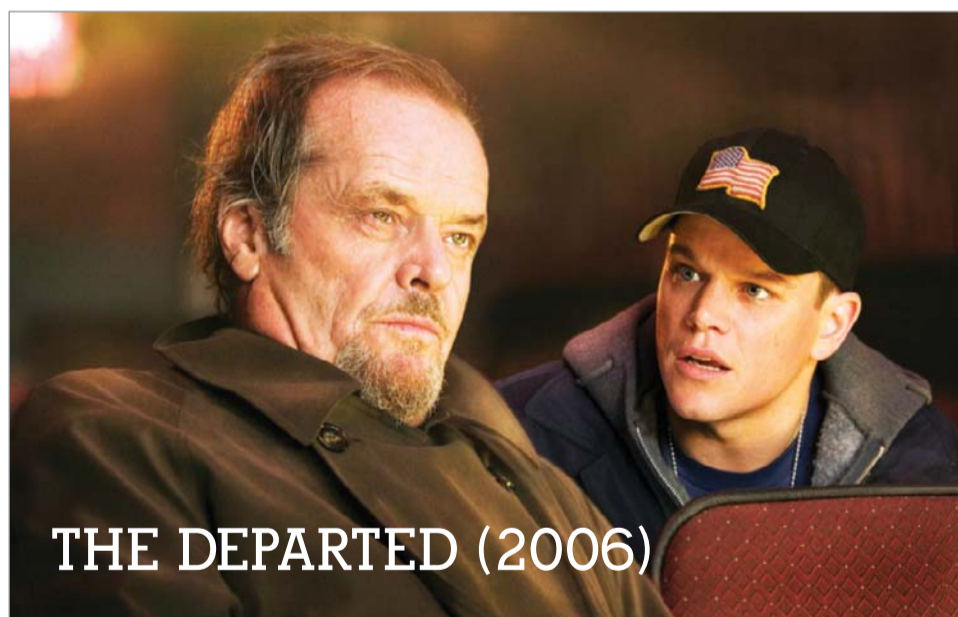


### CONTAGION (2011)

Chilly and sleek, *Contagion* found director Steven Soderbergh working with frequent screenwriter Scott Z. Burns (*The Informant!*, *Side Effects*) to give audiences a scary-as-hell glimpse of just how quickly a global pandemic could spread in the modern world - and employing an impressive group of famous faces to portray it, including Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Laurence Fishburne, Kate Winslet, Jude Law, Elliott Gould, and Bryan Cranston, among others. While *Contagion*'s pulpy premise and gaudy cast might have suggested something along the lines of a '70s disaster flick, the end result was far more serious - and far more disturbing. "Soderbergh keeps a cool head throughout, refraining from the tear-jerking storylines and cheesy emoting you typically get in disaster movies," wrote Jason Best for *Movie Talk*. "You might not be groping for tissues, but you'll definitely be reaching for the anti-viral gel by the close."

### COURAGE UNDER FIRE (1996)

Think you're committed to your job? Try being Matt Damon in preparation for *Courage Under Fire*. For his role as Specialist Ilario, Damon dropped 40 pounds, adopting a grueling training regimen that had him running miles a day and subsisting on a diet consisting of little more than cigarettes and coffee. It was not, as you might imagine, a decision popular with Damon's doctors - or, more importantly, his body, which required no small amount of medical repair after shooting ended. But all's well that ends well, and Edward Zwick's *Rashomon*-style Gulf War drama helped Damon break the dry spell he'd been suffering since nabbing a role in 1993's *Geronimo: An American Legend*. Oh, and the critics liked it too - like Steve Rhodes, who called it "An extremely moving picture that left me with my heart racing and my arms clutching myself and staring at the screen."



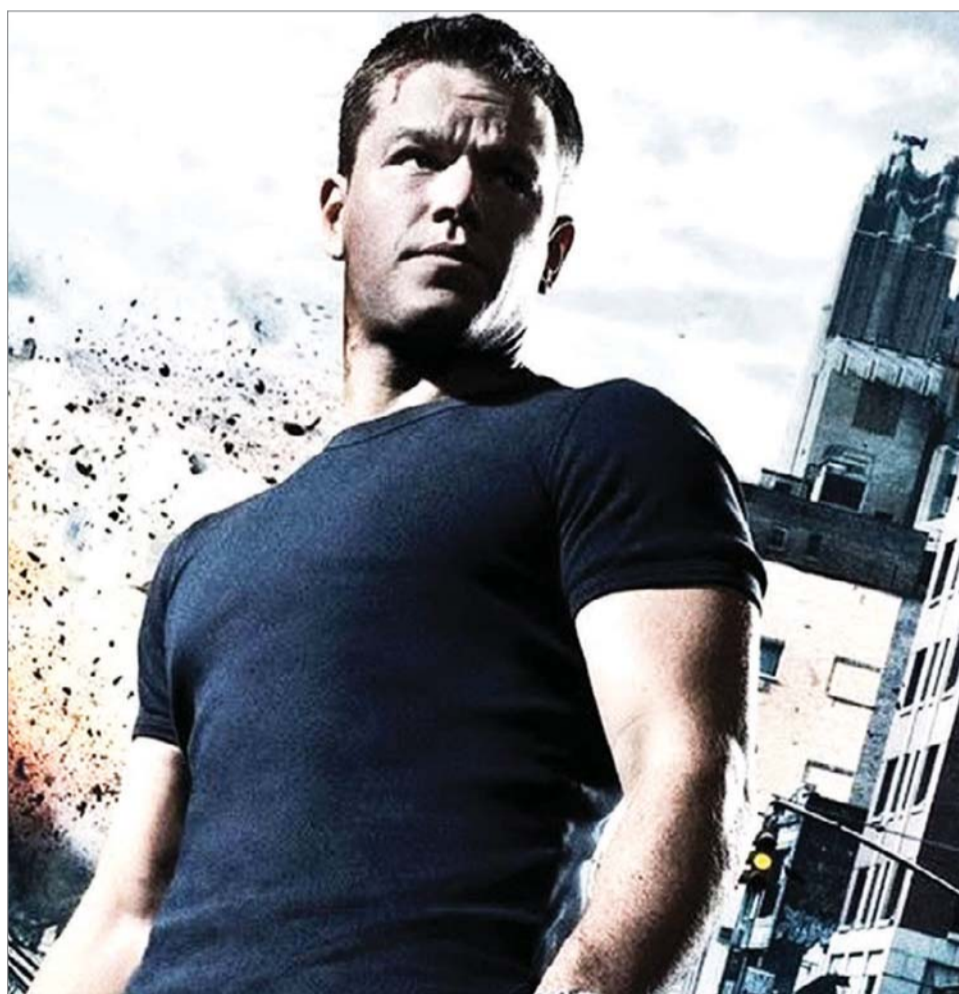
### THE DEPARTED (2006)

Violent, bleak, and unbearably tense, *The Departed* earned director Martin Scorsese his long-overdue Best Director Oscar - but before that, it delighted critics and filmgoers by using Andrew Lau and Alan Mak's *Infernal Affairs* as the launchpad for an unflinching look at the personal toll exacted by the mortal struggle between law enforcement and organized crime. As dirty cop Colin Sullivan, Damon gives one of his subtlest and most heartbreaking performances, portraying a man who knows he's living one step away from prison - or worse - and who you can't help but feel for even as he works to ferret out the identity of Mafia mole and honest cop Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio). Though some critics compared *The Departed* unfavorably to *Infernal Affairs*, most agreed with the Academy voters who named it the year's Best Picture; in the words of *Beyond Hollywood*'s Brian Holcomb, "Scorsese has made an incredible cover version of the original, imbued with every ounce of his artistic personality transforming it into something both familiar and new."

Steven Spielberg's long-standing fascination with World War II found its most realistic and hard-hitting expression with *Saving Private Ryan*. Arriving alongside Tom Brokaw's well-received book *The Greatest Generation*, the film followed the fictional (but inspired by real events) tale of a platoon gutting its way through France in order to find a soldier whose three brothers have just been killed in combat (Private Ryan, played in a small but pivotal role by Matt Damon). Anchored by another strong performance from Tom Hanks, studded with talented actors, and fueled by Spielberg's lean direction and Robert Rodat's stirring script, *Ryan* won five Academy Awards against 11 nominations, made more than \$500 million worldwide, and earned glowing praise from critics like the *Los Angeles Times*'s Kenneth Turan, who wrote, "A powerful and impressive milestone in the realistic depiction of combat, *Saving Private Ryan* is as much an experience we live through as a film we watch on screen."



## SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (1998)



## THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (2007)

It seems laughable now, but before *The Bourne Identity* reached theaters, there were a lot of people who didn't think Matt Damon had what it took to be a convincing action hero. Those doubts were quickly erased with director Doug Liman's sleek, powerful adaptation of the Robert Ludlum novel - a huge box office hit that was powered with equal parts explosive set pieces and a solid central performance by its star. As it turned out, Damon had not only the dramatic chops to realistically portray the fear and confusion of an amnesiac who slowly begins to realize he's a lethal assassin, but the physical presence to make audiences believe he could kill a man with a pen - and launch a franchise that has had filmgoers lining up to follow a global trail of high-speed car chases, conspiracy cover-ups, and hand-held cameras shakily capturing some truly impressive hand-to-hand combat. The franchise hit its peak with its third installment, *The Bourne Ultimatum*, which brought some closure to the Bourne saga before its director, Paul Greengrass, eventually reunited with Damon to bring us this week's Jason Bourne. "Who needs an identity," quipped Peter Keough of the *Boston Phoenix*, "when you're having this much fun?"

## BEHIND THE CANDELABRA (2013)

A longtime passion project for director Steven Soderbergh, *Behind the Candelabra* languished in development limbo for years while the Oscar-winning filmmaker struggled to find funding for a drama depicting the last years of the flamboyant pianist Liberace, as told through his estranged ex-lover Scott Thorston. Even with Michael Douglas attached as Liberace and Damon on board to play Thorston, *Candelabra* remained stuck until HBO stepped in to cover the budget - and ended up reaping record ratings for a TV movie on the way to achieving major awards recognition, including an Outstanding Lead Actor Emmy nomination for Damon. (Douglas, meanwhile, won Outstanding Lead Actor, while *Candelabra* itself walked away with Outstanding Miniseries or Movie.) "Douglas is more than acceptable, but Damon has made an unforgettable character," wrote David Thomson for the *New Republic*. "Scott Thorson is unknown and he comes out of the dark as the story that needs to be told."





## TRUE GRIT (2010)

If you're going to remake a movie as well-known (and critically beloved) as John Wayne's *True Grit*, you'll need a few things to make it work, including tons of chutzpah and a whole bunch of talent on the set. Fortunately for filmgoers, the 2010 version of the movie not only satisfied all of the above requirements - with the Coen brothers behind the cameras and an outstanding cast that included Damon, Jeff Bridges, Josh Brolin, and (making her unforgettable debut) Hailee Steinfeld - but it brought something new to the table in the bargain, focusing on the story as told in Charles Portis' novel rather than trying to out-Duke the Duke. The result was as charmingly idiosyncratic as you'd

expect from the Coens, with Bridges and Damon affecting entertainingly outrageous frontier accents in their characters' pursuit of the scumbag (Brolin) who murdered the father of a feisty young girl (Steinfeld), and picked up an impressive 10 Oscar nominations. While it didn't win any, it did earn plenty of accolades from critics like Salon's Andrew O'Hehir, who wrote, "Some people are expressing amazement that Joel and Ethan Coen would set out to make a classic western in the first place, and then that they'd accomplish it. All I can say is that those folks haven't been paying attention."

## GOOD WILL HUNTING (1997)

Before you even opened this list, you probably knew we'd end up here. And for good reason: *Good Will Hunting* is not only the massive left-field success that launched Damon and his pal/co-writer Ben Affleck into the Hollywood stratosphere, it's a smart, tenderly written tale of the ways love and friendship can help build a bridge between the memories that haunt us and the futures we dream of. With empathetic direction from Gus Van Sant, beautiful music from Danny Elfman and Elliott Smith, and an Oscar-winning supporting performance from Robin

Williams, *Good Will Hunting* was the kind of film that played equally well to the arthouse and cineplex crowds - and the kind of story that makes you feel good about loving movies. As Margaret McGurk of the Cincinnati Enquirer put it, "*Good Will Hunting* is another auspicious sign that the best of Young Hollywood is not only bringing back respect for the craft of acting, but for the cogent telling of tales as well." - ([www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com))



## THE MARTIAN (2015)



With a name like *The Martian*, a person could be forgiven for assuming this Ridley Scott sci-fi thriller took filmgoers to the Red Planet for cool-looking alien creatures and awesome space battles. Instead, we got Matt Damon and a bunch of potatoes - as well as one of the most engaging outer-space dramas in Hollywood history. Damon plays Mark Watney, a member of a Mars expedition who's presumed dead and abandoned when a freak storm forces his crew to evacuate the planet; faced with all-but-certain death, he relies on science and old-fashioned ingenuity to stay alive long enough for NASA to realize he didn't perish in

the storm - and for his fellow astronauts to mount their own daring rescue attempt. In adapting Andy Weir's bestselling novel, Scott and screenwriter Drew Goddard deftly blend a futuristic premise with immediately relatable human stakes, while *The Martian*'s star made the most of a rare opportunity to shoulder a blockbuster hit virtually unassisted. "Damon is terrific," wrote Richard Roeper for the *Chicago Sun-Times*. "The movie lives and breathes on his performance, and he comes through in every scene."



**Aries (March 21-April 19)**

This is an unusual day-everyone seems to be going in the opposite direction of your own energies. Stay to your own responsibilities and you will find situations smoothing out by the afternoon. Becoming involved in some of the problems that do not pertain to you today may find you having to work through all sorts of difficulties. You possess an almost infinite ability to respond to the needs of others-this may be a real test for you to stay neutral. You work very hard, with a gritty resolve and can accomplish much. This evening you may enjoy the company of children or young people as well as your home surroundings. There is harmony and a feeling of support from those around you. Romance is possible this evening.



**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

You may feel that a raise is in order. Consider creating a list of your accomplishments and your job duties and start a diary of these things for evaluation at your next employee review. You are able to rise above most problems that would normally be confusing to the average worker. This is a good opportunity to take note of these successes. This is an important time to show your ability to apply yourself to teamwork cooperation. You are unusually motivated or driven in new and unexpected directions. You could receive unexpected backing and, in general, your efforts are successful for reaching new heights of accomplishments. You may visit with neighbors tonight. Time is your friend and you could use your time to make more friends.



**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**

Teaching coding to grade school students continues to be surprising. They pick it up very quickly and before you know they are ready for more. You and a co-worker may do this teaching in different schools and find this something you might be able to do full time, if you wanted. The schedule is filling up quickly for this next school year and you may find some additional funds when it comes to parents who want to learn what you teach. A noon gathering of friends may find you in a new shop and if you do not pay attention to the time, you will be late for the afternoon conference. You have projects this evening and a couple of your friends want to help you complete at least one of your projects. Magically, the spa is clean and ready to run-relax.



**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**

The suggestions you have for today go over the conference table to others well, in fact, better than you thought they would. You are a good listener and many of the strategies you use now may have been suggested from others some time ago. Give credit where credit is due. You remember what is appropriate and the results are positive at this time. Later today you could use some free time to set a date, apply for a particular job or otherwise make yourself known. You have great insights into what motivates the public, crowds and the mind in general. You can work with sensitive and vulnerable psychological areas without batting an eye and would be good at instructing others. Perhaps some volunteer work surrounding emergency care is in order.



**Leo (July 23-August 22)**

You head in the right direction by making sure your instructions are clear. Yes, that is right; there could be some confusion today. Someone new has taken over at your place of business but this person seems to be in control quickly enough. Your work is important and a couple of clients or customers will be seeing you as the last thing of the day. This is a good thing because it gives you time to see what changes are for your attention. Ask questions, get feedback and consider having written instructions, if necessary, so that you will be in the right place at the right time. Your conscientiousness is appreciated and you will soon be able to efficiently tend to business. This evening is full of sharing stories and enjoying celebrations.



**Virgo (August 23-September 22)**

You may find yourself very appreciative of your career and practical skills. You might enjoy solving puzzles and problems, finding solutions, etc. A renewed appreciation for your work may be apparent to your superiors-in fact, to everybody. During the noon break you may get into a sparring match for some fun competition involving trivia questions. You love to study and are always inquiring and searching-using your mind for research. You enjoy communication in all its forms-spoken, written, via computers, etc. Your mind is active, always testing and searching for limits. There could be a dispute in the family this evening but a quick cooling-off period is possible if you do not jump to conclusions right away. Music can be enjoyed tonight.



