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COURT DISBARS DASHTI AGAIN

CANDIDATES SLAM IRAN

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: The appeals court yesterday ruled that the registration of former MP Abdulhameed Dashti in the parliamentary election through his son is illegal, depriving the controversial politician from running in the Nov 26 polls. The court said the filing of a nomination application for elections cannot be done through a power of attorney, overturning a ruling by the lower court last week that allowed Dashti to register through his son.

Dashti said on his Twitter account that his lawyer will challenge the ruling at the court of cassation today and will demand that the court, whose rulings are final, to reinstate his registration. Dashti, who has been living outside Kuwait since March, submitted a medical certificate to the lower court stating that he is undergoing medical treatment and cannot return to the country.

Dashti is fighting another battle after the election authority barred him from participating in the polls. The former lawmaker has been sentenced to a

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KUWAIT: Attendees sit around a large tray of a traditional dish made of camel meat during an election campaign meeting of candidate Al-Humaidi Al-Subaei in Riqqa yesterday. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: The health ministry, in coordination with the interior ministry, yesterday suspended a decision to make domestic helpers from 40 countries undergo medical tests every time they renew their residencies. Director General for Residency Affairs Maj Gen Talal Maarafi said the decision to test the helpers and the decision to postpone it under further notice is from the ministry of health, since it is responsible for conducting medical tests, and the interior ministry has nothing to do with it.

A senior health ministry official yesterday said the ministry stopped the medical examinations until new health centers open soon. The move will give an opportunity to the ministry to complete installation of state-of-the-art equipment and be logistically ready to receive large numbers of medical examinees, Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health Dr Majda Al-Qattan said in a statement. Notably, a state of chaos had prevailed over the past few days at the domestic helpers' medical examination department, where hundreds gathered to undergo medical tests to renew their residency visas. Maarafi said the overcrowding was behind the health ministry's decision to halt the process.

Meanwhile, the interior ministry's relations and security media director Brig Adel Al-Hashash said that in view of the suffering caused to citizens due to the overcrowding, the interior minister conferred with the health minister and his undersecretary, asking them to freeze the decision until the health ministry makes proper arrangements to put it into practice. Hashash added that Maarafi was instructed to immediately form a committee to arrange with the health ministry to make a plan with proper mechanisms and arrangements to absorb the huge numbers of domestic helpers. Hashash also underlined that the decision had been made and suspended by the health ministry and urged everyone to keep the interior ministry out of it.

INDIA SCRAPS 500, 1,000 RUPEE NOTES

NEW DELHI: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi ordered the withdrawal of 500 and 1,000 rupee notes from circulation yesterday in a shock announcement designed to tackle widespread corruption and tax evasion. Modi said that while people could exchange their old notes for new bills at banks or post offices until the end of the year, or deposit them in their accounts, they would no longer be legal tender from midnight.



"To break the grip of corruption and black money, we have decided that the 500 and 1,000 rupee currency notes presently in use will no longer be legal tender from midnight that is 8 November, 2016," he said in a televised address to the nation. "This means that these notes will not be acceptable for transaction from midnight onwards."

After a one-day shutdown of all banks and ATMs, new 500 and 2,000 rupee denomination notes would be issued

from tomorrow by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the country's central bank. The 500 and 1,000 notes, which are worth around \$7.50 and \$15 respectively, are the largest bills in use in India which is still a massively cash intensive economy. Since coming to power in 2014, Modi has pledged to crack down on so-called black money - vast piles of wealth kept hidden from the tax authorities - with a series of new measures, including 10-year jail

terms for evaders. The latest announcement comes a little over a month after the government raised nearly \$10 billion through a tax amnesty for Indians to report undeclared income and assets. Finance Secretary Shaktikant Das said the decision was "a very bold and powerful and a very decisive step to fight the menace of black money and the use of fake Indian currency notes".

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FUTURE AT STAKE AS AMERICA VOTES

WASHINGTON: America's future hung in the balance yesterday as millions of eager voters cast ballots to elect Democrat Hillary Clinton as their first woman president, or hand power to the billionaire populist Donald Trump. As the world held its collective breath, Americans were called to make a historic choice between two radically different visions for the most powerful nation on Earth. While Clinton has a slim lead in polls, no one was ruling out a victory by her Republican rival Trump - with the winner's name not expected to be known before early today.

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Voting was underway in all 50 states and the capital Washington. In Virginia horse country, balmy south Florida, and busy Manhattan long lines snaked into the streets outside polling stations. "I'm excited. I can't believe I finally get to vote," said Jose Maria Molleda, 63, a new US citizen casting his ballot at a Presbyterian church in Clifton, Virginia, where a crowd of 150 gathered before dawn for the opening of polls in the swing state.

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KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Yemeni Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulmalik Al-Mekhlafi. — Amiri Diwan photos



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) Dr Mohammad Al-Hashel.

AMIR MEETS YEMENI, SAUDI MINISTERS

SHEIKH SABAH RECEIVES COMMEMORATIVE COIN FROM GOVERNOR

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah as well as the visiting Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulmalik Abduljalil Al-Mekhlafi.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled and Mekhlafi held a meeting later yesterday which touched on bilateral relations and discussed many issues on regional and international fronts. The Yemeni Foreign minister expressed appreciation to Kuwait's ongoing support to restore peace and stability in Yemen in accordance to the GCC initiative, the National Dialogue and the UN Security council resolution No 2216. He also thanked Kuwait for hosting the Yemeni peace talks for five months, back in April.

The meeting was attended by Acting Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, Assistant Foreign Minister for Arab Affairs Ambassador Aziz Al-Daihani, and senior officials at the Foreign Ministry. Later, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled held a lunch banquet on the honor of the visiting Yemeni minister and his accompanying delegation.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir received Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Oil, as well as Acting Oil Minister Anas Al-Saleh who was accompanied by visiting Saudi Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources Khaled Al-Faleh. The meetings were attended by Deputy Minister of the Amiri Diwan Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Saudi Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources Khaled Al-Faleh, in presence of Deputy Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Acting Oil Minister Anas Al-Saleh.

130th anniversary
His Highness Sheikh Sabah also met with Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) Dr Mohammad Al-Hashel who presented him with a specie, commemorating the 130th anniversary of the first Kuwaiti coin currency 'Baisa 1886-2016'. Later, Hashel presented the same commemorative coin to His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Amir and

His Highness the Crown Prince met separately with His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Meanwhile His Highness the Crown Prince also received deputy head of the ruling family council Sheikh Dr Ibrahim Al-Duaij Al-Sabah. In other news, His Highness the Amir sent a cable to Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, expressing his condolences over the passing away of mother of Prince Faisal bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud. His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister sent similar cables. — KUNA

KUWAIT SEEKS PERMANENT REPRESENTATION AT UNSC

KUWAIT DONATES \$6.4 MILLION TO UN

NEW YORK: Kuwait has asked for a permanent seat for the group at the UN Security Council in the future reforms of the Council. Equitable representation at, and expansion of the UNSC membership, are essential pillars of the process to revitalize the work of the UN as a whole, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN Mansur Al-Otaibi said on Monday. He was speaking at a UN General Assembly debate on the item of the fair representation at the UNSC in the future UN reforms.

The accelerated challenges facing the international community require accelerated steps to reform the UNSC and make it better able to address these challenges in a more credible transparent and impartial way, Ambassador Otaibi stressed.

He highlighted the significance of the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations at the UNGA in reaching a mutually-acceptable consensus among the UN member states on the UNSC reforms pursuant to the UNGA Resolution 62/557. The resolution, adopted on 15 September 2008 by a UNGA informal plenary during the 63rd UNGA session, commenced the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reforms.

Ambassador Otaibi regretted the failure of the UNSC to shoulder its responsibilities to maintain the world peace and security due over the last two decades to the abuse by some of its permanent member states of their veto powers. The veto was used 15 times in this period to protect the illegitimate practices of the Israeli occupation forces in occupied Arab territories, he added.

Donation

In other news, Kuwait on Monday announced voluntary donations amounting to \$6.419 million for the 2017 aid programs of the UN agencies. Announcing the new contributions at a press conference, Kuwait's deputy permanent delegate to the UN Abdulaziz Saud Al-Jarallah said Kuwait has honored all its aid pledges pursuant to the directives and initiatives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The new contributions reaffirm Kuwait's long history of supporting the economic development around the globe, he added.

Al-Jarallah noted that \$2 million will go to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNR-

WA), \$1 million to the UN's refugee agency (UNHCR), and \$1 million to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, (CERF).

The contributions also include \$570,000 which will go to the UN Development Program (UNDP), \$500,000 to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, \$ 500,000 to the UN Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR), \$354,000 to UN Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat), \$200,000 to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), \$200,000 to the UN Environment Program (UNEP), \$50,000 to the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), \$20,000 to the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), USD 10,000 to the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, \$10,000 to the UN housing fund, and \$5,000 to the UN Fund for Drug Abuse Control.

Reforms

Separately, a Kuwaiti diplomat said that achieving any sort of reforms within the structure of the UNSC will require patience and flexibility without the need for further complications. In a speech to a meeting on UNSC reforms, Member of the Kuwaiti delegation partaking in the 71st UN General Assembly in New York, second secretary Hassan Shahr Abulhassan said that Kuwait's stance on the issue was clear, the Security Council must have equal representation which reflected the status of the UN as an international organization.

Reforms should be carried out regularly to make sure that the UNSC and other United Nations institutions will continue to work properly and efficiently, said Abulhassan. The Kuwaiti diplomat stressed that the status quo of the 1945 era should not continue to dedicate how the world dealt with current challenges.

On the veto, Abulhassan said that the motion should be thoroughly revised to prevent any further abuse of this great responsibility. Nations, considered to have less influence on world affairs, should be provided with chance to represent at the UNSC, said Abulhassan, adding that Kuwait was for a permanent Arab seat at the council. Over two decades have passed since talks on UNSC reforms began and the world needs such restructuring to happen to prevent continuous political chaos in the world, said Abulhassan. — KUNA

INTERIOR MINISTER MEETS NEW US AMBASSADOR

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met yesterday with the new US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence R Silverman and discussed several issues of mutual interest. During the meeting, the Kuwaiti minister underlined deep relations between both friendly countries, wishing the new US ambassador best of luck in his job here.

On his part, the US diplomat voiced appreciation to the State of Kuwait for its role in supporting regional peace and security, pointing to mutual willingness to promote and develop bilateral cooperation and coordination. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence R Silverman. — Interior Ministry photo

POLAND PROMISES TO BACK KUWAIT BID FOR SCHENGEN VISA WAIVER: JARALLAH



Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah

WARSAW: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah announced Monday that Poland promised to support his country's application for exempting its nationals willing to travel to Schengen Area from visa requirement.

Jarallah made the announcement following his meeting with head of the foreign affairs committee of the Polish parliament who is in charge of the EU affairs, and a number of Polish MPs. The talks with the Polish side focused on the visa policy of the Schengen Area and Kuwait's bid for visa waiver as well as several bilateral issues, he said.

The Polish side in the meeting affirmed support to granting the Kuwaiti nationals visa-free access to the 26 members of the Area "as early as possible," the Kuwaiti official revealed. He highlighted the importance of parliamentary cooperation and visit exchanges between the Kuwaiti and Polish MPs, commending the role of the parliamentary friendship committee in this regard. The talks also dealt with the friendly relations and the prospects of cooperation in such areas as energy, investment, health, education and defense, Jarallah went on. Poland seeks accreditation for its universities in Kuwait, he said, noting that many European and US students, enrolled at such advanced universities, wish to pursue their study in Kuwait and other GCC member states. Jarallah noted that Kuwaiti military officers are being trained at Polish military colleges, voicing hope for expanding the defense cooperation between the two countries.

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Candidates Speak

Candidate calls for more laws that 'respect people'

Aseri focuses on civil law, youth, women's rights

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: Dr Ghadeer Aseri is a candidate from the first constituency, running in the elections for the first time. Social policy and education reform motivated her to stand. "I thought that I could best improve our community from the parliament, which is the legislative power, as the society can be changed by changing the laws. We should have laws that respect people. I want to give more chances to voters to have more options to choose from," Aseri told Kuwait Times.

Aseri has three major issues in her sight that she wants to work on if she enters parliament: Changing the civil law, youth and women's rights.

Education

"I aim to resolve the problems of young people by improving education and changing policies. I can change the community through education and also change the attitude of individuals. I have long-term plans, as I don't aim to effect change in just the four years when I will be an MP, but to set a law to change the community over the next 20 or 30 years.

"This is related to civil law. Some people think the current civil law is suitable for the present time, but I think I can change the attitudes of generations through education. I aim to change the curriculum, the system of education and the quality of teachers. Many Kuwaitis

enroll their children in private schools, as they believe they should invest in their children. They realize how important education is for the future of their kids. Today, children play with tablets and smart-phones, which are considered as their toys. This is globalization and we have to move with it, and I will fix some policies to match this development.

"Today they let the student study, sit for the exam and get full marks, which is the traditional system of rote learning. We don't have a curriculum that makes the student ask questions. We should have a curriculum based on the philosophy of asking 'why'. We should have a curriculum of an international level. I noticed there is a problem in our curriculum. When our students - who are excellent and achieved full marks - travel to study in the UK, for instance, they only manage to attain a level of 80 percent in tests there. This means there is something wrong in our curriculum, and it needs to be developed. We have to scale up by 130 or 150 percent to be on the same level of Western universities.

"I also aim to establish more public universities in Kuwait. These should provide professional diplomas, and people of any age should be allowed to study there. It would be great if there were education loans too. I intend to set policies that allow citizens to continue their studies and systematically learn, and not just obtain a degree. I want to add ethics to the curriculum, so children will learn from an early age to avoid many bad behaviors, such as 'wasta'.