**Libra (September 23-October 22)**

A generally busy, but non-challenging workday will send you home with a smile and a party attitude by quitting time. At your noon break, an impromptu get-together with a few co-workers may be fun and a good way to release some energy. You attract good, gentle and loving people with regard to friends. This is an enjoyable time to share and visit and plan for future events. There is talk of vacationing and perhaps some pictures of past adventures. You could decide to vacation with a group this year, perhaps to faraway places. Investments may also prove to be a good topic of discussion and may give you insight into your own plans. Always on the go, you are a skilled diplomat, negotiator or representative for your favorite hobby or skill.



**Scorpio (October 23-November 21)**

You are an infighter, with animal-like instincts when it comes to big business; you are always where the action is most intense. Breakups in a business partnership may be to your advantage. Do not burn your bridges behind you-no enemies please. Your penetrating mind gets straight to the bottom line and it will not be long before some fine business group sees your fine business sense. It is exciting to be near you today-you can be an information source for anyone who needs to know the real answer or, the facts. You may be a bit restless this afternoon as change in or around your home is evident. Your gritty resolve to accomplish much on the home front may have to wait a bit. You put forth a lot of effort, in particular regarding your family-all is good.



**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)**

Your tendency to compromise and settle for less than you dreamed can be a problem. You may choose the path of least resistance-willing to bypass some of the things you always wanted in favor of expediency. Career moves must be given special attention. Tension results, however, when you ignore your own desires and take a course of action, job or career that can never satisfy. Worse, you may find yourself in a job that is compromising. Now that you know this . . . Update your goals and be refreshed . . . You can accomplish great things. The input that a loved one makes today can be very helpful-listen. A love relationship, perhaps new, is blossoming. This is a great time to show your appreciation for one another.



**Capricorn (December 22-January 19)**

Being successful in life is becoming easier and easier-you have a built-in sense of how to approach and unravel even the most difficult problems. You also seem to have taken on that can-do attitude. Knowing what to do with the money you earn is a whole different story. Consider taking a class or teaching a class in financial awareness at a community college near you. While you are at it, sign up for a writing class as well. One of the biggest topics of conversation with your friends is often different and unusual ways in which to make a living, entertain or be entertained. You are unconventional, independent and drawn to whatever is different. You may find yourself involved in causes that go against tradition-revolutions come to your attention.



**Aquarius (January 20- February 18)**

Perhaps there is a sense of challenge or blockage just now. Some sort of temporary obstacle may appear. Remember it is temporary, so bide your time-do not give in to frustration. Perhaps, if you have been working intensely, a break is in order. The times of introspection will help you maintain a focus as you look to see where you have been and how your goals are taking shape. Your sense of confidence is strong. The hard work you are putting forth now and the care with finances while planning and setting aside some earnings should benefit you handsomely in the future. There are opportunities for finding new friendships as well as building good, old friendships. Enjoy these friends-new and old. More demanding times will be in the forecast.



**Pisces (February 19-March 20)**

Progress is made in the workplace today. You may find yourself talkative and quick-witted. Ideas are clear and easy to come by. There are times you may be thinking over your own plans. You have a conversation with an older person or someone in authority at the noon hour. This may give you an opportunity to form opinions and find solutions. Consider presenting a report for random acts of improvement. After work there are opportunities to visit with friends. You could find yourself showing off or giving your attention to others. Some of your friends want to tell you about their summer adventure. You may become actively involved on a social level, taking a bigger part in collective developments, perhaps some political opportunities.

**COUNTRY CODES**

Afghanistan	0093	Kuwait	00965
Albania	00355	Kyrgyzstan	00996
Algeria	00213	Laos	00856
Andorra	00376	Latvia	00371
Angola	00244	Lebanon	00961
Anguilla	001264	Liberia	00231
Antigua	001268	Libya	00218
Argentina	0054	Lithuania	00370
Armenia	00374	Luxembourg	00352
Australia	0061	Macau	00853
Austria	0043	Macedonia	00389
Bahamas	001242	Madagascar	00261
Bahrain	00973	Majorca	0034
Bangladesh	00880	Malawi	00265
Barbados	001246	Malaysia	0060
Belarus	00375	Maldives	00960
Belgium	0032	Mali	00223
Belize	00501	Malta	00356
Benin	00229	Marshall Islands	00692
Bermuda	001441	Martinique	00596
Bhutan	00975	Mauritania	00222
Bolivia	00591	Mauritius	00230
Bosnia	00387	Mayotte	00269
Botswana	00267	Mexico	0052
Brazil	0055	Micronesia	00691
Brunei	00673	Moldova	00373
Bulgaria	00359	Monaco	00377
Burkina Faso	00226	Mongolia	00976
Burundi	00257	Montserrat	001664
Cambodia	00855	Morocco	00212
Cameroon	00237	Mozambique	00258
Canada	001	Myanmar (Burma)	0095
Cape Verde	00238	Namibia	00264
Cayman Islands	001345	Nepal	00977
Central African Republic	00236	Netherlands (Holland)	0031
Chad	00235	Netherlands Antilles	00599
Chile	0056	New Caledonia	00687
China	0086	New Zealand	0064
Colombia	0057	Nicaragua	00505
Comoros	00269	Niger	00227
Congo	00242	Nigeria	00234
Cook Islands	00682	Niue	00683
Costa Rica	00506	Norfolk Island	00672
Croatia	00385	Northern Ireland (UK)	0044
Cuba	0053	North Korea	00850
Cyprus	00357	Norway	0047
Cyprus (Northern)	0090392	Oman	00968
Czech Republic	00420	Pakistan	0092
Denmark	0045	Palau	00680
Diego Garcia	00246	Panama	00507
Djibouti	00253	Papua New Guinea	00675
Dominica	001767	Paraguay	00595
Dominican Republic	001809	Peru	0051
Ecuador	00593	Philippines	0063
Egypt	0020	Poland	0048
El Salvador	00503	Portugal	00351
England (UK)	0044	Puerto Rico	001787
Equatorial Guinea	00240	Qatar	00974
Eritrea	00291	Romania	0040
Estonia	00372	Russian Federation	007
Ethiopia	00251	Rwanda	00250
Falkland Islands	00500	Saint Helena	00290
Faroe Islands	00298	Saint Kitts	001869
Fiji	00679	Saint Lucia	001758
Finland	00358	Saint Pierre	00508
France	0033	Saint Vincent	001784
French Guiana	00594	Samoa US	00684
French Polynesia	00689	Samoa West	00685
Gabon	00241	San Marino	00378
Gambia	00220	Sao Tome	00239
Georgia	00995	Saudi Arabia	00966
Germany	0049	Scotland (UK)	0044
Ghana	00233	Senegal	00221
Gibraltar	00350	Seychelles	00284
Greece	0030	Sierra Leone	00232
Greenland	00299	Singapore	0065
Grenada	001473	Slovakia	00421
Guadeloupe	00590	Slovenia	00386
Guam	001671	Solomon Islands	00677
Guatemala	00502	Somalia	00252
Guinea	00224	South Africa	0027
Guyana	00592	South Korea	0082
Haiti	00509	Spain	0034
Holland (Netherlands)	0031	Sri Lanka	0094
Honduras	00504	Sudan	00249
Hong Kong	00852	Suriname	00597
Hungary	0036	Swaziland	00268
Ibiza (Spain)	0034	Sweden	0046
Iceland	00354	Switzerland	0041
India	0091	Syria	00963
Indian Ocean	00873	Taiwan	00886
Indonesia	0062	Tanzania	00255
Iran	0098	Thailand	0066
Iraq	00964	Toga	00228
Ireland	00353	Tonga	00676
Italy	0039	Tokelau	00690
Ivory Coast	00225	Trinidad	001868
Jamaica	001876	Tunisia	00216
Japan	0081	Turkey	0090
Jordan	00962	Tuvalu	00688
Kazakhstan	007	Uganda	00256
Kenya	00254	Ukraine	00380
Kiribati	00686	United Arab Emirates	00976

**BBC FIRST**

03:05 The Living And The Dead  
 04:05 Doctors  
 04:35 Eastenders  
 05:05 The Musketeers  
 06:00 Holby City  
 07:00 Doctors  
 07:30 Eastenders  
 08:00 Eastenders  
 08:30 Casualty  
 09:25 Death In Paradise  
 10:20 Dickensian  
 12:40 Casualty  
 13:35 Holby City  
 14:35 Doctors  
 15:05 Eastenders  
 15:40 Doctor Who  
 18:15 Doctors  
 18:45 Doctors  
 19:15 Father Brown  
 20:10 Orphan Black  
 21:50 Happy Valley  
 22:45 I Want My Wife Back  
 23:20 Ideal  
 23:50 Doctors  
 01:00 Father Brown  
 01:50 Orphan Black

06:25 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
 07:20 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
 08:20 E! News  
 09:15 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
 10:15 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
 11:10 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
 12:05 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
 13:05 E! News  
 14:05 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry  
 15:00 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry  
 16:00 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry  
 17:00 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
 18:00 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
 19:00 E! News  
 20:00 WAGs  
 21:00 LA Clippers Dance Squad  
 22:00 Famously Single  
 23:00 E! News  
 00:00 Botched  
 00:55 Botched  
 01:50 New Money  
 02:20 E! News  
 Food Network HD



03:40 Serial Killer Earth  
 04:30 Ultimate Guide To The Presidents  
 05:20 Hangar 1: The UFO Files  
 06:10 Ancient Discoveries  
 07:00 World War II: Lost Films

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 09:00 The Universe  
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 17:00 Ultimate Guide To The Presidents  
 18:00 Hangar 1: The UFO Files  
 19:00 World War II: Lost Films  
 20:00 Ancient Discoveries  
 21:00 The Universe  
 22:00 Ancient Impossible  
 23:00 Decoding The Past  
 00:00 Hangar 1: The UFO Files  
 01:00 World War II: Lost Films  
 02:00 Ancient Discoveries  
 02:50 The Universe



03:45 Amazon's Electric Fish  
 04:40 Outback Wrangler  
 05:05 Outback Wrangler  
 05:35 72 Dangerous Animals Australia  
 06:30 Dr. K's Exotic Animal  
 07:25 Amazon's Electric Fish  
 08:20 Outback Wrangler  
 08:45 Outback Wrangler  
 09:15 Animal Armory  
 10:10 Strangest Bird Alive  
 11:05 Dead Or Alive  
 12:00 Shark Gangs  
 12:55 Tiger Queen  
 13:50 Dr. K's Exotic Animal  
 14:45 Amazon Underworld  
 15:40 Outback Wrangler

16:05 Outback Wrangler  
 16:35 Murder, Mayhem & Meerkats  
 17:30 Queen Of The Baboons  
 18:25 Dead Or Alive  
 19:20 Amazon Underworld  
 20:10 Outback Wrangler  
 20:35 Outback Wrangler  
 21:00 Murder, Mayhem & Meerkats  
 21:50 Queen Of The Baboons  
 22:40 Dead Or Alive  
 23:30 Shark Gangs  
 00:20 Tiger Queen  
 01:10 Dr. K's Exotic Animal  
 02:00 Extreme Animal Babies  
 02:50 Big Cat Games



03:50 Surrender  
 04:45 Stalking Hitler's Generals  
 05:40 Crowd Control  
 06:05 Crowd Control  
 06:35 Breakout  
 07:30 Ultimate Survival Alaska  
 08:25 Wicked Tuna  
 09:20 Science Of Stupid  
 09:45 Science Of Stupid  
 10:15 Locked Up Abroad  
 11:10 Outsiders: Living Off The Edge  
 12:05 The Great Human Race  
 13:00 Wicked Tuna  
 14:00 Breakout  
 15:00 Locked Up Abroad  
 16:00 4 Babies A Second  
 17:00 The Great Human Race  
 18:00 Russia's Mystery Files  
 19:00 LA Street Racers  
 20:00 4 Babies A Second  
 20:50 The Great Human Race  
 21:40 Russia's Mystery Files  
 22:30 LA Street Racers  
 23:20 Crowd Control  
 23:45 Crowd Control

00:36 Max & Shred  
 01:00 The Haunted Hathaways  
 01:24 Sanjay And Craig  
 02:12 SpongeBob SquarePants  
 02:36 SpongeBob SquarePants



03:00 What Happened Next?  
 03:50 Ultimate Survival  
 04:40 How It's Made  
 05:30 Dirty Jobs  
 06:20 Mythbusters  
 07:00 Doki  
 07:25 Dick 'n' Dom Go Wild  
 07:50 My Cat From Hell  
 08:40 How It's Made  
 09:30 What Could Possibly Go Wrong?  
 10:20 Mythbusters  
 11:10 Bondi Vet  
 11:35 Bondi Vet  
 12:00 My Cat From Hell  
 12:50 Ultimate Survival  
 13:40 How It's Made  
 14:05 How It's Made  
 14:30 Dirty Jobs  
 15:20 Mythbusters  
 16:10 Doki  
 16:35 Dick 'n' Dom Go Wild  
 17:00 Troy  
 17:50 Race To Escape  
 18:40 What Could Possibly Go Wrong?  
 19:30 Mythbusters  
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 21:10 Troy  
 22:00 Race To Escape  
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10:30 Sofia The First  
 11:00 The Lion Guard  
 11:30 Jake And The Never Land Pirates  
 12:00 Jake And The Never Land Pirates  
 12:30 Gummi Bears  
 13:00 Sofia The First  
 13:30 Doc McStuffins  
 14:00 The Lion Guard  
 14:30 Aladdin  
 14:55 Jake And The Never Land Pirates  
 15:05 Goldie & Bear  
 15:30 Miles From Tomorrow  
 16:00 Doc McStuffins  
 16:25 Doc McStuffins  
 16:55 Sofia The First  
 17:25 Sofia The First  
 17:50 The Lion Guard  
 18:15 Jake And The Never Land Pirates  
 18:45 Jake And The Neverland Pirates  
 19:00 PJ Masks  
 19:30 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse  
 20:00 Doc McStuffins  
 20:30 Sofia The First  
 21:00 PJ Masks  
 21:30 Aladdin  
 22:00 Jungle Cubs  
 22:25 Gummi Bears  
 22:50 Zou  
 23:05 Henry Hugglemonster  
 23:20 Calimero  
 23:35 Zou  
 23:50 Loopdidoo  
 00:05 Art Attack  
 00:30 Henry Hugglemonster  
 00:45 Calimero  
 01:00 Zou  
 01:15 Loopdidoo  
 01:30 Art Attack  
 02:00 Calimero  
 02:15 Zou  
 02:30 Loopdidoo  
 02:45 Art Attack



03:00 Disorderly Conduct: Video On Patrol  
 03:50 Key And Peele  
 05:55 Impractical Jokers  
 06:20 Key And Peele  
 06:50 Tosh.0  
 07:40 Gym Rescue  
 08:30 Disorderly Conduct: Video On Patrol  
 09:20 Key And Peele  
 09:45 Tosh.0  
 11:00 Impractical Jokers  
 11:25 Gym Rescue  
 12:15 Key And Peele  
 12:40 Disorderly Conduct: Video On Patrol  
 13:30 Tosh.0  
 14:20 Impractical Jokers  
 14:45 Lip Sync Battle  
 15:10 Key And Peele  
 15:35 Tosh.0  
 16:30 Hungry Investors  
 18:15 Tosh.0  
 19:03 MLE Championship  
 19:50 Tosh.0  
 20:13 I Live With Models  
 20:37 Brotherhood  
 21:00 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  
 21:30 Inside Amy Schumer  
 21:54 Another Period  
 22:18 South Park  
 22:42 Underground With Dave Attell  
 23:30 The Daily Show With Trevor



03:40 Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition  
 04:05 Auction Hunters  
 04:30 Dallas Car Sharks  
 05:00 How Stuff's Made  
 05:30 How Do They Do It?  
 06:00 Mythbusters  
 06:50 World's Top 5  
 07:40 Incredible Engineering Blunders: Fixed  
 08:30 Diamond River Hunters  
 09:20 Venom Hunters  
 10:10 So You Think You'd Survive?  
 11:00 Dark Woods Justice  
 11:50 Ed Stafford: Into The Unknown  
 12:40 Mega Shippers  
 13:30 Fast N' Loud  
 14:20 Fat N' Furious: Rolling Thunder  
 15:10 Street Outlaws  
 16:00 Impossible Engineering  
 21:00 Fast N' Loud  
 21:50 Fat N' Furious: Rolling Thunder  
 22:40 Street Outlaws  
 23:30 Valley Uprising  
 01:10 Fast N' Loud  
 02:00 Fat N' Furious: Rolling Thunder  
 02:50 Street Outlaws



03:15 #RichKids Of Beverly Hills  
 04:10 #RichKids Of Beverly Hills  
 05:05 #RichKids Of Beverly Hills  
 06:00 Fashion Bloggers

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03:00 Industrial Junkie  
 03:48 Mythbusters  
 04:36 Crisis Control  
 05:24 How The Universe Works  
 06:12 How Do They Do It?  
 06:36 Food Factory  
 07:00 How Do They Do It?  
 07:26 Mythbusters  
 08:14 How The Universe Works  
 09:02 Industrial Junkie  
 09:50 How Do They Do It?  
 10:14 Food Factory  
 10:38 Crisis Control  
 11:26 Mythbusters  
 12:14 How The Universe Works  
 13:02 How Do They Do It?  
 13:26 Food Factory  
 13:50 Industrial Junkie  
 14:38 Crisis Control  
 15:26 Mythbusters  
 16:14 How The Universe Works  
 17:02 Industrial Junkie  
 17:50 Smash Lab  
 18:40 How The Universe Works  
 19:30 How It's Made  
 20:20 How Do They Do It?  
 20:45 Food Factory  
 21:10 Mega Builders  
 22:00 How It's Made  
 22:50 How The Universe Works  
 23:40 Smash Lab



06:00 Boyster  
 06:10 Super Matrak  
 06:35 Super Matrak  
 07:00 Pokemon Bw: Adventures In Unova  
 07:25 K.C. Undercover  
 07:50 Supa Strikas  
 08:15 Phineas And Ferb  
 08:40 Camp Lakebottom  
 09:05 Disney Mickey Mouse  
 09:10 Gravity Falls  
 09:35 Lab Rats  
 10:00 Rocket Monkeys  
 10:25 Ultimate Spider-Man  
 10:50 Boyster  
 11:20 Boyster  
 11:45 Pair Of Kings  
 12:10 Pair Of Kings  
 12:35 Lab Rats  
 13:00 Lab Rats  
 13:30 Phineas And Ferb  
 13:55 Phineas And Ferb  
 14:20 Kickin' It  
 14:45 Pokemon Bw: Adventures In Unova  
 15:10 Disney Mickey Mouse  
 15:15 Supa Strikas  
 15:40 Supa Strikas  
 16:05 Lab Rats  
 16:30 Pickle And Peanut  
 16:55 Kirby Buckets  
 17:25 K.C. Undercover  
 17:50 Annedroids  
 18:15 Gamer's Guide To Pretty...  
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 19:05 Disney Mickey Mouse  
 19:10 Gravity Falls  
 19:35 Pickle And Peanut  
 20:00 Lab Rats  
 20:25 Supa Strikas  
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 21:20 Gamer's Guide To Pretty...  
 21:45 Guardians Of The Galaxy  
 22:10 Marvel Avengers Assemble  
 22:40 Disney Mickey Mouse



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 07:00 The Hive  
 07:10 Zou  
 07:25 Loopdidoo  
 07:40 Jungle Cubs  
 08:05 Sofia The First  
 08:30 Miles From Tomorrow  
 08:40 PJ Masks  
 09:10 Doc McStuffins  
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 09:55 Minnie's Bow-Toons  
 10:00 Sofia The First



03:00 Man Fire Food  
 03:30 Man Fire Food  
 04:00 Chopped  
 05:00 Guy's Grocery Games  
 06:00 Man Fire Food  
 06:30 Man Fire Food  
 07:00 Chopped



- 08:00 Barefoot Contessa
- 08:30 Barefoot Contessa
- 09:00 The Kitchen
- 10:00 Trisha's Southern Kitchen
- 10:30 Trisha's Southern Kitchen
- 11:00 Chopped
- 12:00 Guy's Big Bite
- 12:30 Guy's Big Bite
- 13:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
- 13:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
- 14:00 Man Fire Food
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- 19:00 Guy's Grocery Games
- 20:00 Cutthroat Kitchen
- 21:00 Kitchen Casino
- 22:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
- 22:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
- 23:00 Iron Chef America
- 00:00 Cutthroat Kitchen
- 01:00 Kitchen Casino
- 02:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
- 02:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives



- History Channel HD
- 03:40 Shipping Wars
  - 04:05 Shipping Wars
  - 04:30 Pawn Stars
  - 05:00 Britain's Bloody Crown: War Of The Roses
  - 06:00 The Curse Of Oak Island
  - 06:50 Hunting Hitler
  - 07:40 Grave Trade
  - 08:30 American Restoration
  - 08:55 Mountain Men
  - 09:45 Ax Men
  - 10:35 Ice Road Truckers
  - 11:25 American Restoration
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  - 12:40 Car Hunters
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  - 13:55 Hoard Hunters
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  - 15:35 Grave Trade
  - 16:25 Counting Cars: Best Of
  - 16:50 Time Team
  - 17:40 Aussie Pickers
  - 18:30 Pawn Stars South Africa
  - 18:55 Pawn Stars South Africa
  - 19:20 Ice Road Truckers
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  - 21:00 Pawn Stars
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  - 22:15 Barry'd Treasure
  - 22:40 Sean Bean On Waterloo
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- 03:25 Don't Tell The Bride
- 04:20 The Syndicate
- 05:15 Come Dine With Me Couples
- 06:10 The Doctor Blake Mysteries
- 07:05 Chopping Block
- 08:00 Don't Tell The Bride
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- 09:50 Come Dine With Me Couples
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- 13:25 Emmerdale
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- 14:45 Come Dine With Me Couples
- 15:35 Chopping Block
- 16:30 Don't Tell The Bride
- 17:25 Together
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- 18:20 Emmerdale
- 18:45 Emmerdale
- 19:10 Coronation Street
- 19:35 Chopping Block
- 20:30 Don't Tell The Bride
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- 21:55 Tracey Ullman's Show
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- 22:50 Emmerdale
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- 01:00 Emmerdale
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## NEED FOR SPEED ON OSN MOVIES ACTION HD



- 03:00 Two And A Half Men
- 03:30 Two And A Half Men
- 04:00 The Goldbergs
- 04:30 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon
- 05:30 Community
- 06:00 George Lopez
- 06:30 Breaking In
- 07:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers
- 08:00 The Goldbergs
- 08:30 Community
- 09:00 Two And A Half Men
- 09:30 Angie Tribeca
- 10:00 Angie Tribeca
- 10:30 Breaking In
- 11:00 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon
- 12:00 George Lopez
- 12:30 The Goldbergs
- 13:00 Community
- 13:30 Breaking In
- 14:00 Two And A Half Men
- 14:30 Angie Tribeca
- 15:00 Angie Tribeca
- 15:30 Galavant
- 16:00 Last Man Standing
- 16:30 George Lopez
- 17:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers
- 18:00 Cooper Barrett's Guide To Surviving
- 18:30 Cooper Barrett's Guide To Surviving
- 19:00 2 Broke Girls
- 19:30 New Girl
- 20:00 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon
- 21:00 Galavant
- 21:30 Last Man Standing
- 22:00 It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia
- 22:30 Togetherness
- 23:00 The Brink
- 23:30 Late Night With Seth Meyers
- 00:30 Galavant
- 01:00 Last Man Standing
- 01:30 It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia
- 02:00 Togetherness
- 02:30 The Brink



- 03:00 Second Chance
- 04:00 Good Morning America
- 06:00 The Art Of More
- 07:00 Castle
- 08:00 Quantico
- 09:00 The Flash
- 10:00 Second Chance
- 11:00 Castle
- 12:00 Quantico
- 13:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 14:00 Good Morning America

- 16:00 The Art Of More
- 17:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 18:00 Quantico
- 19:00 The Night Shift
- 20:00 Shark Tank
- 21:00 Suits
- 22:00 The Night Shift
- 23:00 Outlander
- 00:00 Castle
- 01:00 Suits
- 02:00 The Night Shift



- 04:00 The Package
- 06:00 Need For Speed
- 08:15 Abandoned Mine
- 10:00 Batman Unlimited: Monster Mayhem
- 11:30 Reclaim
- 13:15 Need For Speed
- 15:30 Deja Vu
- 17:45 The Machine
- 19:30 The Hobbit: The Battle Of The Five Armies
- 22:00 Contraband
- 00:00 Legion
- 02:00 Snakehead Swamp



- 04:00 Under The Tuscan Sun
- 06:00 Bottle Rocket
- 08:00 Bubble Boy
- 10:00 Hope Springs
- 12:00 Blended
- 14:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy
- 16:00 Bubble Boy
- 18:00 Spy Hard
- 20:00 The Foot Fist Way
- 22:00 Dom Hemingway
- 00:00 Borat
- 02:00 Spy Hard



- 03:00 Cake
- 04:45 Mood Indigo
- 07:00 Memorial Day (2011)
- 09:00 Streetdance: All Stars
- 11:00 Mood Indigo
- 13:15 Escape (2012)
- 15:00 1911
- 17:00 Streetdance: All Stars
- 19:00 5 To 7
- 21:00 Draft Day
- 23:00 Kelly & Cal
- 01:00 1911



- 03:00 Camp Nowhere
- 05:00 Strange Magic
- 07:00 102 Dalmatians
- 09:00 Despicable Me 2
- 11:00 Big Hero 6
- 13:00 Freaky Friday
- 15:00 The Boxtrolls
- 17:00 Wall-E
- 19:00 The Lizzie McGuire Movie
- 21:00 Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of The Black Pearl
- 23:30 The Boxtrolls
- 01:15 The Lizzie McGuire Movie



- 03:15 Blood
- 05:00 Ed Wood
- 07:30 Monkey Kingdom
- 09:00 The Railway Man
- 11:00 Two Men In Town
- 13:00 Les Miserables
- 15:45 Merchants Of Doubt
- 17:30 The Railway Man
- 19:30 A Walk Among The Tombstones
- 21:30 Birdman
- 23:30 Twice Born
- 02:00 A Walk Among The Tombstones



- 03:45 Survivor
- 05:45 JLA Adventures: Trapped In Time
- 07:00 Metallica: Through The Never
- 09:00 McFarland, USA
- 11:15 The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water
- 13:00 Ride
- 15:00 Make Your Move
- 17:00 Life Of A King
- 19:00 Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2
- 21:00 Rio, I Love You
- 23:00 The Boy Next Door
- 01:00 The Woman In Black 2: Angel Of Death



- 04:30 Worms
- 06:00 The Boxcar Children
- 07:30 Egon And Donci
- 09:00 Hook
- 11:30 Jock The Hero Dog
- 13:00 K-9 Adventures: Legend Of The Lost Gold

- 14:30 Jungle Book: Mowgli's Adventure
- 16:00 Gladiators Of Rome
- 18:00 Hook
- 20:30 Charlie And The Chocolate Factory
- 22:30 Jungle Book: Mowgli's Adventure
- 00:15 Gladiators Of Rome
- 02:00 Egon And Donci



- 04:00 Oblivion
- 06:15 Le Weekend
- 08:00 The Love Punch
- 10:00 Superfast
- 11:45 Oblivion
- 14:00 Manny
- 16:00 The Love Punch
- 18:00 Whiplash
- 20:00 She's Funny That Way
- 22:00 Fifty Shades Of Grey
- 00:15 The Gift
- 02:15 Whiplash



- 03:00 The Leftovers
- 04:00 Generation Kill
- 05:00 Iron Jawed Angels
- 07:15 Mistical
- 09:00 Love Child
- 10:30 Recount
- 12:30 Empire Falls: Part I
- 14:30 Empire Falls: Part II
- 16:00 Recount
- 18:00 Any Given Wednesday With Bill Simmons
- 18:30 Last Week Tonight With John Oliver
- 19:00 11.22.63
- 20:00 Six Feet Under
- 21:00 True Blood
- 22:00 Vinyl
- 23:00 Tell Me You Love Me
- 00:00 11.22.63
- 01:00 Six Feet Under
- 02:00 True Blood



- 03:00 Switched At Birth
- 04:00 Making Mr.Right
- 05:00 Fit For Fashion
- 06:00 The Simpsons
- 06:30 The Simpsons
- 07:00 Bones
- 08:00 American Idol
- 09:00 American Idol
- 10:00 Private Practice

- 11:00 Switched At Birth
- 12:00 Making Mr.Right
- 13:00 Fit For Fashion
- 14:00 The Simpsons
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- 15:00 Bones
- 16:00 American Idol
- 17:00 Cougar Town
- 17:30 Cougar Town
- 18:00 Desperate Housewives
- 19:00 Desperate Housewives
- 20:00 The Secret Life Of The American Teenager
- 21:00 American Idol
- 22:00 American Idol
- 23:00 American Idol



- 03:15 Ultimate Shopper
- 04:00 Oprah's Master Class
- 04:45 Little People, Big World
- 05:10 Little People, Big World
- 05:35 Cake Boss
- 06:00 Say Yes To The Dress
- 06:25 Cake Boss
- 06:50 Cake Boss
- 07:15 Cake Boss
- 07:40 Cake Boss
- 08:05 The Face Australia
- 08:55 The Face Australia
- 09:45 Little People, Big World: Wedding Farm
- 10:35 Nida'a
- 11:25 Say Yes To The Dress
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- 12:15 Say Yes To The Dress
- 12:40 Say Yes To The Dress
- 13:05 Say Yes To The Dress
- 13:30 Oprah's Master Class
- 14:20 Oprah's Master Class
- 15:10 Little People, Big World
- 15:35 Little People, Big World
- 17:15 The Undateables
- 18:05 Designer Darlings
- 18:55 Cake Boss
- 19:20 Say Yes To The Dress ,Ai Bridesmaids
- 19:45 Say Yes To The Dress ,Ai Bridesmaids
- 20:10 Kate Plus 8
- 21:00 Jill & Jessa: Counting On
- 21:50 Kate Plus 8
- 22:40 Little People, Big World: Wedding Farm
- 23:30 Breaking Amish
- 00:20 My Giant Life
- 01:10 My 600lb Life: Where Are They Now?
- 02:00 Outrageous 911
- 02:50 Monsters Inside Me



- 03:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 03:48 Henry Danger
- 04:12 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn
- 04:36 The Haunted Hathaways
- 05:00 Max & Shred
- 05:24 Henry Danger
- 05:48 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn
- 06:12 SpongeBob SquarePants
- 07:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 07:48 Winx Club
- 08:12 Harvey Beaks
- 08:36 Breadwinners
- 09:00 Get Blake
- 09:24 Rabbids Invasion
- 09:48 Henry Danger
- 10:12 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn
- 10:36 The Haunted Hathaways
- 11:00 Winx Club
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- 22:12 Sanjay And Craig
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- 23:48 Henry Danger
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WORD SEARCH

Baseball - Word Search

Find the words hidden in the grid of letters.