"I believe that even if not all students in the class adopt what they are taught in school, the majority will do so. And they will bring about a revolution in the future to fight the bad behaviors that they learn in the home, school or work environments. Take my example - I don't use wasta as I was taught at universities in the UK and US that this is not ethical. "The quality of teachers is one of the basic pillars that needs to be changed. The government employs many teachers from abroad, but they are not of the satisfactory quality we need. Many of them speak with accents that our kids can't understand. Also, as they don't have the best qualifications, students have to take private tuitions. If we invest a little more to bring in native English teachers, for instance, they won't have to pay for extra tuitions."

Women's rights

"The Kuwaiti woman is oppressed and I aim to change this and let her get her rights to be equal with men. She should get the same financial rights including rent allowance, child allowance, equal salary, housing loan and other rights. A woman is not allowed to issue official documents for her children, and I want to correct this."

Expats

"I am against any kind of discrimination. I lived in the UK and I got the same medical treatment as British citizens, so I know that expats here should receive same the treatment, especially in healthcare and education. The existence of expats here is not a problem - we need



KUWAIT: First constituency candidate Dr Ghadeer Aseri speaks to Kuwait Times. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

them as we don't have Kuwaitis to work in all fields. Maybe we need a modification in their numbers. "I guess that changes in education will solve a great part of this problem. Our problem is in the system. In the past, some professions were not deemed acceptable by Kuwaitis, such as makeup artists, designers and others, while today many Kuwaitis run their own small businesses and even serve customers."

Conclusion

"Citizens should vote to avoid letting the wrong candidates reach the parliament. The same thing happened in the past when many people refrained from voting, and the MPs who won approved bad laws such as gender discrimination in education. I'm even worried that they may demand shutting down the newly-opened opera house, claiming it is haram. People will then question them, but this was the result of not voting and allowing Islamists to reach the parliament. They may also enforce the wearing of the hijab for female students, as they have now approved it for intermediate schools," Aseri warned.

FIFTY ONE MPs REPRESENTED 3RD CONSTITUENCY UNTIL 2013

KUWAIT: Fifty one candidates had succeeded in representing the second constituency in the past 12 parliamentary sessions since 1981 till parliament of 2013. Among the most runners for the 2nd constituency which grouped the 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 14th in the 25 constituency formation were Ahmad Al-Saadoun who represented the constituency for nine legislative terms besides his membership in the invalidated parliament of 2012.

He was followed by Dr Naser Al-Sanea, Waleed Al-Tabtabaei, winner in the invalidated parliament of February 2012, both represented the constituency for five legislative terms, whereas Saleh Al-Fadhala who represented the constituency for five legislative terms.

Adel Al-Sarawi and Faisal Al-Mislem, winner in the invalidated February 2012 parliament, Ali Saleh Al-Omair, winner in the invalidated February and December 2102 parliaments and membership in the 2013 parliament, represented the constituency for four legislative terms. Hmoud Al-Jabri, Jasem Menahi Al-Osaimi, Jaser Al-Rajhi, Mohammad Al-Marshad, Sami Al-Munayes, Waleed Al-Osaimi, Faisal Al-Shaya, Rowdhan Al-Rowdhan and Jamal Al-Omar represented the constituency for three legislative terms. Ahmad Al-Khateeb, Ahmad Al-Kulaib, Ali Al-Saeed and Saleh Al-Mulla represented the constituency for two legislative terms.

One term

The constituency was represented for one legislative term by Ahmad Al-Mulaifi, member in the invalidated parliament of December 2012, Mohammad Al-Adsani, Esa Al-Shaheen, Yousef Al-Ghanim and Naser Sanhat Al-Osaimi, Abdulrazaq Al-Sanea, Naser Al-Bannai, Abdulaziz Al-Adsani, Abdusallam Al-Osaimi, Bader Al-Jeean, Ahmad Al-Duajj, Ahmad Al-Rubei, Bader Al-Farsi, Basel Al-Rashed, Abdulaziz Al-Shayji, Naji Al-Abdulhadi, Aseel Al-Awadhi, Rola Dashti, Khalil Abdullah, member in the invalidated December 2012 parliament, Safa Al-Hashem, member in invalidated December 2012 parliament and

member in the 2013 parliament from which she resigned, Mohammad Al-Jabri, member in the invalidated December 2012 parliament, Yaqoub Al-Sanea, member in the invalidated parliament of December 2012, Abdulkareem Al-Kanderi, who resigned from parliament of 2013, Nabil Al-Fadhil, member in the invalidated parliaments of February and December 2012 and membership in the 2013 parliament, Ali Al-Khamees, Abdullah Maayouf and Fares Al-Otaibi.

Mohammad Al-Adsani had won for four times the post of Speaker of the National Assembly in 1981 whereas Ahmad Al-Saadoun became Speaker in 1985, 1992, 1996 and the invalidated parliament of 2012. The constituency saw since 1981 six out of 31 elected ministers.

Government line-up

In the government line-up in 1992, Jasem Al-Oun became Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and in 1994 he became Minister of Communications and Minister of Electricity and Water whereas the Social Affairs and Labor ministry was given to Ahmad Al-Kulaib. Kulaib then became Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in 1998. MPs of the constituency did not assume any ministerial post in the government line-ups for the years 1981, 1985, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007 and 2008 as well as in the invalidated parliaments of February and December 2012.

Rowdhan Al-Rowdhan became Minister of Health in the first government formation in 1999 and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs in the 2nd formation in 1999. Ahmad Al-Mulaifi was appointed Minister of Education and Higher Education in 2011. Ali Al-Omair assumed the portfolio of Ministry of Oil and State Ministry for National Assembly Affairs in January 2014 and became Minister of Public Works and State Ministry for National Assembly Affairs after resignation of Ahmad Khaled Al-Jassar. In October 2014, Yaqoub Al-Sane was appointed Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. — KUNA

DEBATES BRING CANDIDATES' DOGMAS TO LIMELIGHT

KUWAIT: Political debates between candidates contesting elections in democratic nations have been a reliable outlet to familiarize the electorate with ideologies of the candidates, while boosting awareness of the electoral process.

In separate statements, a number of media specialists employed by state television underscored the significance of debates in revealing a candidate's line of thought, as well as how effective debates can be in Kuwait's electoral system.

Al-Rai television host Mohammad Al-Sadani noted that political debate is a platform to exchange one's views and thoughts, however, he added that such methods "can only pay dividends in pragmatic societies."

Moreover, he said that the Kuwaiti electorate believes that debates "are an ineffective tool here because they would most likely center on sectarian and tribal lines, instead of a candidate's goals and plans.

Sadani even went as far as to liken the prospect of a political debate in Kuwait to a "soccer game", given how futile he believes it would be.

Meanwhile, Al-Sabah TV host Salama Essa said that he is a proponent of holding debates in the country because it would showcase candidates' true colors, noting that debates between US presidential hopefuls Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton revealed their most complex thoughts.

Al-Kout TV host Hamad Al-Nabhan said that political debates epitomize democratic activity, however, he noted that before they could take place in Kuwait, the electorate should be acquainted with how effective they can be in bringing a candidate's ideology to the limelight. He also added that these debates should have no place for religious or cultural ardor, instead they should focus on candidates' campaigns in order for genuine democracy to be practiced. — KUNA

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KUWAIT: Kuwaitis attend a campaign meeting for Kuwaiti female candidate Alia Al-Khaled Monday night for the upcoming parliamentary election, in Kuwait City. More than 30 prominent Islamist and liberal opposition figures and former lawmakers have registered to run in the November 26 polls in the hope of forming a formidable political force. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Four people arrested for possession and sale of alcoholic drinks.



Drugs found during a police crackdown in Nugra.

FOUR BOOTLEGGERS ARRESTED, EIGHT HELD FOR ABSCONDING

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Four people were arrested for making and selling liquor. The arrests were made after the place where the liquor was brewed was raided. Police found 261 bottles. The suspects, Indian, confessed to making the liquor and storing it in a dilapidated car. Meanwhile, residency detectives spotted seven women and a man in a car, whom they deemed suspicious. They were found in violation of residency law and reported absconding by their sponsors.

Security campaign

A security campaign was carried out in Nugra, where 377 persons were checked, 113 people wanted on civil cases were detained, including 44 absconders, 10 did not have IDs, eight had expired residency permits, one was arrested on drugs charges and one on suspicion of being drunk. Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry announced that surprise traffic campaigns during the period from Oct 30 to Nov 5 resulted in issuing 41,945 citations, 1,408 vehicles were impounded, 44 persons detained and 11 expats sent for deportation for driving without a license.

Camping violations

Kuwait Municipality Director General Ahmad Al-Manfouhi said he gave instructions that the law should be implemented against any violations in camping areas and they should be removed, adding that it is not

acceptable to treat similarly those who licensed their camps and those who did not. Meanwhile Ahmadi governorate municipality branch director Fahd Al-Shateeli said a campaign resulted in the removal of 73 camps pitched in off-limit areas.



Eight people arrested for violation of labor and residency regulations.

GOVERNMENT AGENDA TO TACKLE OIL SECTOR WAGES

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The government has begun working on its agenda for the new parliamentary term which will start after the November 26 elections. Key issues on the agenda include economic, health, educational, security and service-related concerns in addition to some topics that might lead to an early confrontation with the opposition in the new parliament, said informed sources.

The government's agenda would include endorsing the GCC security agreement that had been already approved by all GCC states except for Kuwait. "The government will insist on voting on this agreement that is

expected to be opposed by several MPs," said an informed source.

The government also hopes to gain approval for another attempt at reducing government sector wages through what it is labeling a 'strategic payroll alternative.' The plan is to equalize salaries between civil service sector employees holding similar degrees, including those working in the strategic oil sector. Government efforts to cut special privileges resulted in a three day strike by employees of state owned energy companies in April of this year. The strike halved Kuwait's oil output, bringing it down from 2.8 million barrels per day to 1.1 million by day two.

STUDY TO ESTABLISH ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTERS IN KUWAIT

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Development and Planning Hind Al-Subaih will to preside the fifth meeting of the supreme family council due to be held next week to discuss several topics on its agenda such as the council's strategy, the role of marriage guidance centers and a bill on psychological consultancy.

Subaih added that the family council had been established in 2006 and that its roles have been activated recently. She also noted that the council members include minister of information and minister of state for youth affairs, health minister, minister of justice, Awqaf and Islamic affairs, minister of education and higher education in addition some experts in child and family affairs.

Subaih also noted that there was a study to establish addiction treatment centers to rehabilitate addicts, which would ultimately help protect Kuwaiti families. She also highlighted a plan to open social protection centers for children to receive ones suffering from abuse and physical violence.

Fish released in Gulf

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) yesterday released a new batch of black sea bream young fish it had farmed into the Arabian Gulf waters off Mohammed Al-Ahmed Marine Base shores in the presence of the marine forces commander, Admiral Khaled Ahmed Al-Kandari. The process

is aimed at enriching national fish resources.

Teachers to be reassigned

MOE's assistant undersecretary for public education Fatima Al-Kandari said that teaching staff schedules would be reviewed in various educational areas in order to achieve balance through transferring some teachers amongst schools, if necessary. Speaking about the tablet devices, Al-Kandari said that grade students would receive them soon and that school administrations would start retrieving tablets from students in Grades 11 and 12 by Thursday to update content and subject some to maintenance as per the contracts signed with the providing companies.

Municipality courts foreign investors

Kuwait Municipality's Director Ahmed Al-Manfouhi said that the municipality aims to encourage foreign and local investors. He said that practical steps had been taken to allow foreign ownership in Kuwait as well as allowing foreign businesses to open branches in Kuwait without the requirement of having a local agent. He added that the Municipality had already received some international inquiries about investment opportunities in Kuwait. Responding to a question about bureaucracy obstacles, Al-Manfouhi promised that a new legislation would be passed soon allowing foreigners ownership and that the state property management department would attend the next meeting to discuss this issue.



KUWAIT: The Interior Ministry's Civil Defense Department tested warning sirens yesterday morning. A recording that explained the tunes was played in both Arabic and English. Acting Director General Col Jamal Al-Foudary said the aim behind the test was to make sure about the sirens' readiness to sound them when needed. He said the civil defense placed teams in all governorates to hear the sirens and record any notes about them.





A mass will be offered for the soul of Xavier Moraes at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church, Salmiya, Kuwait today, November 9th, at 6:30 pm.

PROTECTING ARAB HERITAGE VITAL FOR THE FUTURE: SHEIKH SALMAN

KUWAIT: Protecting Arab heritage and culture is vital for the future of the region, Minister of Information Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah said yesterday. Minister of State for Youth Affairs as well as Chairman of Kuwait National Council for Culture, Arts, and Letters (NCCAL), Sheikh Salman said in the opening of the 22nd of the conference on monuments and cultural heritage in the Arab world that the three-day event was another step in bolstering cultural cooperation among Arab countries.

This conference came days after His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's opening of Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad cultural center which was a testament of Kuwait's continuous efforts to develop its regional and international cultural output, said Sheikh Salman.

Through the center, Kuwait will continue to cooperate with the Arab world and international community within the cultural domain, said the minister, adding that various national decrees and international decisions were endorsed by Kuwait to help develop the cultural movement worldwide. The minister went on saying that preserving the past will teach future generations of the world how to continue on forward for the betterment of all humanity.

Meanwhile, ALESCO Director General Dr Abdullah Hamad said that the conference was held under crucial circumstances affecting the region, adding that attacks against cultural monuments and museums required a stern stance on part of the international community to prevent sabotage of cultural treasures. He called on countries in the region to set aside their differences and dedicate their energy in preserving cultural site for the sake of future generations. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Information Minister Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah speaks during the conference. —KUNA

KUWAIT AIRWAYS RETURNS TO COMPETITION WITH FULL FORCE

LONDON: Director of Kuwait Airways office in London Manea Al-Manea, said yesterday that KAC is keen to return back to competition with full force. He made the remark given the latest updates the fleet and plans to launch new destinations soon.