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| BATBOY    | FLYBALL    | SCOREBOARD  |
| BATTER    | GLOVE      | SHORTSTOP   |
| BUNT      | GRINDER    | SLIDE       |
| COACH     | HOME       | STRIKE      |
| CURVEBALL | INNING     | TRIPLE PLAY |
| DUGOUT    | LINE DRIVE | UMPIRE      |
| FASTBALL  | MOUND      |             |

Yesterday's Solution

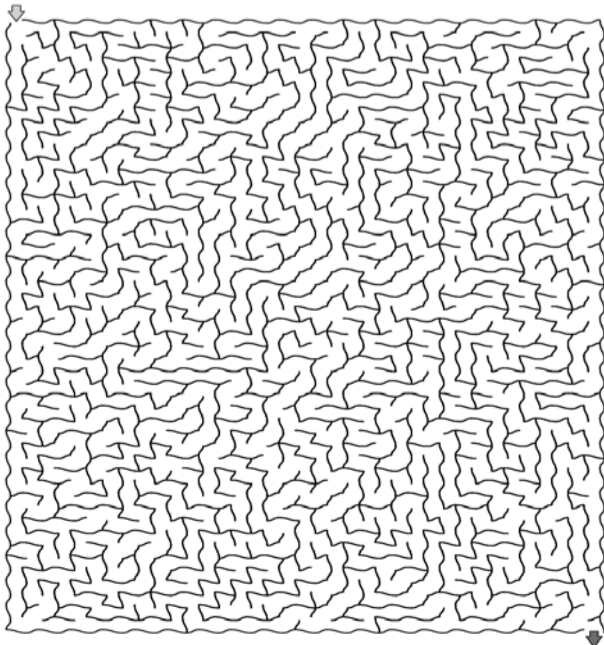
Large Print Word Search Puzzles

Animals 7 - Solution

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| BEAR       | KIWI      | SHREW      |
| CHEETAH    | KOALA     | STORK      |
| FLAMINGO   | MARLIN    | TROUT      |
| FOX        | MINK      | VULTURE    |
| GECKO      | OCTOPUS   | WOODPECKER |
| HEDGEHOG   | PARTRIDGE | ZEBRA      |
| HIPPOTAMUS | ROBIN     |            |

CHALLENGING MAZE



CROSSWORD 1333

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ACROSS

- A master's degree in business.
- Type genus of the Balistidae.
- A rotating disk shaped to convert circular into linear motion.
- (Judaism) Sacred chest where the ancient Hebrews kept the two tablets containing the Ten Commandments.
- The stage of meiosis or mitosis when chromosomes move toward opposite ends of the nuclear spindle.
- A unit of surface area equal to 100 square meters.
- An independent agency of the United States government responsible for collecting and coordinating intelligence and counterintelligence activities abroad in the national interest.
- Accord or comport with.
- (of complexion) Blemished by imperfections of the skin.
- Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
- Someone who works (or provides workers) during a strike.
- A former copper coin of Pakistan.
- A federation of North American labor unions that merged with the Congress of Industrial Organizations in 1955.
- An Arabic speaking person who lives in Arabia or North Africa.
- An official language of the Republic of South Africa.
- Modulation of the frequency of the (radio) carrier wave.
- An international organization of European countries formed after World War II to reduce trade barriers and increase cooperation among its members.
- Stout-bodied insect with large membranous wings.
- A Hindu prince or king in India.
- A radioactive element of the actinide series.
- A violent denunciation.
- A public promotion of some product or service.
- A unit of absorbed ionizing radiation equal to 100 ergs per gram of irradiated material.
- German hero.
- (used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude) It is sincerely the case that.
- A Kwa language spoken by the Yoruba people in southwestern Nigeria.
- A person who has lied or who lies repeatedly.
- Tastelessness by virtue of being cheap and vulgar.
- (especially of rows as of troops or mountains) Pressed together.
- A fractional monetary unit of Japan and Indonesia and Cambodia.
- East Indian cereal grass whose seed yield a somewhat bitter flour, a staple in the Orient.
- A port city and resort in Andalusia in southern Spain on the Mediterranean.
- Weaken mentally or morally.
- Fleshy and usually brightly colored cover of some seeds that develops from the ovule stalk and partially or entirely envelopes the seed.
- A port in northwestern Israel on the Bay of Acre.
- (medicine) A grossly malformed and usually nonviable fetus.
- Shattered or torn up or torn apart violently as by e.g. wind or lightning or explosive.
- A large fleet.
- An inclined surface or roadway that moves traffic from one level to another.
- Showing self-interest and shrewdness in dealing with others.
- African tree having an exceedingly thick trunk and fruit that resembles a gourd and has an edible pulp called monkey bread.
- An annual award for outstanding achievements in television.

DOWN

- (British) A waterproof raincoat made of rubberized fabric.
- Soft creamy white cheese.
- Jordan's port.
- Gibberish resembling the sounds of a baby.
- Used of a single unit or thing.
- A girl or young woman who is unmarried.
- A medicinal drug used to evoke vomiting (especially in cases of drug overdose or poisoning).
- Removing by cutting off or clipping.
- An alloy of copper and zinc (and sometimes arsenic) used to imitate gold in cheap jewelry and for gilding.
- A radioactive transuranic element produced by bombarding plutonium with neutrons.
- Relating to or characteristic of or occurring on the sea or ships.
- Any plant of the genus Canna having large sheathing leaves and clusters of large showy flowers.
- A particular environment or walk of life.
- An award for winning a championship or commemorating some other event.
- Inflammation of the nose and throat with increased production of mucus.
- Regional and archaic.
- Nocturnal mouse-like mammal with forelimbs modified to form membranous wings and anatomical adaptations for echolocation by which they navigate.
- Large bamboo having thick-walled culms.
- An attendant who carries the golf clubs for a player.
- The length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference.
- Italian violin maker in Cremona.
- English theoretical physicist who applied relativity theory to quantum mechanics and predicted the existence of antimatter and the positron (1902-1984).
- Related to the mother's side.
- Somewhat ill or prone to illness.
- A port in southwestern Scotland.
- An infant considered in relation to its nurse.
- A polite name for any woman.
- A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.
- A city in southeastern Spain.
- Property consisting of houses and land.
- Manufactured in standard sizes to be shipped and assembled elsewhere.
- (British slang) An absolute certainty.
- A river of central Italy.
- A particular geographical region of indefinite boundary (usually serving some special purpose or distinguished by its people or culture or geography).
- According to the Old Testament he was a pagan king of Israel and husband of Jezebel (9th century BC).
- The biblical name for ancient Syria.
- Russian physicist (1895-1971).
- Catch sight of.
- A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
- The United Nations agency concerned with international maritime activities.
- The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.

Yesterday's Solution

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Daily SuDoku

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Yesterday's Solution

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# ZIKA MONEY RUNNING OUT

## CONGRESS WARNED

**WASHINGTON:** The Obama administration warned Congress Wednesday that money to fight the Zika virus is on the verge of running out amid political stalemate on Capitol Hill.

In a letter to key lawmakers, the secretary of Health and Human Services said the National Institutes of Health would exhaust its resources for vaccine development by month's end. The letter from HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell said that without additional money the second phase of clinical trials would be delayed, and Americans would have to wait longer for a vaccine.

The news comes as the first local transmissions of the virus have been found in Miami and authorities are warning pregnant women to stay away from the area. The virus can cause severe birth defects. Congress gridlocked over President Barack Obama's \$1.9 billion emergency spending request after House Republicans added language on Planned Parenthood and other issues that was unacceptable to Democrats. Then lawmakers left town for a seven-week summer recess and they won't be back until September.

Republicans have been downplaying the urgency of the issue, questioning why the administration has not spent more than \$350 million already on hand, including money redirected from the Ebola fight. Burwell's letter gives a detailed accounting.

The Centers for Disease Control has \$222 million available for domestic response including front-line assistance to states and localities. Of that, nearly \$100 million will have been provided by week's end, and resources will be virtually exhausted by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, the letter says.



**DORAL, FLORIDA:** US Senator Marco Rubio, R-Fla., speaks during a news conference about the Zika virus on Wednesday. —AP

The NIH started Phase I clinical trials Wednesday of a DNA-based vaccine, but without more funding, the second phase on that vaccine and others will be delayed. Additional research and development also may be constrained as NIH's \$47 million in repurposed funding runs out by the end of this month.

"A delay in this stage of development will delay when a safe and effective Zika vaccine is available to the American public," Burwell wrote. "These examples demonstrate the urgent need for the administration's request for \$1.9 billion in emergency supplemental

funding." Democrats blamed Republicans, and Republicans blamed Democrats and the administration. Although Congress typically finds a way to get beyond its partisanship and act when circumstances absolutely require, it's not clear what will happen in this case at the height of a frenzied election season, and with the virus still not widespread in this country.

Rep. Nita Lowey of New York, top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, said: "The urgency of enacting emergency Zika funding is growing by the

day." She called on Speaker Paul Ryan to reconvene the House to act on a bipartisan Zika bill that had passed the Senate.

### Trump

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump declined to call for congressional action Wednesday, telling West Palm Beach's WPEC-TV it was up to Florida Gov. Rick Scott to ask for help. Trump said Scott is "gonna have it under control. He probably already does."

This week, authorities have been spraying insecticides in Miami's Wynwood arts district, where more than a dozen people have become infected with the first mosquito-transmitted cases in the mainland US. The country has been girding for months against the epidemic coursing through Latin America and the Caribbean. On Monday, the CDC instructed pregnant women to avoid the neighborhood, marking what is believed to be the first time in the agency's 70-year history that it warned people not to travel somewhere in the US. The Zika virus can cause severe brain-related defects, including disastrously small heads.

Campaigning for re-election Wednesday in Doral, Florida, GOP Sen. Marco Rubio called for action and called it "inexcusable" that the administration is sitting on unspent funds. "Now, I don't like to ascribe motives, but in this case, I have to start wondering whether they are holding back on spending that federal money because they like making this a political issue that they can attack Republicans on," Rubio said. Health officials warn the mosquitoes are proving harder to eradicate than expected. —AP

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<b>Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital</b>	<b>25312700</b>
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<b>Farwaniya Hospital</b>	<b>24892010</b>
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ANKARA: Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks to the heads of chambers of commerce yesterday. — AP

## ERDOGAN VOWS TO GO AFTER BUSINESSES LINKED TO COUP BID

**ANKARA:** President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed yesterday to go after businesses linked to a US-based Muslim cleric he accuses of having been behind Turkey's failed July 15 coup.

The Turkish government characterizes the movement of Fethullah Gulen, a former Erdogan ally who lives in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania, as a terrorist organization. The movement runs schools, charities and businesses internationally. Gulen has denied any responsibility or prior knowledge of the coup.

"Without doubt, this organization has an extension in the business world. Maybe it is what they are most powerful at," Erdogan said during a speech to the heads of chambers of commerce in Ankara. "We are determined to totally cut off all business links of this organization, which has blood on its hands."

The president said that every cent that goes to the Gulen movement "is a bullet placed in a barrel to be fired against this nation. In the same way that we do not pardon those who fire the bullet, we will not forgive those who financed the bullet."

The Turkish government has launched a sweeping crackdown on the movement since the attempted coup, with nearly 70,000 people suspended or dismissed from jobs in the civil service, judiciary, education, health care, the military and the media. About 18,000 people have been detained or arrested on suspicion of being involved in the failed putsch. Erdogan added that the purge of the military would continue. "After July 15, this sneaky organization's structure in the Turkish Armed Forces has started to be uncovered," he said. "For now, those who are captured are the tip of the iceberg. Efforts are continuing for others."

Separately, the deputy chairman of Turkey's ruling Justice and

Development Party, Mehdi Eker, said countries around the world need to take action against schools or other establishments linked to Gulen. Eker said the cleric's movement had hundreds of schools, charities or other establishments in more than 100 countries and warned they too could face "security risks" from the group in the future. "If we had seen that these schools were not innocent edu-

cational nests but nurseries raising members for a terror organization, we would not have lived through the (attempted coup)," he told journalists in Ankara.

"It is our responsibility to warn countries that have (Gulen-linked) schools," Eker said. "In Africa, we know that they work as nurseries (for terror) and we want to warn them." — AP

## BRITISH PM MAY PROMISES TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES NAVIGATE

**Brexit LONDON:** British Prime Minister Theresa May will tell small business owners that she wants to help them take advantage of the opportunities provided by Britain's vote to leave the European Union. The June 23 Brexit vote has raised serious questions about the future of the world's fifth largest economy, with some surveys indicating a recession, a hit to consumer confidence and a possible fall in investment.

May is pitching a plan to reunite the country and strengthen her grip on power by raising the prospects of those who she casts as "hard-working people" together with an industrial policy that she hopes will help the economy.

The new prime minister will meet representatives from Britain's 5.4 million small and medium sized businesses at Downing Street, her office said. "From dynamic start-ups to

established family firms, our small and medium sized businesses are the backbone of our country," May said in remarks released by her office ahead of the meeting. "I want to build an economy that works for all, and that means working with, and listening to, smaller firms," May said. "I also want those firms, across all the sectors of our economy, to be able to take advantage of the opportunities presented by Brexit, such as exporting to new destinations."

May has said the Brexit vote indicates a deep desire among voters for change to the way the economy is run. She has promised to foster what she says is a fairer economy and to overhaul corporate governance, crack down on tax evasion and avoidance, boost productivity and give the UK government a way to block foreign takeovers. — Reuters

# ASIAN STOCKS HIGHER AHEAD OF BANK OF ENGLAND POLICY DECISION

## OIL PRICES EXTENDED GAINS

**SEOUL:** Asian stock markets were higher yesterday ahead of the Bank of England's upcoming announcement of its monetary policy decision. Oil prices extended gains.

**KEEPING SCORE:** Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 0.3 percent to 16,133.30 erasing losses in the morning session. South Korea's Kospi added 0.2 percent to 1,998.62 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index added 0.6 percent to 21,861.48. But China's Shanghai Composite Index dropped 0.2 percent to 2,972.66. Stocks in Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia and other Southeast Asian markets were higher.

**UK WATCH:** Bank of England is widely expected to unveil stimulus measures including a rate cut when it announces its monetary policy decision later Thursday after Asian mar-

kets close. Some analysts also expect the bank will announce the creation of billions in new money as early indicators since the UK referendum to leave the European Union suggest that the economy is contracting at its sharpest rate since 2009. Analysts expected increased volatility in the foreign exchange market ahead of the decision.

**ANALYST'S TAKE:** "The question is, not so much, if the BoE will ease policy, but rather how the BoE will choose to deliver policy easing," Mizuho Bank wrote in a daily commentary. If the bank's decision falls short of market expectations, "there is a risk of markets being disappointed."

**WALL STREET:** US stocks edged higher on Wednesday as the big gains in the price of oil boosted energy

companies. The Dow Jones industrial average broke a seven-day losing streak and added 0.2 percent to 18,355. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 0.3 percent to 2,163.79. The Nasdaq composite rose 0.4 percent to 5,159.74.

**OIL:** Benchmark US crude climbed 29 cents to \$41.12 per barrel in New York. The contract jumped \$1.32, or 3.3 percent, to close at \$40.83 on Wednesday after the US government said stockpiles of gasoline shrank by more than 3 million barrels last week. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, rose 19 cents to \$43.29 a barrel in London.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar weakened to 101.24 yen from 101.28 yen while the euro fell slightly to \$1.1143 from \$1.1148. —AP



TOKYO: A man checks his mobile phone in front of the electronic board showing global stock indices. —AP

# SIEMENS RAISES PROFIT FORECAST AS NEW ORDERS ROLL IN

**FRANKFURT, GERMANY:** German industrial equipment maker Siemens AG raised its profit forecast for the year yesterday as new orders jumped and quarterly profits beat expectations. The company said earnings per share for the current business year would rise to 6.50-6.70 Euros, up from the previous forecast for 6.00-6.40 Euros. The company, which makes trains, wind and gas power generation equipment and medical imaging devices, said new orders - a key indicator of future profit - grew 6 percent to 21.1 billion Euros (\$23.6 billion). Siemens shares rose 2.9 percent to 99.63 Euros in morning trad-

ing in Europe. CEO Joe Kaeser said the company is making progress in streamlining its multiple businesses and increasing its profit margin, which rose to 10.5 percent from 9.8 percent in the same quarter a year earlier. "We have delivered on what we promised," he said during a conference call with journalists.

Kaeser said the company was coping with uncertainty from the British vote to leave the European Union and a failed coup in Turkey. It is also dealing with low prices for energy, which affect its customers in the oil industry. Net income fell slightly to 1.37 bil-

lion Euros in the April-June quarter, the company's fiscal third quarter, from 1.38 billion Euros in the same period a year earlier due to financial factors including tax benefits for business the company has discontinued and interest expenses from increased debt issuance. That profit figure beat analyst estimates for 1.16 billion Euros as compiled by financial information provider FactSet. The Munich-based company's own profit measure, dubbed profit from industrial business, rose 20 percent to 2.2 billion Euros. The measure excludes various financial items including some interest and pension costs. —AP



PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII: In this April 1, 2016 photo, Capt. Dean Tufts, commanding officer of Naval Facilities and Engineering Command, Hawaii, speaks during an interview. —AP

# CRITICS SAY NAVY FUEL TANKS THREATEN CRUCIAL HAWAII AQUIFER

**AIEA, HAWAII:** Anthony DeLuze keeps his ancestors' traditions alive in 21st century Hawaii by growing the staple crop taro on a suburban plot sandwiched between wings of a sprawling shopping mall.

But the aquifer that hydrates his starchy vegetables sits under 20 enormous underground tanks the Navy uses to store fuel for military ships and aircraft. One tank leaked tens of thousands of gallons of jet fuel into the ground in 2014, worrying DeLuze the tanks are a threat to his farm's natural springs and well.

The aquifer also supplies a quarter of the water consumed in urban Honolulu, which includes the tourist mecca Waikiki. DeLuze and Honolulu water utility officials want the Navy to move the World War II-era tanks away from the aquifer. But the Navy views them as a vital strategic asset that would be difficult to replicate elsewhere. Plus, the Navy says the water is safe. "It makes no sense to me that one of the biggest aquifers on this island has fuel sitting on top of it," DeLuze said. "Anything can happen - could have an earthquake, could be a disaster, and we're screwed."

Each of the underground fuel tanks is about 25 stories tall. The tanks sit in two rows of 10 inside a hill about 3 miles from Pearl Harbor. They hold a total of about 187 million gallons of fuel, providing the military with a vital fuel reserve in the Pacific. Two are currently out of service. Navy Region Hawaii commander Rear Adm. John Fuller said the tanks are the last fully US-owned fuel stop for forces en route from the West Coast and Hawaii to Asia and the Middle East. "If we don't have the fuel to operate the forces, then we can't be present. We can't help our friends," Fuller said.

The Navy is working on a 20-year plan, codified in a signed agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agency and the state Health Department, to upgrade the 70-year-old tanks and better prevent and detect leaks. As part of the deal, the Navy is building four new wells to monitor groundwater for contaminants by the end of the year. This will add to the 10 monitoring wells it already has. The Navy conducts quarterly and monthly testing at these wells, said Capt. Dean Tufts, commanding officer of Naval Facilities and Engineering Command, Hawaii. "Fuel is not moving toward drinking water sources. And fuel is not in the aquifer at all," Tufts told The Associated Press in an interview.

Officials with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, the city's water utility, say its water is safe to drink. But they point to Navy studies from the '80s through the late '90s showing petroleum hydrocarbon in the rocks underneath the tanks as a sign of the tanks' risks. They're worried about the possibility of an extremely large release of fuel due to a catastrophic event, in part because the tanks are so old. As an island state, Hawaii can't import water from a neighbor if the fuel enters the water supply, said Ernest Lau, the utility's manager and chief engineer. "We live on an island. Every drop of pure fresh water is precious to us," Lau said. He argues a better place for the tanks is about 20 miles west at Campbell Industrial Park, where a hard rock covering insulates the aquifer below. — AP

## TESLA LOSS GROWS AS IT FALLS SHORT OF SALES GOALS

**DETROIT:** Electric car maker Tesla Motors Inc. ended its turbulent second quarter with a larger-than-expected loss but said it remains on track to increase production in the second half of this year and introduce a new car in 2017.

Tesla's second-quarter loss grew nearly 60 percent to \$293 million as it delivered fewer vehicles than planned. The company produced 18,345 vehicles during the April-June period, a quarterly record, but many were produced so late in the quarter that it delivered only 14,402, which was short of its goal. "Basically, we were in production hell for the first six months of this year," Tesla CEO Elon Musk said Wednesday in a conference call with analysts. Musk said issues with suppliers were among the reasons for the agonizing ramp-up in production for the Model X SUV, which went on sale last fall. Complicated parts, like the SUV's gull-wing doors and free-standing second-row seats, were also issues.

### Comparison

Tesla's second-quarter loss, of \$2.09 per share, compared to a loss of \$1.45 per share in the same quarter a year ago. The 13-year-old company has only reported one profitable quarter, in 2013. Revenue rose 33 percent to \$1.27 billion. Tesla said the average price of its new Model X SUV is more than 15 percent higher than the Model S sedan.

Tesla's shares slipped 29 cents to \$225.50 after-hours trading. Tesla said Wednesday 5,150 vehicles were still in transit at the end of the quarter and would be delivered early in the third quarter. It expects to deliver just under 80,000 vehicles worldwide this year, up from 50,500 in 2015.

The company said it was making 2,000 vehicles per week by the end of the second quarter, and believes it can crank that up to 2,200 vehicles by the end of the third quarter and 2,400 vehicles by the end of this year.

It was a turbulent quarter for Palo Alto, California-based Tesla. Things started out well when reservations for the company's upcoming Model 3 sedan wildly exceeded expectations. Tesla began taking reservations March 31 and within a week it had more than 325,000 reservations for the \$35,000 car, which is due out next year.

Tesla wouldn't give an updated number of reservations on Wednesday. Instead it reiterated the total of 373,000 that it released in May. Musk said production of the Model 3 should start next July. Tesla completed the design phase of the Model 3 in the second quarter and has already installed some production equipment for the car.

After taking in so many reservations, Tesla accelerated its production plans. The company now expects to make 500,000 vehicles by 2018, not 2020 as originally planned. But things took a downward turn later in the quarter. In June, the government announced it would investigate Tesla's semi-autonomous Autopilot system after a driver using the system died in a Florida crash. That investigation is ongoing, but Musk insists the system is safe if it's used correctly.

Musk also said the government already had information on how Autopilot worked, so he didn't know why the investigation was opened.

Also during the quarter, Tesla announced its intention to merge with solar panel company SolarCity Corp., which is chaired by Musk and run by his cousins. — AP



**SPARKS, NEVADA:** In this Tuesday, July 26, 2016, file photo, Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla motors inc., left, discusses the company's new gigafactory. —AP



**SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY:** Rory McIlroy watches his tee shot on the 11th hole during the first round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club on July 28, 2016. —AP

## NIKE TO GET OUT OF GOLF EQUIPMENT BUSINESS

### SURPRISING MOVE

**NEW YORK:** Nike is getting out of the golf equipment business, a surprising announcement Wednesday that is sure to send Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and other players searching for new clubs and golf balls next season.

Nike said it would stop making clubs, golf balls and golf bags, instead devoting its resources to shoes and apparel, long its strength in the golf marketplace. "We're committed to being the undisputed leader in golf footwear and apparel," said Trevor Edwards, president of Nike Brand. "We will achieve this by investing in performance innovation for athletes and delivering sustainable profitable growth for Nike Golf."

### Nike Golf athletes

Woods has been with Nike since he turned pro in 1996 with that "Hello, World" advertisement, and he remains the most famous figure among Nike golfers. The Beaverton, Oregon-based company also signed Rory McIlroy in a splashy announcement in Abu Dhabi to start the 2013 season.

Woods has gone more than a year without playing because of back surgeries, though his agent at Excel Sports Management said he would remain "the iconic ambassador" for Nike Golf, just with a smaller group of products.

"He's been the most loyal ambassador and longest standing for Nike Golf. That doesn't change," agent Mark Steinberg said in a telephone interview. "It just means he'll likely have some dif-

ferent equipment in the bag, whether that's tomorrow, next month or a year from now. Tiger and I have been talking about this the last couple of days. We have a very sophisticated, legitimate plan in place and we're going to see it through."

Brooks Koepka is another Nike client. He tied for fourth in the PGA Championship on Sunday and is in position to make his first Ryder Cup team. His agent, Blake Smith at Hambric Sports Management, said Koepka is happy with his equipment. "I don't think he'll be in any rush at all to jump ship," Smith said. "He's got a bunch of tournaments coming up that are very important."

Nike also has Suzann Pettersen and Michelle Wie on the LPGA Tour. Woods began promoting the shoes and apparel when he turned pro, and he made a switch to the Nike golf ball (which Bridgestone manufactured) in 2000 in Germany, winning the US Open by 15 shots a month later. No other Nike golf ball moment was more vivid than when Woods won the 2005 Masters with a chip-in for birdie on the 16th hole, in which the ball rolled down a slope and hung on the edge of the cup for a full second - the Nike swoosh aimed at TV screens around the world - before falling.

He changed to the Nike irons at the American Express Championship in Ireland in 2002, one week before the Ryder Cup, and then gradually added

the fairway metal, the driver and, finally, the putter in 2010.

During those changes, Phil Mickelson caused a stir when he said in a Golf Magazine interview that Woods had "inferior" clubs and then tried to pay Woods a compliment by saying he was the only player good enough to "overcome the equipment he's stuck with."

David Duval was the first player to win a major with Nike equipment at the 2001 British Open.

Through it all, Nike never took command of any aspect of the golf market, succeeding mainly in shoes and clothing. Daric Ashford, president of Nike Golf, said in the brief announcement that Woods, McIlroy and Wie "drive tremendous energy for the game and inspire consumers worldwide," and then he went on to mention various apparel and footwear that have "connected strongly with golfers." "We'll continue to ignite excitement with our athletes and deliver the best of Nike for the game," he said. Nike did not say how the move would affect its golf equipment staff, either the representatives on tour or at the "Oven" in Fort Worth, Texas, where the clubs were made. Steinberg said the news was too fresh to get an idea how this would affect Woods or other golfers when it comes to their contracts. "We have a long-term contract with Nike, and that likely will not change," Steinberg said. "I'm sure we'll have a conversation into what exactly the future looks like with less product. —AP

## WELLS FARGO SAYS SMALL BUSINESS OPTIMISM TICKS UP SLIGHTLY

**NEW YORK:** Small business owners showed a modest uptick in optimism in a survey released Thursday by Wells Fargo & Co. The bank's Small Business Index, which measures owners' sentiment, rose 4 points to 68 from 64 in the previous survey released during the second quarter. The index was 67 at the beginning of this year. The latest survey questioned 603 owners in early July.

Owners had a slightly more upbeat

assessment of their companies' current financial situation as well as their expectations for how business will be a year from now. However, they also had a slightly more pessimistic view of what their revenue will look like over the next year.

And 21 percent of the owners said they expected their number of jobs at their companies to increase over the next year, a tad lower than the 23 percent who forecast an increase in jobs

in the second-quarter survey.

The results are in line with other recent surveys and reports that show owners, while not ebullient, are also not feeling as pessimistic as they did several years ago. The slow growth in the economy has tempered their expectations and plans; the Commerce Department last week said the economy grew at an annual rate of 1.1 percent in the second quarter following a 0.8 percent gain in the first

three months of the year. Uncertainty about the election also is keeping a lid on owners' optimism.

Nearly three-quarters of the owners in the Wells Fargo survey said the outcome of the election would affect their companies, little changed from the second-quarter survey. More than 60 percent said the candidates aren't discussing the issues most important to them as business owners. —AP

## REQUESTS FOR US UNEMPLOYMENT AID RISE TO STILL-LOW 269,000

**WASHINGTON:** More Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week, but the number remained close to historic lows in a positive sign for the job market.

**THE NUMBERS:** Applications for jobless aid rose 3,000 to a seasonally adjusted 269,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, increased 3,750 to 260,250. The number of Americans collecting benefits has fallen 5.4 percent over the past year to 2.14 million.

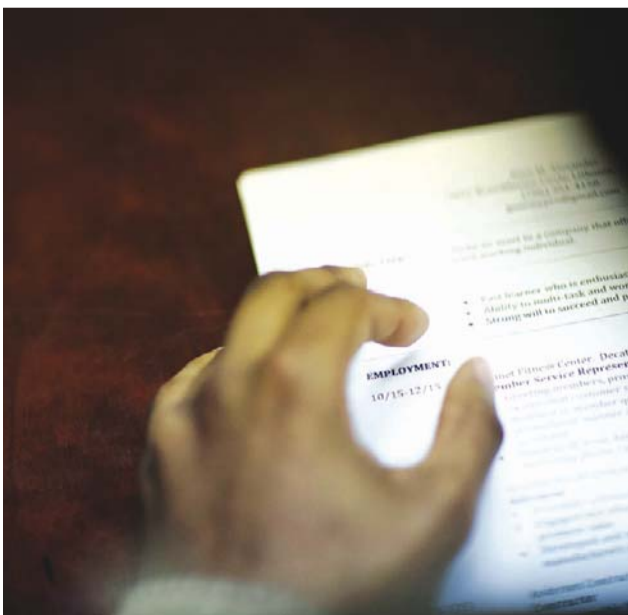
**THE TAKEAWAY:** The US economy looks pretty resilient despite a slow start to 2016, since jobless claims are a proxy for layoffs. The number of people seeking aid has been below 300,000 for 74 straight weeks, the longest streak since 1973. By holding onto employers, employers are signaling that they expect economic growth to continue.

**KEY DRIVERS:** The pace of hiring and economic growth slowed in the first half of 2016, even if companies are refraining from layoffs.

Monthly job gains averaged 147,000 in the April-June quarter, a 25 percent decline from the average in the first three months of the year.

The economy expanded at an annual pace of just 1.2 percent in the April-June quarter after a sluggish 0.8 percent and 0.9 percent rate in the prior two quarters. Economic growth is now at roughly half the pace it achieved over the past three years, according to the Commerce Department.

But consumer spending zoomed up at a rate of 4.2 percent in the April-June quarter, an increase that points to stronger growth in the back half of 2016. Economists estimate that Friday's employment report will show that 175,000 jobs were added in July, with the unemployment rate dipping to 4.8 percent from 4.9 percent. —AP



**ATLANTA:** In this Thursday, March 3, 2016, file photo, a job candidate's resume sits on a table as he interviews for a job with a restaurant during a recruiting event at the Georgia Department of Labor office. —AP



**WASHINGTON:** In this Nov. 20, 2013, file photo, the sun sets behind the Fannie Mae headquarters. —AP

## FANNIE MAE POSTS \$2.9B PROFIT IN 2Q; PAYING \$2.9B DIVIDEND

### 18TH STRAIGHT PROFITABLE QUARTER

**WASHINGTON:** Fannie Mae reported net income of \$2.9 billion from April through June, down from a year earlier as low interest rates brought losses for the mortgage giant on its investments.

The second-quarter results released Thursday marked the 18th straight profitable quarter for the government-controlled company. Washington-based Fannie Mae also will pay a dividend of \$2.9 billion to the US Treasury next month. With that payment, Fannie will have paid a total \$151.4 billion in dividends.

Fannie received \$116 billion from taxpayers when the financial crisis struck in September 2008. The government rescued Fannie and smaller sibling Freddie Mac after they suffered huge losses from risky mortgages in housing market bust. Together the companies received rescue loans totaling about \$187 billion. The housing market's gradual recovery has made Fannie and Freddie profitable again.

Fannie reported that it earned \$5.3 billion in net interest income in the second quarter, down from \$5.7 billion in the same period last year. The company lost \$1.7 billion on derivatives, the investments it uses to hedge against swings in interest rates. Fannie said it

expects to remain profitable on an annual basis for the foreseeable future, but factors such as changes in interest rates or home prices could lead to widely varying financial results from quarter to quarter or year to year.

#### Boosting the housing market

Record-low interest rates this year have helped spur home purchases and boost the housing market. The Federal Reserve has been holding its key short-term rate near zero since 2008, and a statement from the Fed last week after its latest policy meeting had led many economists to conclude that a strengthening economy would lead the central bank to resume raising rates as soon as September. But after a government report last Friday showed a surprisingly lackluster economy in the second quarter, many economists said a September rate hike was now probably off the table. The Commerce Department data showed that gross domestic product - the broadest gauge of the economy - grew just 1.2 percent in the April-June period. The Labor Department's key report on July employment will be out Friday. Economists have estimated that 175,000 jobs were added last month and that the unemployment rate dipped

to 4.8 percent from 4.9 percent.

Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee about half of all US mortgages, worth about \$5 trillion. Along with other federal agencies, they back roughly 90 percent of new home loans. The two companies don't directly make loans to borrowers. They buy mortgages from lenders, package them as bonds, guarantee them against default and sell them to investors. That helps make loans available.

On Tuesday, Freddie reported net income of \$993 million for the second quarter, down from \$4.2 billion a year earlier, as it also sustained losses on investments because of the decline in interest rates. Freddie will pay a dividend of \$933 million to the Treasury next month.

The housing market's recovery in the past few years has been uneven, and it has lagged behind the rest of the economy. Despite the low mortgage rates that could lure prospective homebuyers, the market has remained hampered by tight mortgage credit, rising home prices and stagnating incomes. Affordability remains a problem and the potential for new-home sales to regain their historic average sales rate of 650,000 could be limited. —AP



## UK CENTRAL BANK LAUNCHES STIMULUS TO COUNTER BREXIT JITTERS

**LONDON:** The Bank of England has unveiled a series of stimulus measures, including its first interest rate cut since the global financial crisis, as it tries to jumpstart an economy shocked by Britain's vote to leave the European Union.