Kuwait Airways has already begun taking "serious steps" where it recently included new seven Airbus (A320) aircrafts, which will be operated on short routes, in addition to five other planes of the same model for medium lines, Manea said on the sideline of the 2016 World Tourism Market opening.

New aircrafts are entering service on long-haul routes, immediately after dispensing the old ones, Al-Manea added. The number of Kuwaiti fleet that will enter service will be 10 of Boeing (B777-300) aircrafts, and 2019 will witness the handover of about 15 Airbus (A320 NEO) and 10 jets of (350 A). The completion of the fleet will be in 2022, he pointed out. Kuwait Airways started since the first of this November running about 10 flights a week from London to Kuwait daily, and two flights on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sunday, he said. — KUNA



SPORTS TO SEE 'HUGE LEAP' IN THE FUTURE: MINISTER

KUWAIT: Sports in the country will be seeing a huge leap filled with great achievements in the foreseeable future, Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah said yesterday. The Minister made this remark, to the press, following a tour he took to newly constructed sports establishments of Abdullah Al-Khalifa stadium and Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah complex for indoor sports.

Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud pointed out that these newly sports venues have been built in accordance to international standards to meet the country's goals to improve sports and provide athletes with all necessary needs to help them excel in their fields.

He added that Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah complex is considered a "grand" sporting venue that consists of three major buildings: one for multipurpose stadium that could seat 5,000 people; the second for Basketball and the third for volleyball of which each could fit in 1,000 spectators. The minister pointed out that the construction of the complex will be finished in the first quarter of 2017. The minister was accompanied during the tour by chairman of Public Authority for Sport (PAS) Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mansour Al-Sabah and his vice chairman Sheikh Humoud Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah. Both officials said that PAS is keen on communication with all technical and advisory channels to complete these sports establishment in a timely fashion. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah is pictured with officials during a tour at Abdullah Al-Khalifa stadium. — KUNA



The Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah complex for indoor sports.



The Abdullah Al-Khalifa stadium.



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THE MISSING POWER

By Saleh Al-Shayegi

Parliaments are the most corrupt institutions worldwide, and not only in the Arab world or Kuwait. The reason behind this is that most of those seeking parliamentary seats are people with ambitions to feel distinguished through power, money, prestige, fame and connections with senior officials in their countries, which are all very tempting and capable of taking people from zero up to the most glamorous and extravagant worlds.

In addition, and unlike official or executive government politicians who are subject to dismissal or penalties, a parliamentarian is a politician who is pro-

Corrupt parliamentarians, not all of them, often use such powers to make personal, financial and political gains

ected by immunity. It is this power of parliamentary bullying that subjects ministers to their control and mercy. Corrupt parliamentarians, not all of them, often use such powers to make personal, financial and political gains.

The advanced world with very ancient democracies also has corrupt parliamentarians, but it is less tolerant and stricter with them. Therefore, there are fewer corrupt lawmakers, because political practices there are much closer to democracy than those we have in Arab countries, and this helps reduce the amount of corruption that is limitless in our countries.

Many Arab parliamentarians have linked parliamentary practices to making large fortunes and endless personal and financial gains. Many of them made astronomical figures without fear of any monitoring or control. On the contrary, the more money they make, the more supporters and voters they get, as if they are being rewarded for their corruption and treason to the principles for which they were elected in the first place and to the oaths they take while being sworn in.

The public power that is supposed to monitor lawmakers' performance in parliaments is absolutely missing - be that willingly or forcefully. So, why not form a small enlightened and faithful group in each electoral constituency to act as public tool to monitor lawmakers' performance and hold them accountable whenever their performance is below par or is suspected to be driven by personal gains? The presence of such a power will surely improve lawmakers' performance and stop, or at least reduce, corruption.

— Translated by Kuwait Times



Al-Anbaa

DEMOCRACY IN WALKING

By Salah Al-Sayer

Doctors usually advise people to walk in the early hours of the morning and get exposed to sunrays to enable their bodies to produce vitamin D, which helps boost the amount of phosphorus and calcium in their bodies. Walking in open areas such as beaches and parks helps people breathe fresh air, which is useful for the respiratory system. In addition, walking helps muscles and joints in general, which is good for health in this modern age when people are surrounded by objects that have increased sedentary lifestyles and promoted negative feelings.

Early morning walking lovers also get another benefit they will not get elsewhere or at other times - positive energy. All walkers, regardless of age or gender, who are keen on getting up early to walk outdoors, surely have positive feelings and believe in hope, determination and persistence. Therefore, a walking

track is always full of positive people exchanging positive energy silently and intentionally.

Walking tracks are also full of democracy that cannot be found through ballot boxes, because there, everybody is equal and shares this passion. One can find young and old people including doctors and patients, believers and non-believers, and rich and poor.

Walking also provides good diversity in the outfits walkers wear, the distances they walk, when they start and finish and the calories they lose. They also walk for various reasons. Some walk as part of a diet regime to lose weight. Others walk to fight diabetes or strengthen their muscles. A pregnant woman walks to make delivery easier, while others jog to clear their minds. So, there are many walking patterns on the very same track!

— Translated by Kuwait Times

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DASMAN DIABETES INSTITUTE OFFICIAL WINS MORGAGNI PRIZE

KUWAIT: Named after the great Italian anatomist Giovanni Battista Morgagni who was one of the first scientists to carry out research on human anatomy in Padua, Italy and who laid the foundation for the modern concept of pathology, the G.B. Morgagni Awards Program was instituted in 1984 by a group of postdoctoral researchers working at the University of Padua Medical School. The University of Padua is a

premier Italian university located in the city of Padua, Italy. The University of Padua was founded in 1222 and was one of the most prominent universities in early modern Europe.

The Morgagni Prizes were devised and founded by physicians/researchers who were deeply committed to the study and treatment of metabolic diseases. The intention was to promote research

on diabetes and its complications, a major public health concern affecting a large portion of the population. Research activity needed to be designed and funded if progress was to be made in finding causes and developing treatment plans. According to the program's statutes, one major prize (gold medal) for an outstanding European scientist and two minor ones (silver medals) for young investigators carrying out research in the field every two years. The 15th edition of the Morgagni Prizes was held in Padua, 28 October, 2016. The Gold Medal was awarded to Professor Jaakko Tuomilehto, Chief

Scientific Officer of Dasman Diabetes Institute, which was established by Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS).

Giovanni Battista Morgagni (25 February 1682 - 6 December 1771) was an Italian anatomist, generally regarded as the father of modern anatomical pathology, who taught thousands of medical students from many countries during his 56 years as Professor of Anatomy at the University of Padua. His most significant literary contribution, the monumental five-volume *On the Seats and Causes of Disease*, embodied a lifetime of experience in anatomical dissection and observation, and established the fundamental principle that most diseases are not vaguely dispersed throughout the body, but originate locally, in specific organs and tissues.



Group photo of participants of the workshop.

KAMCO HOSTS PRIVATE BANKING WORKSHOP BY EUROMONEY LEARNING SOLUTIONS

KUWAIT: KAMCO Investment Company, a leading investment company with one of the largest AUMs in the region, hosted a Private Banking workshop in collaboration with Euromoney Learning Solutions. Francois Aubert, Consulting and Training expert from Euromoney led the 3-day session that focused on the full range of services that clients may wish to obtain from private banking.

The workshop, held at the Chairman's Club in KIPCO Tower, was attended by employees from KAMCO and Burgan Bank. Aubert presented a tailored learning session with a customized program to suit the organizations' current needs in their respective areas. The 3-day program is designed to compare, discuss, consult and coach the different strategies available for business growth, portfolio construction and asset allocation styles that will build long term and lasting relationships with clients.

Commenting on the workshop, Farouq Al Oumi - Senior Vice President - HRMD and Acting Chief Resources Officer of KAMCO said, "Employee training and development

is essential to any organization's success. We are pleased with the collaborative efforts between KAMCO's Human Resources team and Euromoney Learning Solutions. The workshop adds value to the daily tasks carried out by our employees and further enhances their understanding and perception of the private banking best practices."

Oumi added, "These workshop sessions add key value towards our long-term strategy to progressively develop our employees and provide them with the necessary tools to achieve their personal and organizational goals. We seek innovative and advanced learning solutions to equip our employees with the information they need to excel within their fields and effectively accomplish their objectives. This is part of KAMCO's ongoing employee support program and continuous talent development strategy to preserve an effective and productive workforce." Francois E Aubert with over 20 years of consulting and training experience is a confirmed and certified trainer active in about 25 countries. He is also a CFA Institute Approved Speaker.

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KUWAIT: Kuwait's Ambassador to Egypt Mohammad Al-Thuwaikh received a Kuwait Journalists Association (KJA) delegation which is participating in the 9th Kuwaiti Week, currently taking place in Cairo.



‘Caliphate’ leaves Iraqis in administrative limbo

FLOATING VOTER: ‘PSYCHIC’ INDIAN FISH PICKS TRUMP

ASIA SEES CHANGED US TIES, WHOEVER WINS

‘WITH OR WITHOUT TRUMP, THIS MARKS END OF US LEADERSHIP’

TOKYO: Win or lose, Donald Trump’s campaign has changed the way countries in Asia view their relationships with Washington. Final polling suggests the most likely outcome is a victory for Hillary Clinton. But even Clinton, an architect of the US strategic pivot to Asia, has some work ahead of her in rebuilding trust, analysts and former officials in Asia said.

“With or without Trump, this marks the end of US leadership, in particular, moral leadership,” said a former Japanese diplomat, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the topic. “I don’t think it’s a question of Trump as an individual, but a question of the US society that produced this man as the Republican candidate.” Trump upended US democratic traditions during his White House campaign, drawing enthusiastic crowds where people cheered his often provocative and outrageous remarks. Critics labeled him ignorant, uncouth, a racist, hypocrite, demagogue and a sexual predator, all accusations he denied.

He described a dark America, knocked to its knees by China, Mexico and the Islamic state. Trump’s harnessing of a populist backlash against immigration and global trade has challenged the ideal of benevolent American power that helped shape the global economy - and the forces of globalization - since the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s. Now the United States faces a rising China, long an economic force and now becoming more assertive in geopolitics - building its military capability and ignoring an international tribunal’s ruling against its claims to most of the South China Sea.

Trans-pacific partnership

Asia is most worried about trade protectionism - exports make up a quarter of Asia’s GDP and a fifth of them go to the United States. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal, championed by Barack Obama in part to increase US influence in Asia, was to be

an essential feature of Washington’s strategic pivot to Asia - an “economic NATO”. It now looks dead in the water. Both Clinton and Trump oppose the deal, which would set up a free trade zone among 12 countries that excludes China. Former Indonesian finance minister Chatib Basri told Reuters the TPP “is an important instrument for the US pivot to Asia”. “There is some kind of a rivalry between America and China, and the way America can get into Asia is with TPP,” said Basri, now a visiting professor at Australian National University.

With US allies such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore among the biggest winners of an open trade regime, a more isolationist and protectionist stance will cost Washington influence in Asia. Ironically, it would be China, the subject of many of Trump’s tirades, that could emerge the big winner as uncertainty over Washington’s future commitment to Asia pushes countries into dealing more closely with Beijing. “If the US pulls out of TPP, that will certainly increase China’s influence in Asia,” said Kanti Bajpai, Professor of Asian Studies at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore.

“Already, US criticism of domestic issues in Thailand, the Philippines, and Malaysia has alienated those countries and caused them to lean towards Beijing. Pulling out of the TPP will help China geopolitically,” Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has been particularly hostile towards Washington over its criticism of his lethal anti-drugs campaign, announcing a “separation” from the United States during last month’s visit to China. Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak came back from a visit to China last week with \$34 billion worth of deals and an agreement to buy four Chinese naval vessels.

Security worries

China has long been in Trump’s sights, with promises to declare it a currency manipulator



MANCHESTER: People wait in line to vote at the Bishop Leo E O’Neil Youth Center said in Manchester, New Hampshire. Voters will choose between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump for president, as well as important races for Congress and Senate. — AFP

and impose punitive tariffs on imports. But any such moves could also hurt Asian exporters who ship components there for assembly and export to the United States, at a time when global trade is already weakening. Gareth Leather, senior Asia economist at Capital Economics, said the Philippines, Taiwan and South Korea were the emerging Asia economies most vulnerable to a Trump presidency.

“Perhaps the biggest risk to the region’s economies, however, stems not from Trump’s

trade policies, but from his foreign policy,” Leather said.

Trump has created doubts over his commitment to security alliances, suggesting Japan and South Korea need to pay more for a US military presence and that they should even develop their own nuclear capability to counter China and North Korea. Clinton, who was secretary of state when the Obama administration launched its Asia pivot, is expected to maintain Obama’s foreign policy, with some seeing her as being more hawkish. The divisive

US presidential campaign has already done a lot of damage to the reputation of the United States in Asia, regardless of the election outcome, according to some analysts.

“The broader question is whether the United States can assert global leadership,” said Jesper Koll, CEO at fund manager WisdomTree Japan. “All my Chinese friends say, ‘We thought we would run the world in 20 years. Now it’s going to be in January’. This is not a joke. It’s the natural state of development,” Koll said. — Reuters

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ISLAMIC STATE BRUTALITY COMES TO LIGHT

HAMMAM AL-ALIL: From behind the curtains of his bedroom window, 29-year-old Riyadh Ahmed would peer out at Islamic State fighters dragging civilians into a makeshift jail across the street and then sending them in the middle of the night to be executed. The former English teacher from the town of Hammam al-Alil, south of the jihadists' Mosul stronghold, recalls hearing victims' cries of agony as he hid with dozens of neighbors in the shadow of one of the group's detention centers.

"The devil himself would be astounded by Daesh's methods of torture. It is beyond the imagination," said Ahmed, using an Arabic acronym for Islamic State. Iraq's army and federal police, participating in a US-backed offensive launched last month to recapture the largest population centre under the jihadists' control, retook this area over the weekend. As the forces advance, details of Islamic State's brutality and growing desperation, which have trickled out of its self-proclaimed caliphate over the past two years, are being reinforced by first-hand accounts of residents.

Standing on the road between his house and the jail on Monday, Ahmed told Reuters that no part of Hammam al-Alil had been spared from the ultra-hard-line Sunni Islamists' violence. In his street alone, he said six people he knew had

been executed, including his father and a family of three that lived next door. Aid organizations, local officials and Mosul residents have cited reports that Islamic State executed dozens of people in Hammam Al-Alil and barracks nearby over the course of a week, on suspicion of planning rebellions in and around Mosul to aid the advancing troops.

Abdul Rahman Al-Waggaa, a member of the Nineveh provincial council, told Reuters last month that most of the victims were former police and army members. Islamic State had used the town's agricultural college as "a killing field" for hundreds of people in the days before the Iraqi government advance, Ahmed said. "They would torture them inside and then take them out of the neighborhood and either shoot them or slit their throats." Police backed up his accounts, but the road to the college was still lined with improvised explosive devices (IEDs) on Monday, preventing Reuters from visiting. The military says its forces at the complex have discovered the decapitated corpses of at least 100 civilians.

Hiding

The jail opposite Ahmed's house was once the home of an army officer who fled Islamic State's blitz across a third of Iraq's territory in 2014. Its walls are covered in soot from a fire apparently set by fleeing fighters, but metal cages only



HAMAM AL-ALIL: Iraqi forces pull a body out from a mass grave they discovered in the Hammam Al-Alil area after they recaptured the area from Islamic State (IS) group jihadists during the ongoing operation to retake Mosul, the last IS-held Iraqi city.- AFP

slightly larger than an adult male are still intact. Ahmed, who learned English when US forces occupied Iraq for nine years after toppling Saddam Hussein in 2003, was delighted to speak to a foreign reporter after two years during which he feared he would be killed for using English. "We have been living in hell, like

zombies," he said. Residents still in Hammam al-Alil on Monday told how they packed into homes with nearly 100 other people each for days to avoid being forced to flee to Mosul as Islamic State retreated. "They didn't know we were here. We didn't make a sound. No lights, no sound, no speaking at all," said

Ahmed. His family had stored food to avoid going outside but everyone lost weight, he said. Using the bathroom was a challenge.

As the town's remaining residents emerged from their homes on Monday, neighbours greeted each other for the first time in many days. An army lieutenant, back in Hammam Al-Alil after taking refuge on a mountain for more than a week following the escalation of executions of security personnel, said he witnessed Islamic State kill people in a nearby field. Thousands of civilians, including many from villages further south who had been forced to serve as human shields for the jihadists, escaped to government camps over the weekend while others were forced deeper into Islamic State-held territory. "If the forces had come just a few days later, we would be in Mosul now. Daesh wanted to take us," said Ahmed. Others were not so lucky. Tariq, an engineering student, said he had barricaded himself inside his home with dozens of neighbors for four days before Islamic State fled, refusing fighters' demands to leave with them. At one point, he said, the fighters had donned army fatigues and managed to trick a few families into believing they were arriving Iraqi forces. When the civilians went out to greet them, Tariq said, they were executed. "Even a one-year-old baby, they put a bullet in his head." — Reuters

KILLINGS SPARK RECKONING OVER STATUS OF ISRAELI-ARAB WOMEN

STRING OF MURDERS LINKED TO 'HONOR KILLING'

LOD: After years of abuse and death threats, Duaa Abu-Sharkh had finally divorced her husband, agreeing even to give up custody of her four young children and family property to escape his violent grip. Then, one night in late September, as the 32-year-old mother was dropping off her kids after a rare visit, a masked gunman dragged her from her car and shot her in the head before their eyes. Her killing is the latest in a string of murders of Israeli-Arab women believed to have been carried out by relatives. But after years of silence, the recent outburst has sparked soul searching in the community and unprecedented demonstrations against its mistreatment of women.

Lower status

Though just a fifth of the population, Arabs represent half of the women killed in Israel each year. And half of those women are killed in Arab neighborhoods of Ramle and Lod, cities just outside of Tel Aviv where several large clans involved in organized crime have made weapons easily accessible and allowed violence, particularly toward women, to go unchecked for years. "Women in Arab society have a lower status. So, when there is violence, who pays the price? Women," said Samah Salameh, a social worker who founded the Arab Women in the Center organization to aid victims in the Lod

substandard public services. Some Israelis, including top politicians, have questioned their loyalty to the state, contributing to their sense of being treated as second-class citizens. Arabs often accuse the police of being indifferent to Arab crime, so long as Jews are not harmed.

Highest-ranking Muslim

Earlier this year, after a deadly shooting in downtown Tel Aviv and a subsequent weeklong manhunt for the Arab shooter, Israel launched a campaign to collect illegal arms in Arab towns. Later, it promoted an Arab police officer to deputy commissioner, making him the highest-ranking Muslim ever to serve in the force, and putting him in charge of the new law and order drive in Arab communities. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said families used to tamper with crime scenes and make it difficult for police to collect evidence and testimony in Arab areas. But he said attitudes have changed in recent years and cooperation is much better. The police force is currently recruiting an additional 1,500 Arab officers and holding outreach programs to strengthen its ties to the community, he said.

"The days of the instant anti-police, anti-government and anti-establishment sentiment are over," he said. "The main emphasis now is to be there and to connect with the Arab community."

Arab lawmaker Aida Touma-Sliman, who heads the parliamentary committee on the status of women and gender equality, said that wasn't enough. She noted that 15 women have been killed in the Ramle-Lod area in the past year, but only three men have been charged. "What kind of message is given to the population and what kind of message is given to the perpetrators?" she asked. "You can kill and you will still go on free. And for the women it is a clear message from the police that nobody can protect you."

Local criminal gangs

Touma-Sliman said police have been persuaded to stop automatically referring to the deaths of Arab women as "honor killings," saying it was an offensive term "developed by the patriarchal society in order to legitimize the murder itself." In Abu-Sharkh's case, the writing was on the wall. Her ex-husband, who had links to local criminal gangs, would beat her regularly, once breaking her arm and nose, and strangle her until she turned blue, said her mother, Majeda Abu-Sharkh. When they complained to police, the ex-husband threatened to kill Abu-Sharkh and gunmen opened fire at her family's home.

Police briefly detained him after her killing but released him for lack of evidence. — AP



LOD: Israeli Arab Majeda Abu Sharkh (left) holds a picture of Duaa Abu Sharkh that was killed in Lod as she poses for a photograph with her niece Alaa Khalili, in Lod, central Israel. — AP

'Honor killings'

The killings have some similarities to the so-called "honor killings" elsewhere in the Muslim world, where women can be murdered by relatives for tarnishing the family name through perceived sexual indiscretions. But activists in Israel reject such comparisons, saying the vast majority of the killings are the result of rampant spousal abuse that has been ignored by police in a landscape rife with drugs, crime and poverty. Traumatized by the recent death of Abu-Sharkh and other women in their communities, Arab citizens, who have long been suspicious of Israeli authorities, are now calling for more police and social services in their long-neglected neighborhoods.

area. She said Israeli authorities treat the oppression of women as a value in Arab society. "They deal with us as if the blood of the Arab woman is cheaper," she said.

But things are starting to change. Abu-Sharkh's killing, and that of another divorced mother of four in Jaffa a month later, spurred a series of street protests that drew hundreds of women and men, both Arabs and Jews. A parliamentary committee heard testimony from Arab women and the national police chief said the level of violence was "unacceptable" and vowed to battle it. Arabs hold full citizenship rights in Israel, but are generally poorer and less educated than Jews and suffer from discrimination and



HAMAM AL-ALIL: Iraqi soldiers display a captured flag of the Islamic State in the Hammam al-Alil area, about 14 kilometers from the southern outskirts of Mosul after recapturing it from Islamic State (IS) group jihadists. — AFP

'CALIPHATE' LEAVES IRAQIS IN ADMINISTRATIVE LIMBO

MOSUL: Families fleeing Mosul as Iraqi forces move in are taking their "official" documents with them but also wondering who will recognize the stamp of the Islamic State group. From the outside, the "caliphate" IS proclaimed in June 2014 could look like a lawless land run by maniacal jihadists on a permanent murderous rampage. But two years later, surviving civilians were also emerging from a parallel state where people were born, married and buried and where an army of registrars produced "official" documents.

In Mosul's freshly retaken eastern neighborhood of Intisar, Umm Ahmed, wearing a veil that shows only her eyes, waved her husband's death certificate. She stayed two years without any news of him and it was only when the jihadists recently gave her this paper that she knew he had probably been executed.

The certificate had "Islamic State - Caliphate" letterhead under the group's black flag and was produced by the "Diwan of Justice". Since IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared himself the caliph in Mosul more than two years ago, residents have had to adapt their vocabulary to the new regime, said Umm Ibrahim. "There were no ministries, there was a 'diwan' of health and a 'diwan' of justice," she explained, using the term IS borrowed from the early Muslim caliphates for its government departments. The 49-year-old had to deal with the "diwan of justice" when her

'Everything is forbidden'

The group divided territory it held into "wilayat" or states that in some cases do not follow either country's existing administrative map. They ran hospitals, schools, levied taxes and distributed benefits, following principles they claimed to be faithful to the early days of Islam. But to most Iraqis, that regime was simply extortion under the guise of religion. They had created "a state within the state, with laws, contracts and regulations with which you had to comply," said Umm Ibrahim.

After several fines, Mohammed had to close down his cafe, which used to be filled with cigarette smoke, music and locals playing pool and dominos every night. "For the Islamic State, I have everything that is (religiously) forbidden: pool is forbidden, cigarettes are forbidden, cafes are forbidden," he said, laughing. — AFP

KURDS SEIZE IS-HELD TOWN NEAR MOSUL

BASHIQA: Iraqi Kurdish forces have seized the town of Bashiqa near Mosul from the Islamic State group, an official said yesterday, as US-backed militia forces advanced on the jihadists' Syrian stronghold Raqa. Capturing Bashiqa would be one of the final steps in securing the eastern approaches to Mosul, three weeks into an offensive by Iraqi forces to retake the country's second city. The town was under the "complete control" of Kurdish peshmerga forces, Jabbar Yawar, the secretary general of the Kurdish regional ministry responsible for the fighters said.

"Our forces are clearing mines and sweeping the city," Yawar said. An AFP correspondent on the outskirts of Bashiqa said clashes were ongoing, with three air strikes hitting the town and gunfire and an explosion heard from inside. Peshmerga officials said there were still some suicide bombers and snipers inside. "We are conducting clearing operations from house to house. The Daesh fighters are travelling inside tunnels," said Colonel Dilshad Mawlud, a peshmerga media official, using an Arabic

acronym for IS. "About five percent of the town is still under Daesh control," peshmerga Major General Sayyid Hajjar said.

Iraqi forces have been tightening the noose around Mosul since launching the offensive on October 17, with elite troops last week breaching city limits. Upping pressure on the jihadists, the Kurdish-Arab Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) alliance on Saturday launched its own offensive on IS's other main bastion, the Syrian city of Raqa. Raqa and Mosul are the last major cities in Syria and Iraq under the jihadists' control and their capture would deal a knockout blow to the self-styled "caliphate" IS declared in mid-2014.

"Determined to succeed"

The US-led coalition that launched operations against IS two years ago is providing crucial backing to both offensives, with air strikes and special forces advisers on the ground. SDF forces have been pushing south from areas near the Turkish border towards Raqa and alliance spokeswoman Jihan Sheikh Ahmed said yesterday they had moved to within 36 kilometers of the city. "Two more villages have

been taken since yesterday," she told AFP, adding that SDF forces had so far advanced 14 kilometers closer to Raqa from Ain Issa, the main staging point for the operation. "The fighting continues; morale is good and our fighters are determined that this offensive will succeed," she said. Like in the battle for Mosul, the goal of

the Raqa offensive is to surround and isolate the jihadists inside the city, before eventually mounting a street-to-street assault. In both cases officials are warning of long and bloody battles ahead, as jihadist forces are expected to put up a fierce fight and use trapped civilians as human shields. — AFP



An Iraqi man who fled the fighting uses a pair of scissors to trim his beard after reaching the Iraqi army 9th armored division base adjacent to the Al-Intissar neighborhood of Mosul. — AFP

IN BESIEGED ALEPPO, NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION

ALEPPO: Cigarettes stuffed with grape leaves instead of tobacco, gardens on bombed-out rooftops, and batteries powered by rusted bicycles: In Syria's besieged eastern Aleppo, necessity is the mother of invention. More than 250,000 people have been under a government siege in the rebel-held side of the northern city since July, without access to aid, food, fuel, medicine or even cigarettes. The blockade has sparked severe shortages and exorbitant prices for the few basic goods available, and has forced residents to find innovative ways to cope.

"We've been forced back into the Stone Age," says Khaled Kurdiyah, who lives in Aleppo's eastern district of Karam Al-Jabal. Kurdiyah is the mastermind behind "the can"—a metal container outfitted with a fan to create a highly controlled wood fire that acts as a substitute for a gas stove. "I punched a hole in a used ghee can that we were going to throw away and fixed a fan on it," he explains to AFP. The pudgy 25-year-old breaks up a few pieces of wood and tosses them into the dented container, lighting a fire and crowning it with a teapot. "This way, we can direct the flames from the wood in a certain direction to create an even bigger fire while rationing our firewood," he says.

Peddalling power

Like many basic goods, gasoline and diesel are increasingly precious in Aleppo's east, where state-run electricity is mostly cut. Some residents have developed a system to melt scraps of plastic into fuel, which is then used to run electricity generators. But the process can produce unexpected explosions and be deadly. So Abu Rahmo has developed a cleaner form of energy, using the pedalling power of residents. In his workshop in the Ansari neighborhood, the 48-year-old mechanic welds a dynamo—the small generator used to charge car batteries—onto the back of an old bicycle.