The central bank cut its key rate to 0.25 percent from a previous record low of 0.5 percent. It is also restarting its bond-buying stimulus program to pump an additional 60 billion pounds (\$79 billion) in new money into the economy. It will buy up to another 10 billion pounds in UK corporate bonds - or bonds sold by companies to finance their activities - to help them borrow more cheaply.

The central bank further announced a program of cheap lending to banks to make sure they are financially able to in turn lend to people and businesses at low rates. "This is the appropriate response to the economic conditions we find ourselves in," the Bank of England's governor, Mark Carney, told a news conference.

He added that all of the measures "have scope for further action." That includes another cut to interest rates "close to, but a little above, zero" if incoming economic data proves broadly consistent with the new forecasts the Bank of England compiled Thursday. The measures seemed to exceed the expectations of investors. The value of the British pound fell sharply on the news, as lower rates tend to weigh on a currency. It was down 1.3 percent at \$1.3154 by early afternoon in London, while stock markets rose.

Thursday's decision underscored the bank's concern about an economy that has taken a sharp turn lower since the vote to leave the EU, which creates uncertainties for businesses about the country's future trade relations with the rest of the bloc. Early indicators since the June 23 vote suggest that the economy is contracting at its sharpest rate since 2009. Some experts argue there is only so much the central bank can do to help the economy - that even with lower interest rates, businesses and households will remain worried about the future so long as the Brexit talks with EU drag on.

Lucy O'Carroll, chief economist at Aberdeen Asset Management, said the central bank had to act, "more for the sake of its own reputation than the economic benefits." What will really matter is whether the government will also offer a fiscal boost in the autumn, she said. — AP



**LONDON:** A London bus passes the Bank of England while people sit on a bench on Thursday. —AP

## STUDENT' CREDIT CARDS AREN'T FOR ALL STUDENTS, OR EVEN MOST

**NEW YORK:** As parents prepare their rising freshmen for life at college, many are leaving out a crucial piece of information: how to build credit. The college years are the best time to begin the process. After graduation, adults with no credit history have a harder time renting apartments, obtaining car loans or, eventually, mortgages.

Nowadays, getting approved for a first credit card can be the toughest part. Back when many of today's parents were in college, issuers lined up on campus to enroll students for starter cards. Since then, changes to federal law have sharply restricted students' credit access, making so-called student cards an option for fewer and fewer students. Even so, there are still plenty of ways parents of college-age children can help them along.

### Lack of credit presents challenges after college

Failing to help kids establish credit is "kind of a parenting error," says Lisa Heffernan, a mother of three in Westchester County, New York, who writes a blog for parents of young adults. "You don't realize it until after your kids graduate college."

For Heffernan, that realization came recently when her middle son was turned down for an apartment after graduation. He'd landed a good job and had the paystubs to prove it, but he hadn't been working long enough to file a tax return, and he had no credit history at all. Landlords commonly check prospective tenants' credit for signs that they might not pay their rent on time. But it isn't too late for Heffernan to help her youngest get a card and build credit while he's still in college. "This is a chance for me to teach him some good finance habits," she says.

### The myth of student credit cards

Most major credit card issuers offer a student credit card. Some provide perks for good grades or on-time payments, or higher rewards rates for spending at student-friendly businesses, such as restaurants and movie theaters.

The catch is that student credit cards have essentially the same requirements as regular credit cards: The federal Credit Card Act of 2009 mandates that you must be 21 or have a full-time income to get approved. The tightened rules mean most college students can't qualify for student cards on their own.

Some students qualify by showing

that they earn sufficient income. Vicki Kipfmüller's son Spencer applied for his own student card while working at a restaurant the summer after he graduated from high school. He was approved with an initial credit limit of \$300. A year later, his credit limit has been raised to \$1,000 because he has handled the card responsibly. He uses it to buy groceries.

On-time payments are the single biggest element of a consumer's credit score. To make sure Spencer stayed on top of his, Kipfmüller, an insurance agent in the Milwaukee area, helped him set up automatic payments from his bank account. "We really stressed that one late payment or missed payment, and you could totally wipe out any of the good that we're trying to do here," Kipfmüller said.

### How parents can help

Even if your children can't qualify for their own credit cards, you can still give them a head start in building credit.

1. Make them authorized users: Parents with good credit can add their teenage children to an existing account as authorized users. The child will receive a card with his or her name on it, but the parent will still be responsible for the bill. Making teenagers author-

ized users is like giving them a set of credit training wheels, and it can help them establish a credit history.

2. Co-sign: When a parent co-signs on a student's account, both of their names are on it, and they're jointly responsible for the bills. Not all issuers allow co-signers.

3. Find them a secured credit card: These cards require a security deposit, usually equal to the total credit limit. They're often easier to get because the deposit reduces risk to the issuer. Like other credit cards, they have age and income restrictions, but if your son or daughter is nearing the end of college or has already graduated, one of these might be a good option.

4. Suggest a debit card: Debit cards don't help build credit, but if your student needs the convenience of paying with plastic, they can do the trick.

Passing down good credit habits to your kids is important. These practices will help them get favorable terms on their first leases, insurance policies and loans. "We do so much to try to help our kids," Kipfmüller said. "I think that it's important that you do try to give them this good foundation of financial responsibility - and a good credit score." —AP



**GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY:** This Nov. 18, 2009, file photo, shows credit and bank cards with electronic chips. —AP

## NOKIA MAKES LOSS ON LOW DEMAND, COSTS OF ALCATEL-LUCENT DEAL

**HELSINKI:** Finnish telecom company Nokia Corp. reported yesterday a second-quarter net loss of 665 million Euros (\$738 million) due to weak demand for mobile networks and the costs of integrating its acquired competitor Alcatel-Lucent.

The wireless equipment maker said the loss compared with a profit of 347 million Euros a year earlier, a figure that does not include Alcatel-Lucent in the

accounts. The combined net sales of Nokia and Alcatel-Lucent were 5.6 billion Euros in the April-June period, compared with Nokia's 2.9 billion Euros a year earlier when it hadn't yet merged with the French telecom gear maker. When comparing like-for-like businesses, Nokia's revenue fell to 5.7 billion Euros from 6.4 billion Euros.

CEO Rajeev Suri said the company was now targeting cost savings of 1.2 bil-

lion Euros in 2018, an upgrade to the earlier announced estimate of combined Nokia and Alcatel-Lucent synergies of 900 million Euros. Suri said he was particularly worried over the declining trend in Nokia's revenue that "reflects challenging market conditions" and he didn't expect the market situation to improve in the near term.

In both North America and Europe - two of Nokia's key sales areas - revenue

dropped by 12 percent year-on-year, while the fall was somewhat smaller in the Asia-Pacific region and China with a decline of 6 and 5 percent respectively. Nokia is not the only company in the industry to suffer from meager demand as the wireless equipment maker Ericsson last month reported a 26 percent drop in second-quarter profits, citing lower company investments amid a weakening global economy. — AP

# CUBS WIN ON WILD PITCH AGAINST MARLINS

**CHICAGO:** Matt Szczur scored on AJ Ramos' wild pitch with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Chicago Cubs a 5-4 comeback victory over the Miami Marlins on Wednesday. The Cubs scored three runs in the inning to sweep the three-game series. Miguel Montero led off with a double to right and went to third on Javier Baez's single. Ramos (1-1) then walked pinch-hitter Szczur to load the bases. Dexter Fowler made it 3-2 with a sacrifice fly to right, and all the runners advanced. Kris Bryant struck out looking on a 3-2 pitch for the second out. Anthony Rizzo was intentionally walked to load the bases again, and Ramos walked Zobrist and then unloaded a wild pitch with Willson Contreras at the plate. It was Ramos' second blown save of the season in 33 chances. Jeff Mathis hit a two-run home run, and Christian Yelich

## NATIONALS 8, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Max Scherzer struck out 11 in eight innings and had a two-run single in Washington's victory over Arizona. Washington earned its fourth road series sweep of the season and first since May 30-June 1 at Philadelphia. Arizona lost its fourth straight and sixth in seven games. Scherzer (12-6) allowed three runs on four hits, giving up two homers, and walked one. He is 3-0 in four starts against the Diamondbacks, the team that drafted him 11th overall in 2006. Daniel Murphy's sixth-inning solo home run broke a 1-1 tie before Scherzer bounced a single up the middle with the bases loaded and two outs, driving in Anthony Rendon and Danny Espinosa. Arizona's Zack Godley (3-2) allowed four runs on eight hits in six innings.

Howard homered among his three hits and Cameron Rupp also connected for Philadelphia. Franco finished with three RBIs, including one on the unusual play that ended the game. With the bases loaded and one out, Franco lined what appeared to be a clean single into right-center field. But young teammate Aaron Altherr, who was on first base, got so excited about the Phillies winning that he rushed to congratulate Franco without ever touching second base. Giants catcher Buster Posey noticed the blunder and took a throw at second from right fielder Hunter Pence that technically forced out Altherr. Franco did indeed cross first base, though, so Tommy Joseph scored easily from third and the Giants had no chance at an inning-ending double play. Posey singled, doubled and drove in three runs for the NL West-leading Giants. They have lost 13 of 17 since the All-Star break. Luis

best 39-16 at home. Baltimore will seek to complete a three-game sweep on Thursday in a series between first-place teams. Gausman (3-8) gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings, striking out seven and walking one. Darren O'Day worked a perfect eighth, and Zach Britton finished for his 33rd save in 33 tries. Hamels (12-3) yielded three runs and three hits in a rocky first inning, then retired 13 of the next 14 batters without allowing a hit. He gave up three runs, four hits and four walks over seven innings.

## TIGERS 2, WHITE SOX 1

JD Martinez broke an eighth-inning tie with a pinch homer on the first pitch he faced since June and Detroit beat Chicago for its eighth straight victory. Playing for the first time since fracturing his elbow June 16, Martinez hit for James McCann leading off the inning and launched Chris Sale's first pitch into the shrubs above the centerfield fence. Shane Greene (2-2) got the win after pitching out of a seventh-inning jam, and Francisco Rodriguez finished for his 30th save. Sale (14-5) allowed two runs on six hits in an eight-inning complete game. He walked one and struck out 10. Justin Morneau homered for Chicago.

## RAYS 12, ROYALS 0

Jake Odorizzi had his third consecutive scoreless start, Steven Souza Jr. homered for the first time in two months and Tampa Bay routed Kansas City. Brad Miller and Kevin Kiermaier also homered for the Rays. Odorizzi (6-5) allowed two singles, walked two and had six strikeouts in six innings. The right-hander hasn't given up a run in 20 2/3 innings over the three-start stretch. Enny Romero and Ryan Garton completed a two-hitter. After Evan Longoria had a sacrifice fly, Souza put the Rays up 4-0 on his three-run shot off Edinson Volquez (8-10) in the first. Miller made it 5-0 during the third on his 18th homer. Kiermaier hit a three-run drive off Chien-Ming Wang in a five-run sixth to put the Rays ahead 11-0.

## MARINERS 3, RED SOX 1

Nelson Cruz, Mike Zunino and Adam Lind hit solo home runs and Seattle beat Boston, handing Rick Porcello his first loss since May. Cruz hit his 27th homer of the season leading off the second inning, Zunino hit his fifth leading off the sixth and Lind capped Seattle's scoring with his 16th of the season with two outs in the seventh. They were the only three hits allowed by Porcello (14-3) until Zunino's single in the eighth, but enough to hand the right-hander his first loss since May 17 against Kansas City. Seattle's Hisashi Iwakuma (12-7) rebounded from a season-worst performance against the Chicago Cubs to limit Boston to five hits in 7 1/3 innings. Rookie Edwin Diaz gave up a run in the ninth on Travis Shaw's RBI ground out, but got Sandy Leon for the final out and his second save.

## TWINS 13, INDIANS 5

Joe Mauer had four hits and four RBIs, Brian Dozier hit a three-run homer and Minnesota continued its mastery over Cleveland. AL Central-leading Cleveland fell to 4-8 against last-place Minnesota. The Twins have outscored the Indians 35-16 in winning the first three games of the series. The Indians' lead over Detroit in the AL Central lead has shrunk to two games. Tyler Duffey (6-8) allowed five runs in six innings. Eddie Rosario had three hits and three RBIs, and Max Kepler had two hits and drove in two runs. Trevor Bauer (7-5) gave up eight runs - seven earned - in 2 2/3 innings. Mike Napoli homered for the fifth straight game while Tyler Naquin also went deep for Cleveland.



**CHICAGO:** Miami Marlins relief pitcher AJ Ramos, left, walks off the field after his game winning wild pitch to Chicago Cubs' Willson Contreras, right, scored Matt Szczur, second from right, as umpire Marty Foster and first base coach Brandon Hyde watch during the ninth inning. —AP

homed and drove in a pair of runs to help the Marlins take a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the eighth. Chicago cut it to 4-2 in the eighth when Fowler scored on Fernando Rodney's wild pitch. Justin Grimm (1-0) pitched the ninth inning for the victory. Chicago has won seven of eight. Miami's Ichiro Suzuki lined out softly to shortstop as a pinch hitter in the seventh inning against John Lackey. The Japanese star remained at 2,998 career hits.

## YANKEES 9, METS 5

Mark Teixeira hit a tiebreaking, three-run drive off Steven Matz in the second inning for his first home run against a left-hander in more than a year, then got hit by a pitch that sparked a bench-clearing dustup in the Yankees' Subway Series victory. Chad Green and Matz (8-8) both struggled at the start, and Luis Severino (1-6) came out of the bullpen with 4 1/3 innings of one-hit relief. Another of the Yankees' Kiddie Korps, 23-year-old catcher Gary Sanchez, was called up before the game and got his first big league hit.

## ROCKIES 12, DODGERS 2

Carlos Gonzalez homered twice before leaving with an apparent ankle injury in Colorado's victory over Los Angeles. Gonzalez had his 19th multi-homer game of his career with Nos. 22 and 23 this season. He left in the bottom of seventh after he appeared to roll his left ankle at the plate. Nolan Arenado, Mark Reynolds and DJ LeMahieu also homered for Colorado. The Rockies have won 11 of 13 to move above the .500 mark for the first time since May 18. Arenado hit a three-run home run, and Reynolds added a two-run shot in a five-run first inning off Los Angeles starter Brock Stewart (0-2). Tyler Anderson (4-3) allowed two runs in seven innings for Colorado. Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw was moved to the 60-day disabled list earlier in the day, and right-hander Louis Coleman (shoulder fatigue) and left-hander Adam Liberatore were also placed on the DL.

## PHILLIES 5, GIANTS 4

Maikel Franco drove home the winning run with one out in the 12th inning to lift Philadelphia past struggling San Francisco. Ryan

Garcia (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. George Kontos (2-2) was the loser.

## CARDINALS 5, REDS 4

Brandon Moss singled home two runs in St. Louis' four-run first inning, extending his season-long streak against Cincinnati. St. Louis sent nine batters to the plate against Cody Reed (0-6) in the first inning, with Moss and Greg Garcia each driving in a pair of runs with singles. Stephen Piscotty added a solo homer, the Cardinals' fifth in two games. Michael Wacha (7-7) gave up a pair of runs in five innings as he won his fifth straight decision. Seung Hwan Ho gave up a hit in the ninth while earning his eighth save in 10 tries. The NL Central rivals conclude the series Thursday. The Cardinals have won 18 of their past 22 series, including eight of 11 at Great American Ball Park.

## ORIOLES 3, RANGERS 2

Kevin Gausman outpitched Cole Hamels, and Baltimore rode a three-run first inning to a victory over Texas. Matt Wieters had two RBIs for the AL East-leading Orioles, a major league-

## ASLAM, AZHAR FRUSTRATE ENGLAND IN THIRD TEST

**BIRMINGHAM:** Novice opener Sami Aslam and Azhar Ali shared an unbroken stand of 154 after Pakistan lost Mohammad Hafeez without a run on the board in the third Test against England at Edgbaston yesterday. At tea, the recalled Aslam was a Test-best 69 not out and Azhar, dropped twice, 72 not out in a total of 154 for one. That left Pakistan 143 runs behind England's first innings 297.

Pakistan were none for one just four balls into their innings yesterday when Hafeez fell for a duck after lazily guiding a short James Anderson delivery to Gary Ballance at point. The tourists had seen Sohail Khan, one of their two changes from the side beaten by 330 runs in the second Test at Old Trafford as England leveled the four-match series at 1-1, take five wickets on Wednesday. Now all eyes were on Aslam, also playing just his third Test, after the 20-year-old had been brought in to replace struggling opener Shan Masood. Left-hander Aslam steered Stuart Broad wide of gully for the first four of Pakistan's innings in the fifth over.