"We have neither electricity nor generators... So I take the dynamos out of cars and fix them onto bicycles to charge car batteries," he says. The batteries can then be used to turn on lights, charge phones, and "even power washing machines," Abu Rahmo says. The balding Aleppo resident sells one bicycle every few days at a price of about 10,000 Syrian pounds (\$20). Once the sale has been confirmed, he carries the contraption to the buyer's house for a demonstration of how it works and any final adjustments. A lanky teenager slips his sandaled feet into the pedals of a recently sold bicycle, pumping until the attached lightbulb flickers on. — AFP



KARLSRUHE: A suspect is being led to the Federal Prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe, Germany yesterday. — AP

ISLAMIC STATE SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN GERMANY

BERLIN: German authorities arrested five men yesterday on allegations they aided the Islamic State group in Germany by recruiting members and providing financial and logistical help. The federal prosecutor's office said in a statement that the men were arrested on suspicion of supporting a terrorist organization.

The arrests were made in a series of raids in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia and the northern state of Lower Saxony. The country's justice minister, Heiko Maas, called the arrests "an important blow to the extremist scene in Germany. Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said it was critical to prevent people from becoming "so radicalized that they are in danger of becoming terrorists."

"We don't want terrorism to take place in Germany," he said. "We don't want terrorism to be exported from Germany." One of the raids was in the Lower Saxony city of Hildesheim, which is a known center for ultraconservative Muslims known as Salafists and where a mosque was raided during the summer. The prosecutor's office, which handles all terrorism cases, said the suspects weren't known to have links to IS suspect Jaber Alabakr, who killed himself in prison in October two days after being arrested on suspicion of plotting to attack a Berlin

airport with homemade explosives.

The five men are suspected of recruiting young Muslims in Germany, and raising funds to send them to Syria to join IS, prosecutors said. They're also accused of providing logistical support for the trips. One of the suspects, a 32-year-old Iraqi citizen identified as Ahmad Abdulaziz Abdullah A, who also goes by the alias of Abu Walaa, is accused of being the ring-leader of the group. He openly supported the IS group, attended several extremist events as a speaker and approved the departure of those willing to go to Syria, prosecutors said.

His last name wasn't provided in line with German privacy laws. Two other suspects, identified as 50-year-old Turkish citizen Hasan C and 36-year-old German-Serbian citizen Boban S, were in charge of teaching Arabic and "radical Islamic content" to recruits. The other two suspects, 27-year-old German citizen Mahmoud O. and a 26-year-old from Cameroon, identified as Ahmed F.Y., helped with the logistics of organizing the recruits' departure to Syria. "The network verifiably trafficked one young man and his family to the 'IS' in Syria," the statement says. The accused will be brought before a judge today, the prosecutor's office said. — AP

CHINA INTERVENTION ROILS WATERS FOR HK TOP JUDGE

HONG KONG: Hong Kong Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma, a bald, thickset lawyer with a Churchillian air, is in the eye of a storm after Beijing's politically charged intervention in the city's legal system, and those close to him say he is not a man to bend his principles. Ma, a passionate cricket lover who studied in the UK and was first called to the English bar, is prevented by convention from publicly commenting on politics, but Hong Kong's Bar Association has condemned China's move on Monday to effectively bar two independence-leaning lawmakers from taking their seats in the city's legislature. Hundreds of lawyers are planning a silent march.

In private, Ma is aware of the concerns of senior judges about the risks of the city's fledgling independence movement and of Beijing's determination to thwart it, sources close to them say. "He is a judge who has an almost religious faith in the rule of law and all that springs from it," said a source familiar with Ma. "Suddenly the Hong Kong system has been undercut from above." Ma leads an independent judiciary that operates under common law, originally based on the case law of England, but is ultimately accountable to a constitutional document, the Basic Law, which gives Beijing final authority since Britain returned Hong Kong to China in 1997.

The document enshrines Hong Kong's extensive freedoms, the rights of its lawmakers and codifies the city's relationship with Beijing. China's parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), acted under the Basic Law when it made its ruling concerning the two young lawmakers after they mocked China during an abortive oath-taking ceremony last month. While the NPC has invoked its right to interpret the Basic Law four times in the past, this was the first time it has acted to pre-empt an ongoing court case, which is considering the position of the lawmakers.

As chief of Hong Kong's pre-eminent Court of Final Appeal, Ma, 60, sits at the top of the legal system, which some lawyers and politicians feel is under threat from China's intervention. Ma's court could eventually be called on if the case against the young pair is appealed. Legal experts say judges are constitutionally obliged to take account of Monday's ruling from Beijing, though removing a recalcitrant judge, particularly the Chief Justice, would be a complex affair, requiring a panel of five judges appointed by Hong Kong's chief executive.

Rising pressure

Ma and the judiciary did not respond to questions from Reuters, filed through Hong Kong's Department of Justice, but his previous speeches have pointed to a determination to defend Hong Kong's judicial independence. In June, he told a legal ceremony that spoke of rising pressures on the judiciary. "Hong Kong's courts now face more than at any other time in their history challenges which sometimes assume significant political and social dimensions," he said, stressing that judges would remain principled in applying the law. — Reuters



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PRINCE HARRY HITS OUT AT MEDIA 'HARASSMENT' OF NEW GIRLFRIEND

HARRY SAYS PRESS HAVE CROSSED A LINE

LONDON: Britain's Prince Harry issued a rare statement yesterday criticizing the media for intruding into the private life of his American girlfriend, actress Meghan Markle, saying the press had subjected her to "a wave of abuse and harassment". British newspapers have been running daily stories about Markle since it emerged at the end of October that the 35-year-old actress had been "secretly" dating the prince, 32, the grandson of Queen Elizabeth, for several months.

Harry and his elder brother Prince William, the second in line to the throne, have had a strained relationship with the press ever since their mother, Princess Diana, was killed in a car crash in Paris in 1997 while being chased by paparazzi on motorbikes. However, the statement from his communications secretary, which officially confirmed Harry and Markle's relationship for the first time, contained an unusually strong condemnation of the press.

"He has rarely taken formal action on the very regular publication of fictional stories that are written about him and he has worked hard to develop a professional relationship with the media," the statement said. "But the past week has seen a line crossed. His girlfriend, Meghan Markle, has been subject to a wave of abuse

and harassment. "Some of this has been very public - the smear on the front page of a national newspaper; the racial undertones of comment pieces; and the outright sexism and racism of social media trolls and web article comments." Divorcee Markle is a native of Los Angeles who stars in the legal drama "Suits". Her father is white and her mother African-American.

Bribes

The statement said royal aides had fought nightly legal battles to keep defamatory stories from appearing in papers. It also included a litany of alleged offences by reporters. Markle's mother had been forced to struggle past media camped outside her front door, it said, and reporters and photographers had tried to gain illegal entry to the mother's home. In addition, Markle's ex-boyfriend had been offered substantial bribes, it said, while "nearly every friend, co-worker, and loved one in her life" had been bombarded by the press.

The prince understood he enjoyed a privileged life but was worried about Markle's safety and was "deeply disappointed" he could not protect her, the statement said. Harry, William and William's wife Kate are a staple of the front pages of British newspapers and gossip magazines, which pore over every aspect of their lives. All three had



This combination of file photos shows Meghan Markle and Britain's Prince Harry as he arrives at Lord's cricket ground in London. — AFP

their phones hacked by employees of the now-defunct News of the World tabloid a decade ago. William has also criticized intrusions into Kate's life before they were married and attempts to take unsolicited pictures of his young children, George and Charlotte.

In 2012, the Sun defied the royal family and printed pictures of Harry cavorting naked in Las Vegas. "I think it's fairly obvious how far back (the mistrust of the press) goes. It's when I was very small,"

Harry said in an interview in 2013. In the latest statement, he said he hoped "fair-minded" people would understand why he had now spoken out. "It is not right that a few months into a relationship with him that Ms Markle should be subjected to such a storm," the statement said. "He knows commentators will say this is 'the price she has to pay' and that 'this is all part of the game'. He strongly disagrees. This is not a game - it is her life and his." — Reuters

CHILD MARRIAGE THREATENS FUTURE OF YOUNG REFUGEES IN CAMEROON

GADO-BADZERE: A lone, hungry and traumatized having watched her parents die in war-torn Central African Republic, 14-year-old Kouloumou believed the worst was behind her when she was taken in by a family in Cameroon after fleeing across the border last year. The young refugee was warmly welcomed by the family in the village of Tongo Gandima. But their hospitality came at a price. "They had a man for me to marry," Kouloumou told the Thomson Reuters Foundation, cradling her four-month-old baby, Hamadou.

"I was not happy but the family took me in ... what choice did I have?" she said, adding that her 18-year-old husband was abusive and violent, and disappeared after having sex with her. Kouloumou is one of 260,000 refugees - half of whom are children - from Central African Republic living in eastern Cameroon, a region with a population of around one million. Around six in 10 of these refugees have crossed the border since conflict erupted in 2013, when mainly Muslim Seleka rebels seized power, triggering revenge attacks by Christian militias.

Violence has lessened since a February election touted as a step toward reconciliation - France ended its peacekeeping mission in its former colony last week - but outbreaks of fighting are frequent, leaving most refugees afraid to go home. This influx has strained aid agencies and communities across eastern Cameroon, where more than 90,000 child refugees are out of school, and prey to violence, sexual abuse and early marriage, according to the UN children's agency (UNICEF).

While refugee camps provide free education, most of the refugees - two-thirds - live in villages where they struggle to afford enrolment fees of

up to 2,000 CFA francs (\$3). Many end up sending their sons to work and forcing their daughters to marry. Dwindling humanitarian funding for Cameroon, and the prospect of huge waves of arrivals if Central African Republic plunges back into full-blown conflict, are stoking fears among aid agencies for the future of the country's young refugees. "This is a forgotten crisis, one that is weighing heaviest on the shoulders of young girls," said Felicie Tchibindat, UNICEF's representative for Cameroon. "Protecting them from early marriage, and broken lives full of misery, is a priority."

Girls cast aside

In a public school in the lush, leafy yet impoverished Gado village, a class of teenage refugees from nearby Gado-Badzere camp shouted and laughed as they discussed early marriage. "My family wanted me to marry at 14, but I said: 'No, I'm getting an education'," yelled one 15-year-old girl, before grinning at the applause and cheers of the mostly male class. But many young girls in eastern Cameroon, a region where around half of girls under 18 are married, are not so fortunate. In another school in nearby Abo Boutila, headmistress Sylvie Ndoume sighed as she handed over a register showing only one female student over the age of 14.

"Once girls reach 13 or 14, the parents cast them aside and throw them in the dustbin - that's it," Ndoume said. "For some girls, they might be in school, but in their mind, they are just waiting to be taken out and married." Many of the refugees are from herding or farming communities and do not value education for their children, aid agencies say. Only around

one in eight child refugees in eastern Cameroon have been to school in Central African Republic, according to UNICEF.

In Gado-Badzere - the biggest of the seven camps in eastern Cameroon with 24,000 refugees - 13-year-old Aissatou turned away as she recalled her family's attitude to school back home. "My parents didn't want me to go ... I was meant to be married," she said shyly, covering her face with her shawl. "But now they see that education is important, and don't insist that I get married anymore," added Aissatou, relaxing as she spoke of having learnt to read, write and count in the camp.

No money means marriage

The rural region faces a shortage of state teachers, with many preferring to work in cities and a recent government freeze on the recruitment of public sector workers, UNICEF said. Local parent associations are paying to hire teachers to fill the gap and to alleviate the pressure on those who often have to deal with more than 100 children in crowded classrooms. But some of the costs are being passed onto parents, and for refugees with very little or no money, a few hundred francs can mean choosing between feeding their children or schooling them. Mother-of-ten Salamatou Victorine, who lives in Abo Boutila, said although she had married off three of her six girls - aged between 13 and 17 - she hoped that the others - aged 6, 8, and 12 - would be able to stay in school and avoid early marriage. "But if our money dries up as a family, I will instantly take them out and marry them," she said. "It is a question of means, I will have no other choice if we are going to get by." — Reuters

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US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



KANSAS: Voters wait in line to cast their ballots yesterday in Kansas City, Missouri. — AFP

FROM BROADWAY TO OUTER SPACE: ELECTION SNIPPETS

WASHINGTON: Broadway readies for a night of (offstage) drama, an early vote is cast in space, and Donald Trump takes a ribbing from the man he hopes to succeed. Here are some snippets from the White House race on Monday, the final day of the months-long showdown between Republican Trump and his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton:

Lights out on Broadway

Much of Broadway will be taking the night off on Tuesday, and with good reason: what is the sense in competing with the biggest spectacle on Earth? Big-name Broadway shows with no scheduled performances on Election Day include "Wicked," "Kinky Boots," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Beautiful," "Cats," "Chicago," Cirque du Soleil's "Paramour" and "The Color Purple." The lights will also be out at the Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall. After all,

the 2016 White House race could hardly have delivered more drama, and hundreds of millions around the world will be watching with bated breath to see which path the country chooses in a photo-finish contest.

Twitter hold-up

More than once, Barack Obama has been the target of a Donald Trump tweetstorm. Not any more: Team Trump has reportedly wrested away the unruly candidate's Twitter account as part of a frantic effort to keep him on message as the race goes down to the wire-raising amused eyebrows in the opposite camp. "Think about this: over the weekend, his campaign took away his Twitter account," the US president taunted as he stumped for Clinton in Michigan. "Now, if your closest advisors don't trust you to tweet-then how can we trust him with the nuclear codes?"

While the change of Twitter strategy-reported by The New York Times-is not official, there is no mistaking the shift in tone of the account. Gone are the unfiltered tirades berating his opponent, a former Miss Universe, or a system "rigged" against him. Instead, since late last week, @realDonaldTrump has been tweeting polished, well-targeted messages, with links to campaign posts on Facebook. One of his only outbursts of recent days did target Obama: "Why is he campaigning instead of creating jobs & fixing Obamacare? Get back to work for the American people!" According to The New York Times, the tweet in question was posted after making it past Trump's campaign staff-after a light edit.

Out of this world

In an election that's already been out of this world, the

lone American astronaut in outer space has cast his vote, NASA said Monday. Shane Kimbrough became the latest astronaut to join in a long tradition of voting while floating high above the Earth, inside the orbiting International Space Station. US astronauts have been able to vote from space since 1997, under Texas law. Most live in the Houston area, home to NASA's Mission Control and the Johnson Space Center. Since astronauts can get emails in space, an electronic ballot generated by the Galveston County Clerk's office was emailed to Kimbrough's secure account at NASA's Johnson Space Center. Mission Control then transferred the email to the space station, so Kimbrough could make his choice some 250 miles above the Earth, before sending it back to Texas via secure email. There was no word from NASA or Kimbrough on which candidate he picked for president. — AFP

FLOATING VOTER: 'PSYCHIC' INDIAN FISH PICKS TRUMP

CHENNAI: A "psychic" fish in India yesterday picked Donald Trump as the next president of the United States, hours before Americans head to the polls. Chanakya II, a flower-horn cichlid fish, was given three chances to pick between two floating sticks bearing a photo of Republican Trump or his Democratic challenger Hillary Clinton.

The creature, which has a bulbous forehead that resembles the extravagant coiffure of the real estate mogul, swam towards Trump all three times. Chanakya II's first official prediction sees him join the swelling menagerie of soothsaying animals. His predecessor, Chanakya I, was famous for accurately forecasting winners in football and

cricket matches, his owners at the Chennai-based NGO Indian Community Welfare Organization said.

There have been numerous "psychic" animals since Germany's football oracle, Paul the Octopus, successfully tipped the winner of eight-straight matches during the 2010 World Cup. All eyes are on the US presidential election as a divisive 511-day campaign comes to an end with either the country's first female president or a populist property tycoon poised to enter the White House. More than 40 million Americans have already cast ballots in states that allow early voting, with opinion polls suggesting Clinton has a slim edge. — AFP



CHENNAI: Indian organizers watch as fish named Chanakya swims to a portrait of US presidential candidate Donald Trump, (left), floating alongside a portrait of US presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in a fish tank, during an event in Chennai yesterday.



OAKMONT 8: Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton cookies are on sale at the Oakmont Bakery in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. — AFP

NEW HAMPSHIRE HAMLET CASTS THE FIRST US VOTES

DIXVILLE NOTCH: The US presidential election got under way-on a small scale-with the seven voters of a tiny New Hampshire village who cast the nation's first ballots at the stroke of midnight. Dixville Notch has had the honor of launching the voting, symbolically, since 1960. Clay Smith was the first of the seven residents, including five men and two women, to vote as the long awaited election day began. An eighth person voted by absentee ballot. The tally was announced in a matter of minutes: the Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton beat out her Republican rival Donald Trump, four to two. Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson won one vote, and there was a write-in vote for Mitt Romney, the Republican who lost to incumbent President Barack Obama in 2012.

Nancy DePalma, a hotel worker voting in the village for the first time, said she backed Clinton. "I believe she's a strong person. She's got the experience. I think she's going to lead our country in the right direction," DePalma said. She said she had voted for Bernie Sanders, the progressive

senator from neighboring Vermont, in the Democratic primaries. Another voter, Peter Johnson, who has cast his ballot here since 1982, said there is a populist movement spreading around the world and that no matter who wins the election, Trump "has done well for this country."

New Hampshire may be one of the smallest US states but Clinton and Trump worked until the last minute to woo voters here. Clinton held a rally in New Hampshire on Sunday, and Trump did so on Monday. They are neck and neck in New Hampshire as they battle for its four electoral votes. Another of the midnight voters, Ross Vandeursen, said the presidential campaign had been tense and sensationalized. "I'm not very proud of the state of the campaign we've run," he said. Leslie Otten, a hotel owner, said the vast majority of people in America were not satisfied with Clinton or Trump. "That is unfortunate. But we'll have to vote," she said. Two other hamlets in New Hampshire also voted at midnight. Voting begins in earnest at 6:00 am in several states on the East Coast. — AFP

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TRUMP?

WASHINGTON: In a campaign for president packed with moments to remember, and more than a few decisions to forget, there are some that will resonate for Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump on Election Day. Here's a look at five key points in Trump's race for the White House that offer clues about what will happen as the campaign comes to its conclusion.

Immigration

The Republican National Committee's "autopsy" of Mitt Romney's 2012 loss urged that the GOP reach out to minority voters, in part by passing immigration reform. Trump had other ideas. In the first moments of his candidacy, Trump said that Mexican immigrants were "bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists, and some, I assume, are good people." He pledged to build a southern border wall, putting a hard-line immigration policy at the very heart of his campaign.

The decision electrified a swath of the Republican base, many of whom felt immigrants had taken their jobs and threatened their position in society, and led to "Build the wall!" chants becoming a staple of his signature rallies. But while the plan helped separate Trump from the crowded Republican primary field, Democrats used it as means to mobilize Latino voters, and early voter turnout among Hispanics surged in battleground states like Nevada and Florida.

Populist message

A billionaire who lives in the penthouse of a Manhattan skyscraper that bears his name is an improbable choice to be a champion of the working-class. But Trump settled on a populist rhetoric, denouncing trade deals that he says have particularly hurt Rust Belt workers and tailoring his message to white-working class voters. That pitch has allowed Trump to play in traditionally Democratic strongholds in the Midwest; most polls have him close in Michigan, Ohio, Iowa and Pennsylvania. And, win or lose, it threatens to reshape his adopted party, potentially splintering the Republican's working class base from the GOP establishment.

Unconventional campaigning

During the Republican primaries, Trump boasted that he was self-funding his lean campaign operation. While that was not entirely true, it foreshadowed Trump's decision to run a small, unorthodox campaign that frequently pitted advisers against each other and he went through three campaign managers. He eventually reluctantly embraced fundraising, and while he proved skillful at collecting small donations, he was left far behind Clinton's financial behemoth. Moreover, the campaign's decision to largely outsource its voter outreach efforts to the Republican National Committee, which is not as robust as the joint Clinton-Democrats operation, could leave him at a disadvantage in turning out supporters to the polls. — AP



OHIO: A woman holds her voting sticker in her hand after casting her ballot at the Leetonia American Legion Post 131 obn in Leetonia. — AFP



NEW YORK: Election worker Rozina Akter talks with a voter in the Boro Park neighborhood in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Akter, a Muslim, is originally from Bangladesh. — AP

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR HILLARY?

DES MOINES: In a campaign for president packed with moments to remember, and more than a few decisions to forget, there are some that will resonate for Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump on Election Day. Here's a look at five key points in Clinton's race that offer clues about what will happen as the campaign ends.

Early vote value

It was late on the night of the kick-off Iowa caucuses when Clinton took the stage before supporters in Des Moines and said: "I stand here tonight, breathing a big sigh of relief." Relief, indeed. Faced with a late surge in momentum for Vermont Sen Bernie Sanders in a state that has never fully warmed to her, Clinton barely eked out a win in the leadoff event of the 2016 campaign. She beat Sanders by less than three-tenths of 1 percent. While the close finish gave supporters the jitters, it did not upend the race - which a loss to Sanders would have.

How did she do it?

Clinton invested heavily in a formidable voter targeting and get-out-the-vote effort in Iowa. She spent millions to create a similarly robust voter turnout operation nationwide, with a focus on the country's battleground states. She and her team were

unquestionably confident in the race's final days, and that turnout machine is perhaps the biggest reason why.

African-American turnout

It took Clinton until June to officially wrap up the Democratic primary against a surprisingly robust challenge from Sanders. But the contest was effectively decided on Super Tuesday when African-American voters gave Clinton a huge advantage. In seven of the Southern states voting that day, Clinton got more than 8 in 10 black votes. Early voting figures ahead of Election Day show black voters are not turning out at the same levels as in 2012, when they helped deliver President Barack Obama a second term. Campaigning for Clinton, Obama appealed directly to African Americans, arguing she would continue his agenda while Trump would overturn it. Speaking to voters in North Carolina recently, Obama did not temper his anxiety: "The fate of the Republic rests on your shoulders."

Latino vote

It was a tender moment for Clinton. At a meeting with Latino activists in Las Vegas in February, a young girl told her about her fears her parents would be deported. Hugging the child, Clinton said: "Let me do the worrying." — AP

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GIANT SINKHOLE SWALLOWS PART OF JAPAN STREET

TOKYO: A giant sinkhole appeared in the middle of a busy Japanese city yesterday, swallowing part of a five-lane street near the main railway station. The gaping hole, around 30 meters (98 feet) wide, exposed support columns of nearby buildings at a traffic intersection in the southern city of Fukuoka, prompting fears of further collapses.

TV footage showed two separate holes steadily expanding as they sucked in asphalt and soil in front of the city's Hakata Station, sometime after 5am (2000 GMT Monday). "It was a bit dark outside, and my first impression was, 'Is the road really falling?'" a young man who saw the

sinkhole develop told public broadcaster NHK. "When I saw it, two holes were already there, and they continued to grow bigger.

"I got scared the most when a traffic light fell at an intersection close to where I was standing. I felt, 'I have to get out of here,'" he told NHK. The hole continued to expand and by afternoon was around 15 meters deep, and filling with water from broken pipes. Police, who had cordoned off the area and evacuated buildings, said there had been no reports of any injuries. Fukuoka's mayor and transport bureau said the ongoing extension to a nearby subway line might have triggered the

sinkhole. Construction had to stop early morning when workers saw ground water washing into the site, shortly before the road began to cave in, according to local media. Fukuoka Mayor Soichiro Takashima told a press conference the city was scrambling to prevent further damage.

"We believe the subway construction had some impact," he said. "A thorough investigation will be carried out," he added. Fukuoka is the biggest city on the southernmost main Japanese island of Kyushu. Its railway station is a major intersection, including for the superfast bullet trains that criss-cross the country.—AFP



FUKUOKA: A giant sinkhole is seen in a five-lane urban boulevard, exposing support columns of nearby buildings at a traffic intersection in Fukuoka, southwestern Japan yesterday. —AFP

BRITISH BANKER JAILED FOR LIFE FOR 'SICKENING' HONG KONG MURDERS

JUTTING DESCRIBED AS 'ARCHETYPAL SEXUAL PREDATOR'

HONG KONG: A British banker was jailed for life yesterday for the "sickening" murders of two Indonesian women he tortured in his Hong Kong apartment in what the judge said was one of the most horrifying cases the Chinese-ruled territory has known. Rurik Jutting, 31, a former Bank of America employee, had denied murdering Sumarti Ningsih, 23, and Seneng Mujiasih, 26, in 2014 on the grounds of diminished responsibility due to alcohol and drug abuse and sexual disorders.

He had pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter in a case that gripped world media due to graphic video footage seen by the jury and the brutality of the killings. The jury unanimously found Jutting guilty of murder and he was sentenced to life in prison. His lawyers have said he will apply to serve his sentence in Britain, the former colonial power in Hong Kong, where prisoners can in some cases apply for parole after a fixed number of years.

Judge Michael Stuart-Moore agreed for an application to be filed, but said he would inform the authorities in Britain exactly what they would be dealing with and urged caution against falling for Jutting's "superficial charm". Cambridge-educated Jutting, wearing a blue shirt, looked down and showed no emotion when the verdict was read out in an open courtroom, packed with international and local journalists. It took the jury, made up of four women and five men, around six hours, including a lunch break, to reach its decision.

In closing remarks, the judge described Jutting as the "archetypal sexual predator" who represented an extreme danger to women, especially in the sex trade. He cautioned that the possibility of a repeat crime would have been very likely. The murders were even more damning because Jutting had been given every possible material advantage in life from a very privileged upbringing to a great career and immense pay cheque, the judge said. "They are sickening in the extreme and beyond a normal person's imagination... There are insufficient superlatives to describe what he did." Ningsih's 61-year-old father, Ahmad Kaliman, said he thought the verdict was appropriate. "I want to say thank you to Hong Kong's legal system for what they've



HONG KONG: Migrant workers alliance group hold placards to protest the killings of two Indonesian women outside the High Court in Hong Kong yesterday. — AP

done," he told Reuters TV calmly in his village in central Java. "I hope we can get compensation to support (Ningsih's son)." Ningsih leaves a seven-year-old son. In a statement read out by Jutting's lawyer, Tim Owen, Jutting said he was haunted daily by what he had done. "The evil can never be remedied by me, nevertheless... I am so sorry. I am sorry beyond words," Owen said, citing Jutting.

Jutting, the grandson of a British policeman in Hong Kong and a local Chinese woman, had argued cocaine and

alcohol disorders as well as personality disorders of sexual sadism and narcissism had impaired his ability to control his behavior. The prosecution rejected this, stating Jutting was able to form judgments and exercise self-control before and after the killings, filming his torture of Ningsih on his iPhone as well hours of footage in which he discussed the murders, binging on cocaine and his graphic sexual fantasies. Jutting exhaled deeply as he walked out of the courtroom, flanked by three police guards.—Reuters

News

in brief

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson dies at 87

AHMEDABAD: Mahatma Gandhi's grandson Kanu Gandhi died at the age of 87 late Monday, two weeks after being admitted to hospital in western Gujarat state following a stroke. One of several grandchildren of India's famous independence leader, Kanu was a scientist for NASA but spent the final months of his life living in an ashram in Surat, Gujarat. "Kanu kaka had suffered from (a) stroke and had been in hospital since October 26. Since (the) last couple of days he was on ventilator support," Parimal Desai from the ashram said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted his condolences, saying he was "pained by the demise of Kanubhai Gandhi". Kanu was born in 1928 to Ramdas Gandhi, Gandhi's third son, and was 17 years old when his grandfather was assassinated in Delhi. He appeared in a famous 1937 photograph of Gandhi, showing a then nine-year-old Kanu running ahead of his grandfather, holding his walking stick.