His only prior innings this tour had seen Aslam make just 17 against Worcestershire last week in a two-day warm-up match. Yet the well-organized opener played with a maturity belying his years in both attack and defense. Azhar showed his class by calmly turning Anderson off his legs for four. And when all-rounder Chris Woakes over-pitched on his Warwickshire home ground, Azhar elegantly drove him through the covers for another boundary. The stylish 31-year-old was equally severe when fast bowler Steven Finn dropped short, cutting him for four over point.

### Azhar dropped twice

Off-spinner Moeen Ali received similar treatment, with Azhar cutting a rank short ball for four. Pakistan reached lunch on 72 for one, with Aslam 27 not out and Azhar 38 not out. Those scores remained unaltered when Azhar, in a rare indiscretion, went for a flashing drive outside off stump against Anderson, only for Joe Root to drop the awkward second-slip chance to his left. Azhar quickly reverted to a more patient style of play before cover-driving a wide Broad ball off the front foot for a resounding four.

Another cover-drive, this time off Finn for three, saw Azhar complete a 129-ball fifty, including six fours, in nearly three hours at the crease. Aslam's swept four off Ali then saw him to the landmark, his maiden Test fifty coming in 135 balls with five boundaries. It was the start of a sequence of three fours in five balls from Ali for Aslam, including a lofted drive over the top of mid-on.

Azhar almost fell to a similar shot off Ali when on 68, but the bowler was unable to hold a tough return chance above his head off a hard-hit drive. The corresponding Test at Edgbaston in 2010 saw Pakistan bowled out for just 72 in their first innings, with Azhar making a 32-ball nought. Wednesday saw Sohail justify both his inclusion, and Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq's decision to field first, by taking a Test-best five for 96. After the 32-year-old paceman sparked a top-order collapse, England were indebted to left-handers Ballance (70) and Ali (63) for getting them close to 300. — AFP



**BIRMINGHAM:** Pakistan batsman Azhar Ali drives the ball during day two of the 3rd Test Match against England at Edgbaston cricket ground. — AP



**GALLE:** Sri Lankan batsman, Angelo Mathews, plays a shot as Australian wicket-keeper, Peter Nevill, right, and Steve Smith, watch during their first day of the second cricket test match. — AP

## MENDIS GIVES SRI LANKA EDGE AGAINST AUSTRALIA

**GALLE:** Half centuries from the in-form Kusal Mendis and skipper Angelo Mathews gave Sri Lanka the edge over Australia on the opening day of the second Test Thursday despite a five-wicket haul from Mitchell Starc. Mendis followed up his maiden century in the first Test with a top score of 86 in Galle as Sri Lanka posted a total of 281 in their first innings before then grabbing two early wickets during the tourists' response. Australia were 54 for two at stumps, still trailing the hosts by 227 runs in what is a must-win match for Steve Smith's side after they lost the first Test last weekend in Pallekele. Mendis was once again the standout batsman for Sri Lanka, sharing a 108-run third wicket stand with Kusal Perera to get the hosts' innings back on track after losing two early wickets.

### 100th test victim

His 137-ball knock was laced with 10 fours and two sixes as he entertained a lively home crowd at the Galle International Stadium. But he became Starc's 100th victim in Test cricket when he was caught by the wicketkeeper Peter Nevill with the score at 184-4. Having already accounted for the two Sri Lankan openers, the same bowler then dismissed the tail enders Rangana Herath and Lakshan Sandakan to finish with figures of 5 for 44.

Despite Starc's heroics, Sri Lanka ended the day with their noses in front — thanks in part to an entertaining innings from Mathews who hit 54 off 65 balls, including three sixes. Mathews came to the crease with a positive mindset as he made the reverse-sweep his stock shot against the off-spinner Nathan Lyon, who bagged two wickets on a track that spun from the off. Speaking to reporters after the close of play, Starc said that it had been "a pretty even day" but acknowledged that what is a turning track would benefit Sri Lanka's spin-laden line-up.

"That wicket is pretty flat. It's got no pace in it. It will take a bit of spin. I thought overall we bowled quite well to all the batsmen," said Starc who paid tribute to Mendis. "He (Mendis) backs himself and can be aggressive when he wants to and I think we changed our game plan a little from that first Test and he still batted quite well today."

### Warner falls

Australia's prospects of overhauling the Sri Lankans were undermined right at the close when vice captain David Warner edged Dilruwan Perera to slip off the last ball of the day

after a quickfire 42 off 41 balls. The debutant Vishwa Fernando also celebrated his first wicket in Test cricket when he sent opener Joe Burns trudging back to the pavilion for nought in only the second ball of the innings. Usman Khawaja was the not-out batsman and he will resume his innings yesterday on 11. Sri Lanka's premier bowler, veteran spinner Rangana Herath, only bowled one over before the close but is likely to be much busier later on in the Australian innings on a ground where he has a long record of success. —AFP

## AMBANI AMONG 8 NEW IOC MEMBERS

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Nita Ambani, an Indian businesswoman and owner of the Mumbai Indians cricket team franchise, was among eight new members elected to the International Olympic Committee yesterday on the eve of the Rio de Janeiro Olympics. Ambani joined world governing bob and skeleton federation chief Ivo Ferriani of Italy, South African film producer Anant Singh and Austria Olympic committee chief Karl Stoss.

Canadian Olympic committee president Tricia Smith, Finland's Sari Essayah, Colombia's former ambassador to the US Luis Moreno and Secretary General of the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee Auvita Rapilla were also voted in. The eight new members bring the total number of IOC members to 98. Moreno, Singh and Ambani were earmarked for membership by the IOC Members Election Commission which is chaired by Britain's Princess Anne as candidates outside the Olympic and sport community who could usher in a fresh approach and new skills to the organization. As part of reforms agreed in 2014, the IOC is eager to elect members "with different sets of skills and knowledge while ensuring the necessary balance in terms of gender and geography". — Reuters



**MINNEAPOLIS:** Branislav Ivanovic #2 of Chelsea and Giacomo Bonaventura #5 of AC Milan go after the ball during the second half of the International Champions Cup match on August 3, 2016 at US Bank Stadium. — AFP

## CHELSEA THUMP AC MILAN 3-1

**LOS ANGELES:** Oscar scored a second-half double as Chelsea cruised past AC Milan 3-1 in their final International Champions Cup game on their pre-season tour to the United States. The Brazilian scored in the 70th and 87th minutes on Wednesday for Chelsea, who rebounded from a 3-2 loss to Real Madrid in their previous outing in the friendly competition on Saturday. Oscar first placed a penalty into the top corner after a Milan handball and then hammered a low drive into the bottom corner.

French international N'Golo Kante made his debut for Chelsea after his 32 million pounds (\$42.5 million) move from English Premier League champions Leicester, coming on as a substitute in the second half. Bertrand Traore opened the scoring for Chelsea in the first half when he headed home from close range in front of a crowd of more than 64,000 at the new US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was the first major sporting event held in the 73,000-seat facility, which is the home of the National Football League's Minnesota Vikings.

Giancristoforo Bonaventura scored the only goal for Milan with a perfectly placed curving free-kick in the 38th minute. In other International Champions Cup play, Spanish giants Real Madrid defeated German champions Bayern Munich 1-0. New

Bayern coach Carlo Ancelotti was unable to get one over his old team Real Madrid as substitute Danilo scored in the 79th minute with a stunning individual effort. Danilo charged down the flank then cut sharply to his left and split the Bayern defense before blasting a left-footed shot through the hands of goalkeeper Sven Ulreich.

Although Bayern Munich controlled most of the play in the first half, they were unable to capitalize on their scoring chances. Both teams were without several of their star players. Portuguese superstars Cristiano Ronaldo, Gareth Bale, Pepe and Toni Kroos sat out the tour after featuring in the European Championships and French striker Karim Benzema was ruled out with an injured hip. Bayern Munich lacked Polish striker Robert Lewandowski, Thomas Mueller and Douglas Costa.

While the absence of the stars was a disappointment many North American fans, it opened the door for young players such as Julian Green. The 21-year-old fired a hat-trick against Inter Milan as Bayern won 4-1 last week. Real Madrid's first competitive engagement of the new season is in the UEFA Super Cup against Sevilla in Trondheim, Norway on Tuesday, August 9. The English Premier League season begins on Saturday, August 13. — AFP

## BAYERN FINISH TOUR WITH DEFEAT TO REAL

**EAST RUTHERFORD:** Bayern Munich finished their tour of the USA with a 1-0 defeat to Real Madrid after a stunning Danilo strike sealed the European champions' friendly victory in New Jersey. In front of 82,012 fans at the MetLife Stadium, the home of NFL sides the New York Jets and New York Giants, full-back Danilo hit the winning goal from 20 yards out on Wednesday, which beat Bayern's second string goalkeeper Sven Ulreich.

The German champions were missing

France winger Franck Ribery with a minor knock, but held Zinedine Zidane's Real for long periods before Danilo's winner 11 minutes from time. Bayern had come close to opening the scores when David Alaba hit the post with an early free-kick. Despite the loss, Bayern coach Carlo Ancelotti was happy with the performance as the Bundesliga champions fine tune their team ahead of their match with Borussia Dortmund away in the German Super Cup on August 14. "I have a lot of trust in my

players and I am certain we're going to have a good season," said Ancelotti, who has replaced Pep Guardiola, with Munich chasing a fifth straight Bundesliga title when the league season starts on August 26. This was Bayern's second defeat on their tour of the US having lost 5-3 to AC Milan on penalties, then recorded a thumping 4-1 win over Inter Milan. Real have won both of their last two games in the US, having also beaten Chelsea 3-2, since losing their opening game 3-1 to Paris Saint-Germain in Ohio. — AFP

## MENEZ RIPS OFF EAR IN FRIENDLY

**BORDEAUX:** New Bordeaux forward Jeremy Menez will likely miss the start of the season after a defender's studs ripped his ear so badly it needed surgery, the club said yesterday. France international Menez joined from AC Milan on Monday but was led from the pitch bleeding heavily during his debut on Wednesday night in a 3-1 friendly win over Ligue 1 rivals Lorient. "Jeremy was operated on late Wednesday under local anesthetic to re-sew his ear," the club said on Thursday.

Bordeaux coach Jocelyn Gourvennec described Menez's ear as 'cut in two' after the game, adding that Lorient midfielder Didier Ndong had gone in too hard. The Gabonese offered a profuse apology after the game, saying the incident had been an accident. "I apologise to Jeremy Menez and to Bordeaux and hope to see him back in Ligue 1 action soon," he said. "It was completely involuntary but had unfortunate consequences for him." Bordeaux open their Ligue 1 campaign against Saint-Etienne in ten days' time. A heavy tackle from Ndong earlier in the game also saw another Bordeaux striker Diego Rolan limp from the pitch.

The 29-year-old Menez spent the past two seasons in Italy after joining Milan from Paris Saint-Germain, making an instant impression with 16 league goals in 33 appearances during the 2014-15 campaign. But he struggled with injury last term as Milan limped to a disappointing seventh-place finish in Serie A. Menez has been capped 24 times at international level but last played for France in 2013. — AFP

## SUAREZ AND MESSI LEAD BARCA PAST LEICESTER

**SOLNA:** Barcelona thumped English Premier League champions Leicester City 4-2 in a pre-season friendly in Sweden on Wednesday but Claudio Ranieri's side were given hope by a second-half brace from new boy Ahmed Musa. Lionel Messi's sumptuous pass set up the first of Munir El Haddadi's two first-half goals while Luis Suarez netted in between as the Spanish champions exposed the Foxes' defence.

Nigerian winger Musa, signed from CSKA Moscow, came out with all guns blazing as one of seven second-half changes for Leicester to score after a lightning 50-yard solo run and shot on 47 minutes. He then won and converted a penalty after 66 minutes. But with the scores at 3-2 Barcelona then sealed the International Champions Cup tournament match with a late winner from Rafa Mujica. The English side who shocked the football world with their fairytale run to the Premier League title last season were beaten 4-0 last weekend by Paris Saint-Germain. — AFP



**SOLNA:** Leicester's Japanese forward Shinji Okazaki (R) goes for a header during the 2016 International Champions Cup friendly football match between FC Barcelona and Leicester City at Friends Arena. — AFP

## FIFA BAN HAS TAKEN A PHYSICAL TOLL: BLATTER

**BERLIN:** Disgraced former FIFA president Sepp Blatter has admitted his six-year ban from all football-related activity has taken a toll on his mental health. In an interview with German broadcaster ZDF to be screened Thursday night, the 80-year-old Swiss says the ban has left 'a mark' on him as he continues the fight to prove his innocence. "I've been marked by it, because of what happened to me, this attack on FIFA shocked me. I suffer to this day because of this blow," he said in the interview, filmed at his home in the Swiss canton Valais.

Blatter, who underwent treatment for skin can-

cer last month, has taken the fight to clear his name to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the ban, imposed on him and ex-UEFA president Michel Platini in December 2015 by FIFA's Ethics Committee, for a dubious payment of 1.8 million euros (\$2m). Blatter has always protested his innocence and is convinced his name will be cleared by CAS when his hearing takes place on August 25 in Lausanne, Switzerland. "I am not corrupt!" insisted Blatter. "The whole situation will be clarified, and it will happen, I am 100 percent convinced of that: nothing will stick to Blatter."

In December 2015, FIFA judges originally banned Blatter and Platini for eight years over the payment Blatter sent to Platini in 2011.

An appeals body at world football's governing body reduced their bans to six years in February, citing mitigating circumstances. Blatter and Platini have claimed the funds were part of a legitimate verbal contract in connection with consulting work that Platini did for FIFA between 1999 and 2002. Blatter is under criminal investigation in Switzerland over the transaction and other aspects of his management of FIFA. — AFP

## 'TRUST US' RODGERS URGES CELTIC FANS

**GLASGOW:** Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers has urged supporters to be patient after they needed a stoppage time penalty to edge past FC Astana in their Champions League third round qualifier. The Hoops earned a 2-1 win thanks to a penalty from Moussa Dembele with the game on the verge of extra time after Leigh Griffiths' first-half stoppage time penalty had been cancelled out by a second half strike from Agim Ibraimi.

The result sealed a 3-2 aggregate win over the Kazakhstan side, who finished with just nine men on the pitch after Igor Shitov was sent-off for his costly foul on Dembele and Dmitri Shomko saw red for his protest at the awarding of the penalty. Former Liverpool boss Rodgers praised the Celtic support from their backing during the game but also asked them to trust in his game plan after claiming the players felt the tension coming from the stands as the Hoops probed for a second half winner. "The supporters were unbelievable for us tonight but the only thing I would say to them is I think they need to show a little bit of patience as well," Rodgers, who joined the Glasgow giants in May, said.

### 'We're coming back'

"I'm a Celtic supporter. I know what they want and how desperately they want it but they put the players on edge at times tonight. "In modern football teams are organized so if you can't play forward and you can't play sideways then you've got to come back. But when you come back we shouldn't be on edge because we're coming back. We have to circulate the ball to get out the other side and try and provoke them to become disorganized and then hopefully score a goal. "Hopefully going forward instead of having that edginess the supporters will trust the players and trust our game model and how we work and like we seen tonight we can eventually get there. "But apart from that it was a wonderful atmosphere from a brilliant support that again pushed us over the line."

The Scottish champions could now face Croatian side Dinamo Zagreb, Ludogorets Razgrad of Bulgaria, Danish champs Copenhagen, Hapoel Be'er Sheva of Israel or surprise qualifiers Dundalk from the Republic of Ireland when the draw for the play-off round is made today. And Rodgers said he had no preference about who he faces as he looks to guide to the lucrative group stages of the Champions League for the first time in two years.