Snake on a plane a first-class surprise

MEXICO CITY: First class passengers on a recent Aeromexico flight were confronted by a slithering stow-away, in a jaw-dropping scene reminiscent of the tongue-in-cheek action film "Snakes in a Plane." A university rector from Torreon posted video on Twitter of the unwelcome passenger snaking its way out of an overhead bin and dropping into the cabin. "The flying viper, HA HA HA," he joked. The mile-high stir was enough for air traffic authorities to give the jet a domestic flight from Torreon to Mexico City—a priority landing. Animal expert Juan Carlos Gomez Juarez said it was clear from the video that the passengers were not dealing with a poisonous species. Nobody was hurt but a few passengers were upset. "It is just really common for people to panic when they see snakes," said Gomez Juarez. Aeromexico said it was investigating how the snake wound up on the jet.



MANAGUA: Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega and his wife, vice presidential candidate Rosario Murillo show their marked thumbs after voting at a polling station. — AP

Nicaragua's Ortega wins third term, with his wife

MANAGUA: Nicaragua's leftist President Daniel Ortega has won a third straight term, with his colorful wife Rosario Murillo as vice president, results showed Monday, but the opposition and the United States condemned the election. With 99.8 percent of ballots counted, the 70-year-old former Marxist rebel had 72.5 percent of the vote, the country's Supreme Electoral Council said. His nearest competitor, Maximino Rodriguez of the right-leaning Liberal Constitutional Party, had just 15 percent. Ortega, who has ruled Nicaragua for 20 of the past 37 years, has been accused of using the courts to limit the power of the opposition. His opponents branded the election a "farce"—a criticism echoed by the United States, which said the "flawed" process had made free and fair polls impossible. "The Nicaraguan government sidelined opposition candidates for president, limited domestic observation at the polls... and took other actions to deny democratic space," State Department deputy spokesman Mark Toner said in a statement.

Investigators name plotter of Paris and Brussels attacks

PARIS: French investigators have identified a Syria-based extremist of dual Belgian and Moroccan nationality who is thought to have plotted the attacks in Paris and Brussels, sources close to the case said yesterday. Oussama Atar, a 32-year-old believed to be a member of the Islamic State group, was already a suspect in the March 22 attacks on Brussels but has now been linked to the November 13 atrocities in Paris last year. "He's the only coordinator from Syria to have been identified during the investigations," one of the sources said. French investigators have long suspected that the Paris attacks, in which teams of jihadists killed 130 people, were coordinated by one or several people from Syria, but have never named anyone before. Atar, believed to go by the pseudonym Abou Ahmad, is a cousin of the El Bakraoui brothers who blew themselves up in the Brussels airport and metro attacks.

Five soldiers killed, four missing in Niger attack

NIAMEY: Five soldiers were killed and four were missing following an attack in southwest Niger close to the border with Mali yesterday, a security source said. "This terrorist attack against the area of Banibanguou killed five soldiers, injured three and four others were reported missing," said the source, who requested anonymity. Niger's long, porous borders make it vulnerable to the armed violence plaguing its neighbors. A Niger official also confirmed the attack which happened around 4:00 am. Twenty-two of Niger's soldiers were killed last month when armed men who had travelled from Mali launched an attack on a refugee camp in the western Niger town of Tazalit.



MANILA: Activists, including victims of martial law, march towards the Supreme Court in Manila yesterday. — AFP

PHILIPPINES' DICTATOR MARCOS 'CAN BE GIVEN A HERO'S BURIAL'

MANILA: Ex-Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos can be given a hero's burial, the Supreme Court decided yesterday in a hugely controversial ruling which critics said would whitewash his crimes and divide the nation. The justices overwhelmingly endorsed President Rodrigo Duterte's decision to allow the burial at the "Cemetery of Heroes" in Manila, three decades after a famous "People Power" revolt forced Marcos into US exile and restored democracy.

"There is no law that prohibits the burial," court spokesman Theodore Te said as he read a summary of the judgment. Hundreds of Marcos supporters outside the Supreme Court cheered. But opponents who had petitioned the court to reject the plan staged a rally nearby and voiced deep anger. "It's really sad because the decision makes liars out of human rights victims," Neri Colmenares, who as a student leader was tortured by Marcos' security forces during martial law said outside the court.

"If the torturer is a hero, what does that make of the victims? What does that make of the millions who overthrew a dictator? It is a horrible and tragic ending to one of the most tragic chapters of our history. History was altered today," Marcos ruled the Philippines for two decades until key military figures turned on him and

millions took to the streets in the "People Power" uprising, a largely peaceful event that inspired democracy movements throughout Asia and around the world.

Marcos, his famously flamboyant wife Imelda, and their cronies plundered up to \$10 billion from state coffers during his rule, according to government investigators and historians. The dictator also oversaw widespread human rights abuses to maintain his control of the country and enable his plundering, with thousands of people killed and tortured, previous Philippine governments said. Anti-corruption watchdog Transparency International in 2004 named Marcos the second most corrupt leader of all time, behind Indonesian dictator Suharto. The Philippines' foreign debt went from \$2.67 billion in 1972, when Marcos declared martial law, to \$28.2 billion in 1986, according to the World Bank.

Comeback

After Marcos died in Hawaii in 1989, his family began a successful political comeback and tried repeatedly to have him buried at the heroes' cemetery, where other presidents and celebrated military figures are interred. Imelda became a congresswoman and fended off all corruption charges against her. Two of her chil-

dren established themselves as influential politicians. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr, was the more successful, becoming a senator before almost winning the vice presidency this year.

However previous presidents had refused to allow the burial in the heroes' cemetery because of Marcos's crimes, so the family kept the preserved body in a glass casket at his home in the northern province of Ilocos Norte. The family's fortunes changed with the election of Duterte, a longtime ally of the Marcos family, as president in May this year. He said Marcos deserved to be buried at the heroes' cemetery based on the fact he had been a president and a veteran of World War II.

Duterte also said he owed loyalty to the family because his father served in the Marcos government and the family had helped fund his election campaign. Immediately celebrating the verdict, Bongbong Marcos said the nation of 100 million people would now be able to put past controversies behind it. "It is in our belief a very important step for the healing process in the political arena of our country," Marcos told CNN Philippines. "I think this will be the beginning of bringing the country together and uniting the country." — AFP

WEAKENED SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT TAKES ANOTHER HIT

SEOUL: South Korean President Park Geun-Hye yesterday agreed to dump her nominee for prime minister and cede control of some state affairs in a major climbdown forced by a corruption scandal battering her administration. The same scandal saw prosecutors carry out a morning swoop on the offices of South Korea's largest conglomerate Samsung Electronics, looking for incriminating documents.

In a significant political concession, Park told the speaker of the National Assembly she would accept a prime minister chosen by the opposition-controlled legislature "and let him control the cabinet". The premiership is normally a largely symbolic post in South Korea, where power is firmly concentrated on the executive. It was a double surrender by Park—effectively jettisoning her own choice for prime minister and relinquishing some of her extensive powers to whoever parliament puts forward. Her climbdown underlined just how weakened she has been by the scandal involving a close personal friend, Choi Soon-Sil, who has been arrested on charges of fraud and abuse of power. The charges relate to allegations that Choi leveraged her personal relationship with Park to coerce donations from large companies like Samsung to non-profit foundations which she set up and used for personal gain. She is also accused of interfering in government affairs, including the nomination of senior officials.

Lurid reports of the unhealthy influence Choi wielded over Park have sent the president's approval ratings plunging to record lows and triggered mass street protests calling on her to resign. In a bid to restore public trust, Park reshuffled her advisers and senior cabinet members, and nominated a liberal candidate for prime minister from outside her conservative Saenuri Party. But opposition parties had vowed to block her nominee on the grounds they were not properly consulted.

'Crisis of state'

During their meeting, parliament speaker Chung Sye-Kyun told Park her biggest priority should be to alleviate widespread public concern and anxiety. "The president's crisis is the crisis of state affairs and the crisis of the nation," Chung said, according to an official transcript. "If the National Assembly recommends a nominee, you must appoint him and grant him authority and ensure there will be no disputes in the future about his authority," he added. Park has just over a year of her single five-year term left to serve, and there are concerns the scandal will paralyse government at a time of slowing economic growth, rising unemployment and elevated military tensions with North Korea. Opposition parties have suggested Park should take a back seat in state affairs for the remainder of her term and leave the daily running of the country to a bipartisan cabinet. A spokesman for the main opposition Democratic Party said Park's concession yesterday was too "ambiguous" and urged her to confirm that the new prime minister would be allowed to function without interference. Lee Nae-Young, a political science professor at Korea University, said conceding to parliament was a "last-ditch effort" to prevent the crisis spiraling out of control. "It's still not exactly clear to what extent she will end up devolving some of her powers, and that is going to take some consultations with the political parties," Lee said.

"The real problem is that a lot of people feel she has lost her moral authority to rule as president." The widening scope of a formal investigation into Choi Soon-Sil saw prosecutors raid the offices of Samsung Electronics in Seoul earlier yesterday. Media reports have suggested the company may have funneled as much as 2.8 million euros (\$3.1 million) to a company Choi set up in Germany to bankroll her daughter's equestrian training. — AFP

COURT DISBARS DASHTI AGAIN

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total of 31 years and six months in jail by the lower court for insulting Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. The cases are still in court. The appeals court will also issue its ruling regarding 13 other candidates who were also barred by the election authorities to run in the polls for a variety of reasons. The court is scheduled to issue its rulings on Sunday.

In other election news, the public prosecution yesterday ordered the detention of four people including two women pending investigation in

an alleged case of vote buying for a candidate in the fourth constituency. The suspects were arrested in a raid by police two days ago. They include a lawyer, who is the brother of the candidate.

Kuwait has a long history - with recorded cases - of vote buying. In the 2013 elections, more than 50 people were arrested for organizing vote buying operations. Votes can go for anywhere between KD 500 to KD 2,000, depending on the district and the candidate. Typically, voters are required to swear on the Holy Quran that they will vote for the candidate as a promise. In a now

infamous case, one candidate offered women voters designer handbags with KD 1,000 inside in the run-up to the 2006 polls.

Meanwhile, six more candidates withdrew from the race yesterday, bringing the number of hopefuls down to 379, who do not include the 47 candidates barred by election authorities, some of whom are waiting for court rulings. Former MP Talal Al-Jallal, who is bidding for re-election, yesterday categorically denied that police raided his residence in connection with "illegal activities", as was published on social media. Jallal described the news as "baseless

rumors and lies". Separately, Islamist former MPs Waleed Al-Tabtabaei and Ali Al-Khamees strongly lashed out at Iran and what they described as their agents in the country. Tabtabaei condemned the pro-Iran and Hezbollah cell that was busted in Kuwait over a year ago, saying that the job of the 25 people who were arrested was to hide weapons and asked about the people who were going to use them.

He said when Islamic State militants smuggled two explosive belts into Kuwait, "we know that two people were going to use it, but if a group smuggles thousands of rifles,

then we know that thousands of people will be using them".

The former lawmaker said authorities should search for those who were supposed to have used the 250 sniper rifles, 3,200 rifles and guns, 19,000 bullets, 59 RPGs and 144 kg of explosives which were caught with the cell members. He claimed that these weapons are sufficient to arm 3,000 people. Khamees said at an election rally Monday night that there are quarters that do not want to see him get re-elected because there are pro-Iran people in the Assembly who found that "my policies contradict theirs".

INDIA SCRAPS 500, 1,000 RUPEE NOTES

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He warned those with hidden stashes of cash that banks would be extra vigilant with CCTV cameras to record identities and all banking transactions. While the use of debit and credit cards has increased in the last decade in India, many small family-owned businesses insist on taking cash to evade tax or else ask for mark-ups to cushion the blow. Most business leaders welcomed yesterday's announcement although there were some concerns about the impact on small traders. "It is perhaps the most significant move ever taken to curtail the parallel economy," said Chanda Kochchar, chief executive of ICICI Bank. "This move will give a sharp boost to all formal channels of payment which in turn will help the formal economy to grow."

Some \$439 billion left the country illicitly from 2003-2012, according to estimates from the Global Financial Integrity group in Washington. Many of India's wealthiest citizens channel money to tax havens and convert it into jewellery and antiques to avoid tax. Domestically, targets for investigation include temples and ashrams, where lavish donations can be a front for money laundering, and cricket betting. The property sector too is awash with black money. Only 2.89 percent of Indians pay any income tax at all, India's previous finance minister told parliament in 2013. The prime minister said that the move was also designed to counter Pakistan-based extremist groups who carry out attacks on India, saying "enemies from across the border" were financing their activities by mass producing counterfeit Indian notes. Finance secretary Das said there had been a disproportionate rise in the number of 500 and 1,000 rupee notes in circulation in the last five years. He revealed that the new 500 rupee note would bear the image of Delhi's iconic Red Fort while the new pink 2,000 rupee note would feature India's "Mangalyaan" Mars orbiter. RBI chief Urjit Patel told reporters the central

bank was ready to get the new notes into circulation swiftly. "The RBI has been concerned with the growing menace of fake Indian currency notes which has been increasing in numbers," he added. While the old bills will no longer be legal tender in shops, hospitals and transport operators will continue to accept them for the next 72 hours. They would also be accepted at gas stations run by public sector oil companies, and at milk booths and crematoriums.