"It is the final step. There was always going to be three tough rounds," the Hoops gaffer said. "The guys who've had experience of it here tell me that sometimes the first two rounds are the most difficult. "That was a difficult test for us. I think when the tie was made everyone felt that we'd do well to come through this. "But I thought over the two games we showed different elements of our game and we deserved to go through. "Now we have one final step to go and we'll see what Friday brings us but certainly it gives the players great belief and hopefully gives the supporters great belief." — AFP



**BRUSSELS:** Belgium's football national team new head coach Roberto Martinez gives a press conference yesterday at the KBVB-URBSFA Belgian football union headquarters. — AFP

## MARTINEZ HAILS BELGIUM AS 'ONE OF WORLD'S BEST'

**BRUSSELS:** Roberto Martinez expressed his delight yesterday after being named as the new head coach of the Belgium national team. The Spaniard was chosen as the successor to Marc Wilmots on Wednesday, after the former Belgium midfielder was sacked following the side's 3-1 defeat to Wales in the quarter-finals of Euro 2016. That loss made it back-to-back last-eight exits in major tournaments for the Red Devils, after bowing out in extra-time to Argentina in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

Martinez, 43, was himself dismissed by Everton at the back end of the last Premier League season, after a shocking run of results, especially at home, that culminated in an FA Cup semi-final defeat to Manchester United. Belgium are second in the world rankings behind only Argentina, and their current crop of players, which includes the likes of Vincent Kompany, Kevin De Bruyne, Eden Hazard and Romelu Lukaku, have been dubbed the 'Golden Generation'.

Martinez accepts that with that caliber of squad comes

high expectations. "There is pressure, the expectation of the public," he said. "Belgium will be favorites for most of their games, and it will be up to me to handle that. "Everyone respects Belgium as one of the best nations in the world. A golden generation? We need to work hard for it to be the case." Martinez beat former Roma coach Rudi Garcia and Italian World Cup winner Marcello Lippi to the role, although Bart Verhaeghe, the sports director of the Belgian federation, accepted that they did have "budgetary restrictions".

Former Swansea City manager Martinez led Wigan Athletic for four Premier League seasons, winning the FA Cup in 2013 when the Latics were relegated to the second-tier Championship. He then took over at Goodison Park, where he led Everton to a fifth-place finish with their highest points tally in the Premier League era in his first term in charge. As the Belgium head coach he will be reunited with former Toffees players Lukaku and Kevin Mirallas. — AFP



**BELO HORIZONTE:** Julie Johnston of the USA vies for the ball with Ria Percival of New Zealand during a Rio 2016 Olympic Games first round Group G women's football match United States vs New Zealand at the Mineirao stadium. —AFP

## EMPTY FEELING AS BRAZIL, USA WOMEN OFF TO WINNING START

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Hosts Brazil and world champions the United States made winning starts in the Olympics women's football tournament on Wednesday although the competition met with a lukewarm response from fans. Brazil comfortably saw off the challenge of China 3-0 at the Olympic stadium in Rio thanks to goals from Monica, Andressa Alves and Cristiane. The United States began their quest for a fifth Olympic gold in six Games with a 2-0 win over New Zealand in Belo Horizonte. World Player of the Year Carli Lloyd opened the scoring before Alex Morgan added a second.

However, the opening day of action saw vast swathes of empty seats across Brazil with six cities that hosted the 2014 World Cup being used for both women's and men's Olympic tournaments. The first match of the Games saw Sweden beat South Africa 1-0 in front of an almost empty 60,000-seater Olympic stadium in Rio. A healthier crowd enjoyed Brazil's win with expectations high that five-time World Player of the Year Marta can inspire the hosts to go one better than the silver medals they won at the 2004 and 2008 Games and end the USA's run of three straight golds.

The 30-year-old, playing in her fourth Olympics, showed flashes of brilliance, even prompting the crowd to chant she was better than Brazilian football's golden boy Neymar. "Scoring three times against a team

like China, with all the pressure we had, I think it's super-perfect," said Marta. Brazil's opener came in bizarre fashion when Monica's tame header trickled past a sea of Chinese defenders and Zhao into the bottom corner. Marta then showed her class by creating the second on the hour mark as she skipped down the right before picking out Andressa Alves for a volleyed finish. Only a stunning save from Zhao prevented Marta sealing the win in style after a fine solo run and shot that was arrowing towards the bottom corner. Marta was then replaced to a rousing reception before Cristiane nipped in ahead of Zhao to head home the third.

### Lloyd leads USA

A year on from scoring a hat-trick in the World Cup final, Lloyd was again America's star in a 2-0 win over New Zealand in Belo Horizonte. Lloyd's looping header from Tobin Heath's cross after just nine minutes got the USA off to a flyer. And they were even quicker out the blocks in the second period as Morgan's low shot sneaked in at the near post inside a minute after the break. Next up for the USA is a blockbuster clash with France, who impressively dispatched Colombia 4-0.

An early Carolina Arias own goal and further strikes from Eugenie Le Sommer and Camille Abily gave France a commanding half time lead. Amel Majri added a fourth

with a stunning free-kick minutes from time. Two-time world champions Germany thrashed Zimbabwe 6-1 on their debut in a major tournament to top Group F. Melanie Behringer scored twice with Sara Dabritz, Alexandra Popp, Melanie Leupolz and a Eunice Chibanda own goal completing the scoring for Germany.

Canada set two Olympic records in beating Australia 2-0 in a battle between two quarter-finalists from last year's World Cup. Janine Beckie gave the Canadians an incredible start with the fastest goal in women's Olympic history after just 19 seconds. However, teammate Shelina Zadorsky also set an unwanted record with the fastest red card after just 19 minutes. Canada's veteran captain Christine Sinclair made it 2-0 with her 162nd international goal from fully 40 yards after rounding Aussie 'keeper Lydia Williams. Sweden's Nilla Fischer scored the first goal of the tournament when she bundled home the winner 14 minutes from time in a scrappy 1-0 win over South Africa.

"It is a great feeling to have a big crowd, but today for us it was only about football, winning 1-0, and moving forward," said Sweden coach Pia Sundhage in response to the paltry attendance. "We didn't play the way we should have and we didn't play well but I am very satisfied with the result." Sweden are Brazil's next opponents with all 12 sides in action once more on Saturday. —AFP

## 3 WOMEN TO WATCH AT THE RIO OLYMPICS

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Three women to watch at the Rio Olympics:

### South African runner Caster Semenya

Semenya is a South African runner set to take centre stage in athletics despite being pursued by gender questions. She is favorite to win gold in the 800 meters in Rio and possibly break the track's longest-standing world record. But her presence is not without controversy. Her case triggered a debate in sport over hyperandrogenism, a condition involving over-production of male sex hormones. After winning gold at the 2009 World Championships, Semenya was forced to undergo medical tests and barred from the track for nearly a year, before returning to win silver at the 2011 worlds and 2012 London Olympics. Born in the poor northern village of Ga-Masehlong, Semenya married her long-time partner Violet Raseboya in December last year. The 25-year-old is in the best form of her life, and confidently brushing off the past track disputes said: "I've been through a lot. Now I'm back with a bang... The main target is to go to Rio and win a gold medal."

### Syrian refugee swimmer Yusra Mardini

Yusra Mardini swam for her life when she fled his native Syria less than a year ago. In Rio the 18-year-old will be swimming for a medal in the 100 meters butterfly and 100m freestyle as along with Rami Anis she will represent the refugee team in Olympic swimming. The Germany-based athlete is competing just 11 months after she plunged into the freezing Aegean Sea to help push a sinking dinghy, overcrowded with 30 migrants, to safety. For three hours, she, her sister Sarah and another woman took turns to push the boat to safety. Life took her to Germany, and then Rio and on August 5 it will be "pride, happiness and butterflies in the stomach" she will carry the flag of the first team of IOC refugees, accompanied by Anis, and eight other athletes without a country. "We are human beings who lost our home and we are trying to rebuild our lives. Many things have happened, but at some point you have to move on," said Mardini.

### Heptathlete seeking history Jessica Ennis-Hill

Olympic heptathlon champion Jessica Ennis-Hill has history in her sights as she will attempt to become just the third athlete to win Olympic gold, have a baby and then return to successfully defend their crown. If the 30-year-old triumphs in the heptathlon she will also be the first British female athlete ever to retain an Olympic title. After giving birth to son Reggie, Ennis-Hill won the world title in Beijing and has battled back from an Achilles injury to head to Brazil as one of the favourites for gold. "It feels completely different this year. I don't feel that stress and pressure I had in 2012 and last year as well when I decided to go to Beijing," she said. "I kind of feel I've come back from injuries and having my son and got back to the top of my sport. I have Reggie, I'm a mum and my priorities are totally different now."

## AFTER ALI, WHERE'S US NEXT BOXING LEGEND?

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** They have the most champions in Olympic boxing history and Muhammad Ali, Evander Holyfield, Oscar De La Hoya and Floyd Mayweather all won medals at past Games. But the United States has not won men's Olympic gold since Andre Ward in 2004 and in London four years ago did not get one medal in the men's competition. It might be stretching it to say that American amateur boxing is in crisis, but

what's clear is that Team USA at the Rio Olympics is under pressure to bring that surprisingly long barren spell to an end when boxing starts today.

The naysayers back home are not positive, pointing out that American men qualified in only six of the 10 men's weight classes for Rio. Worst of all, say the critics, is that there will be no US heavyweight on show in Rio. For a country that once rolled out the likes of Ali,

Holyfield, George Foreman and Joe Frazier at the Olympics it represents a dramatic decline. Billy Walsh, a respected Irishman who has been a coach of the US boxing team since October last year, said on Wednesday: "The focus has really been on professional boxing in the US and amateur boxing was just a stepping stone towards that, they never really had a vision of being a boxing gold medalist.

"And the system itself when I got there...

the system was just doing the same as they'd always done and were hoping for different results-like they say, the first sign of madness." A major problem, said Walsh, was that American amateurs were boxing like professionals-typically meaning more rounds in a bout, giving fighters time to size up their opponent. Olympic boxing contests are much shorter-just three rounds for men. —AFP

## YOUNGEST OLYMPIAN OFF SCHOOL TALENT LINE

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Gaurika Singh may be the youngest competitor at the Olympic Games in Rio but the 13-year-old says there's nothing unusual about that in her London school. The Nepalese swimmer will be the youngest competitor at the Games when she dives into the water for the 100m backstroke heats on Sunday. But she said such achievements at Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls in Hertfordshire, England—a highly competitive independent school—are par for the course.

When asked what her school friends think about her Rio jaunt, Singh told AFP: "They're happy for me but a lot of people at my school are successful! Like national tennis players, a girl playing in the Harry Potter film—the new one—and Matilda on Broadway. "So, yeah, we all have different opportunities." Singh, who was born in her native Nepal but moved to Britain when she was two—first to Scotland, then Preston and Leeds before her family finally settled in London—is not even sure she's the best athlete in her school. "There's a Wimbledon player in the sixth form, doing junior Wimbledon." Singh may be making waves in Brazil due to her age but she is taking it all in her stride. "I don't really think about it much, I'm here competing like everyone else, so I don't see any difference."

However, she does admit that she never dreamed of becoming an Olympian when she first started swimming as a "hobby". "I started swimming while I was really young but I didn't think it would take me this far," she admitted. "I started swimming competitively when I was nine and I didn't really think I would be here, so it's amazing and unbelievable." Singh trains at the Barnet Cophall club in London with two other Rio Olympians, Pakistanis Harris Bandy and Lianna Swan. But her road to the Olympics began when her coach decided she should try out for the Nepalese team. "My coach wondered if I could do the national swimming (championships) in Nepal so it first started then," said Singh.

### Goodwill ambassador

That led to the most "terrifying" experience of her life, though, as Singh was in Kathmandu during the 2015 earthquake that devastated the country, leaving almost 9,000 people dead. Singh, her mother Garima and younger brother Sauren cowered under a table in their fifth floor apartment as the earthquake struck before escaping by the stairs to flee aftershocks. "Fortunately, it was a new building so it did not collapse like others around," she said. But tragedy led to another opportunity for Singh who collaborates with a charitable organization called Shanti Education Initiative.

"My dad's friend originally had a charity to build schools that the earthquake destroyed," said Singh. "They made me a goodwill ambassador and I donated all the prize money I got (to it)." In a country not known for its swimming prowess, Singh's stock and profile is set to blossom in her homeland. It's a remarkable journey for a young girl who swam "for fun". "It's one of those things you take up as a child and drop off later, but I liked it!" she said with a giggle. Not dropping off later proved to be a wise choice for the precocious teenager with a classic English accent. Although she'll still be hard-pushed to impress her school friends. —AFP



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** US swimmer Michael Phelps holds a press conference on August 3, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, two days prior the opening ceremony of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. —AFP

# GAMES BRING JOY FOR FLAG-BEARER PHELPS

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Michael Phelps knows where he is in an Olympic pool and Rio's is no different. The US superstar, owner of 18 Games golds, felt the familiar kick of adrenaline when he trained at the Olympic Aquatics Stadium for the first time. But in his fifth Games, Phelps is in many ways in uncharted waters. An elder statesman at 31, Phelps says he's "extremely honored" by his selection to carry the US flag in today's opening ceremony. "I think I had the biggest smile on my face that you could possibly find," he said. "A little bit of emotion came over me. I probably shed a little bit of tears, just of joy."

The tunnel vision required for his prior multiple-medal campaigns, including his astonishing eight-gold haul in Beijing, didn't leave room for such Olympic frills as the opening ceremony—he has never walked in it before. Nor was he much of a mingler in the athletes' Village, where the stars and star-struck from around the globe come together in the quintessential Olympic experience. "Before I would have my

headphones on and never talk to anybody, that's literally how I was," Phelps said. "I'm a lot more open now and more relaxed now." The bumps on the road to where he is now have been well-documented: a drink-driving arrest that sparked a painful period of self-examination, a renewed relationship with his estranged father that resonates even more since the birth of his own son, Boomer, with fiancée Nicole Johnson in May.

### Greatest two years

"I've been able to experience things that I probably didn't really notice or I took for granted in the past," Phelps said. "This has been the greatest two years of my life for a lot of reasons." Team-mate Missy Franklin said Phelps's very public path as a person and an athlete made him the perfect choice as US flag-bearer. "It just feels so right," she said. "It feels so right to have the most decorated Olympian of all time being our flag-bearer and leading us."

Nathan Adrian, the reigning 100m

freestyle champion, admitted he was nervous as the USA Swimming representative putting forward Phelps's nomination to the team captains of other sports. "I was pretty stressed out, because I felt he deserved it and if he didn't get it would be on my shoulders," Adrian said. But Phelps seemed remarkably stress-free as he looked forward to the arrival of Nicole and Boomer to watch him race. He could hit the pool as early as Sunday in the 4x100m freestyle relay, but won't launch his first individual campaign until the heats of the 200m butterfly on Monday.

He is also entered in the 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley—both events he has won at three straight games. Although he has repeatedly insisted that Rio will be his last Olympic hurrah, Phelps couldn't resist teasingly leaving the door ajar as he spoke of his anticipation of having Boomer on hand for "my potential last Olympics". "Just so you guys don't beat me to death if I come back," Phelps said. "I'm not, but I'm going to say that." —AFP

## RIO SORRY AS VILLAGE SUFFERS NEW THEFT

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Security at Rio's Olympic Village was handed a further blow Wednesday when Danish athletes revealed they have had items stolen while organisers issued a public apology to competitors who have fallen victim to crime. Denmark's chef de mission Morten Rodtwitt told broadcaster TV 2 that mobile phones, clothing and an iPad had gone missing.

"In connection with the many extra workers, cleaners and housekeepers who have been squeezed into the Olympic village because of our

requirements and requests, we have been subjected to a series of thefts," he said, adding that he himself had his iPad stolen. "It's everything from phones, iPads and clothes to something as trivial as bed sheets." Since July 18 the Danish delegation has lodged around 150 complaints over problems in its 36 apartments in the Olympic village. "The buildings are simply not in order," Ulrik Wilbek, sports director of the Danish Handball Federation, told TV 2.

The news follows the theft of a laptop and team shirts from the Australian delegation during a fire

evacuation on Friday. Australia chef de mission Kitty Chiller said during the evacuation she had noticed three fire marshals apparently stealing the Australia team shirts. "When I arrived, which was halfway through the evacuation, I saw three fire marshals—I don't know who they were—walking out with team shirts," she said. "I thought maybe they have helped evacuate people and we've given them a shirt. It doesn't seem to be what happened. "We don't know how many team shirts were taken and, yes, that's concerning." —AFP

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SAO PAULO: Sara Daebritz (L) of Germany vies for the ball with Marjory Nyaumwe of Zimbabwe during a Rio 2016 Olympic Games first round Group F women's football match Zimbabwe vs Germany at the Corinthians Arena. — AFP

## Empty feeling as Brazil, USA women off to winning start