But there was concern among members of the public about changing larger denomination banknotes for new ones once they expired. Around a dozen people lined up to use an ICICI cash deposit machine in suburban Mumbai soon after the announcement, trying to deposit bundles of 500 and 1,000 rupee notes. The machine stopped working after 10 minutes. Only two customers managed to deposit their money, and a security guard informed the rest that the cash dispenser has reached its limit and would not accept any more. Delhi taxi driver Anu Choudhury said his boss called to say he should not accept 500 or 1,000 rupee notes from customers. "This is not a good step for business. The prime minister did not think about people like us."

The head of a state-run bank said it was not fully prepared for the change. "This is news for us also. I'm not aware how much stock we have in our chest. The Reserve Bank will have to provide us with required cash to meet the demand. The demand will be very high no doubt," said the bank chief, who did not want to be named as he was still awaiting details. The head of the country's largest government-owned lender, State Bank of India, said she had just been advised about the government's decision.

"We have handled demonetization earlier and will do so again. Tomorrow banks will remain closed in order to withdraw these notes from counters and ATMs. We will strive to restock ATMs at the earliest and make them operational," said chairwoman Arundhati Bhattacharya. — Agencies

FUTURE AT STAKE AS AMERICA VOTES

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Katie Kope, another first-time voter in Staten Island, New York, was jubilant after casting her ballot for Trump and his promise to reclaim power from a corrupt Washington elite. "I was kind of torn between the two but I don't trust Hillary, so that's what it came down to," said the 19-year-old. An hour's drive north, a crowd of admirers chanted "Madam President" as Clinton and husband Bill voted near their home in Chappaqua. "I'm so happy, I'm just incredibly happy," a beaming Clinton said as she emerged, shaking hands, mingling and chatting with the crowd. "I know how much responsibility goes with this," said the 69-year-old former secretary of state. "So many people are counting on the outcome of this election, what it means for our country, and I'll do the very best I can if I'm fortunate enough to win today."

A few hours later it was Trump who rolled up to his voting station in Manhattan, casting his ballot alongside wife Melania in a school gymnasium. "Right now it's looking very good," he told reporters - paying no heed to the crowd of protesters who welcomed him with chants of "New York hates you!" A polling average by tracker site RealClearPolitics gave Clinton a 3.3-percentage point national lead, but Trump is closer or even has the advantage in several of the swing states that he must conquer to pull off an upset. In must-win Florida, Clinton was already assured of the vote of 74-year-old Leonor Perez, who cast her ballot in the Cuban enclave of Hialeah near Miami. "I voted for Hillary because it's time for a woman to wear the pants in this country," Perez said. Clinton urged the country Monday to unite and vote for "a hopeful, inclusive, big-hearted America".

Trump pressed his message with voters who feel left behind by globalization and social change, wrapping up with a flourish on his protectionist "America first" platform. "Just imagine what our country could accomplish if we started working together as one people, under one God, saluting one American flag," the former reality television star, 70, told cheering supporters in Michigan. In a kick-off midnight vote, the residents of tiny Dixville Notch, New Hampshire cast their traditional first-in-nation ballots with a total of eight votes - Clinton getting four, Trump two, and two votes going to others. No full results or exit polls will be avail-

able before polling stations begin to close on the US East Coast from 7 pm (0000 GMT today), and it may be three or more hours after that before the direction of the race becomes clear.

Even then, questions remain. Trump has repeatedly claimed Democrats and the media are seeking to rig the race and said last month that he may not concede defeat if he thinks voting is unfair. Asked at his voting location whether he would concede if networks call the election for Clinton, Trump said: "We'll see what happens." Clinton has pushed a more optimistic vision, despite a wobble in recent weeks when the FBI reopened an investigation into whether she had put US secrets at risk by using a private email server - only to close the probe again on Sunday.

In a radio interview on the last night of the campaign, she said the matter was behind her, and she courted voters at her final rallies in Philadelphia with President Barack Obama and rocker Bruce Springsteen, and in North Carolina with pop diva Lady Gaga. "Tomorrow, we face the test of our time," she declared in front of 40,000 people in Philadelphia.

"There is a clear choice in this election. A choice between division or unity, an economy that works for everyone, or only for those at the top; between strong, steady leadership, or a loose cannon who could put everything at risk."

Trump meanwhile concluded a last-gasp tour of swing states by painting his rival as a corrupt creature of a discredited elite. Promising to end "years of betrayal", tear up free-trade deals, seal the border and subject Syrian refugees to "extreme vetting", Trump told supporters in New Hampshire: "I am with you and I will fight for you and we will win." Voters are also electing the entire 435-member House of Representatives, and candidates for 34 seats in the 100-member Senate, where Democrats are seeking to snatch control back from Republicans.

Trump's campaign spooked world markets seeking stability after the recent global slowdown. Early yesterday afternoon the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 were each up about 0.6 percent.

Andy McLevey of London stockbroker Interactive Investor said investors were still treading with caution. "Despite polls signalling a Hillary Clinton victory seems likely, it is still too close to call and we may see some jitters as the day progresses," he said. — AFP



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In my view

MESSAGE FROM DHARWAD TO
MOROCCO: CLIMATE CHANGE
SUMMIT - ACT OR PERISH

By Deepak Parvatiyar

As world leaders sit to discuss climate change at the 22nd Conference of the Parties (COP-22) to the United Nations Framework Convention (UNFCCC) on Climate Change in Morocco from Nov 7 to Nov 17, water gets the prominence that it deserves at the summit level for the first time. The hard fact though remains that water could get included as an issue only in COP-21 in Paris last year after a sustained movement by water activists from across the globe. In Paris Agreement, water was included in the middle and now in Morocco there will be a separate dialogue on water which experts feel will have a large impact on our lives.

Euphemistically Paris was among the earliest places where commercialization of water was allowed. And it says it all at a time when campaign for community driven water conservation is gaining ground. At COP 21 in Paris, Parties to the UNFCCC reached a landmark agreement to combat climate change. They charted a new course in the global climate effort and served as a driver for collective global actions. COP 22 in Morocco would be historic in the sense that here water, climate adaptation and community action with agrarian perspectives would be brought to the centre stage of global climate change debate. It is in this light a special mention of the recommendations of the Global Water Meet 2016 at the precincts of University of Agricultural Sciences in Dharwad, India, is important. Scientists, researchers, academics, policy makers, social activists, NGOs and farmers from across 20 countries representing five continents attended the important meet to provide focused recommendation on water and agriculture. The Dharwad Declaration of Climate Change, Water and Agriculture, shows ways and means for execution of Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and emphasizes that climate change negotiations should put people first - that each and every inhabitant of the planet has equal rights to common goods and natural resources. It recommends:

a) A comprehensive review of policy and holistic plan related to water use efficiency, conservation, rejuvenation of rivers, and value added services (demand driven rationing)

b) Urgent attention to identify and recommend location specific and ecologically sustainable water saving crops that helps bridge the yield gap currently existing in farmers' fields compared to results from research and demonstration programs. Experts are already concerned how climate change is impacting rainfall patterns, food production, bio diversity, fish availability, water resources. A UN report states that as many as 3.4 billion people will live in water-scarce countries, by 2025. This is a scary situation considering this directly impacts agricultural productivity since agriculture is by far the largest consumer of water globally, accounting for about 70% of water withdrawals worldwide.

Scarce commodity

There is no doubt that challenges in the water sector are aggravated by climate change impacts. In an agrarian country like India, where two-thirds of its cultivated land is rain-fed, the per capita availability of water, as per Indian government's own admission, is "not very favorable". According to Dr. David Bergvison, Director General of International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, per capita water availability in India had decreased from 5177 m3 in the 1950s to 1545 m3 in 2011.

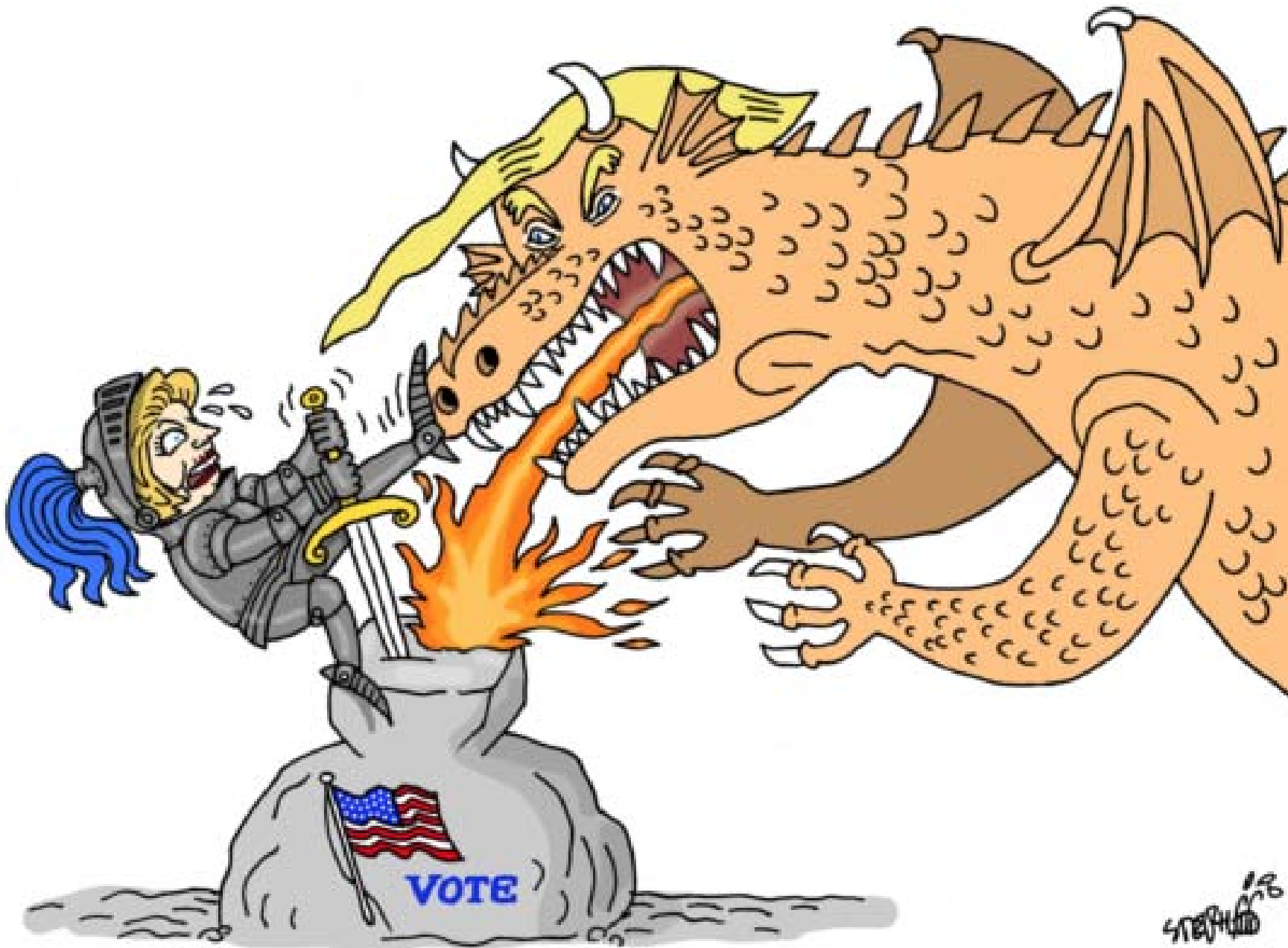
Water has already become a scarce commodity in the developing world of Asia and Africa. Agriculture, which provides a livelihood for about three-quarters of Africa's population, is mainly rain-fed. Severe and protracted droughts, flooding and loss of land due to desertification and soil erosion are reducing agricultural yields and causing crop failure and loss of livestock, which endangers rural and pastoralist populations. Already there are prolonged and intensified droughts in eastern Africa; depletion of rain forests in equatorial Africa; unprecedented floods in western Africa. Similarly, the Horn of Africa's pastoralist areas (Ethiopia-Kenya-Somalia border) have been severely hit by recurrent droughts. "Livestock losses have plunged approximately 11 million people dependent on livestock for their livelihoods into a crisis and triggered mass migration of pastoralists out of drought-affected areas," points out Fischer Chiyani, President of Zimbabwe United Nations Association. What sounds ominous that water scientists have been warning about is the mismatch between demand and supply of water which is creating more conflicts among countries and the regions within countries than ever before.

Sustainability

There has been a large fluctuation in water balance. Already there are many water experts who believe that conflicts in the Middle East are because of the longest droughts in the region in the last 900 years. The war in Syria is another example how the issue of water is a key to understand the ongoing political struggle. Syria for the last four decades was among the countries leading in food sustainability alongside with Bothan and Cuba.

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HATE SPEECH SEEPS INTO US MAINSTREAM

The lettering is crude, scrawled in black spray paint on the sidewalk in front of Karen Peters' neatly kept home in the quiet, working class neighborhood where she's lived most of her life. But the contempt is clear. "KKK B****" The racially charged graffiti appeared in mid-October on cars, homes and telephone poles in the small city of Kokomo, Indiana. Many victims, like Peters, were African American, though some were not. Many also had lawn signs for Democratic candidates in this week's presidential election, and the signs at several homes were painted over with the Ku Klux Klan's notorious initials.

"I think it's a political thing; it's getting out of hand," said Peters, who believes the heated tenor of the presidential campaign - and especially the aggressive, nativist rhetoric of Republican candidate Donald Trump - has emboldened extremists. "When you have (candidates) saying ignorant things, maybe other people think it's ok to do this stuff, and that's pretty doggone sad ... It seems like our country is going backwards."

Police have no suspects in the attacks. Democrats, including the mayor and local party officials, believe they were politically motivated. Local Republicans are skeptical, suggesting the damage is the work of ignorant hooligans with no place in the party. Across the United States, the inflammatory and confrontational tone of political rhetoric is creeping into public discourse and polarizing the electorate. It's hard to quantify the impact; there is no national data that tracks politically motivated crimes or incendiary speech.

However, the percentage of voters who believe insulting political opponents is "sometimes fair game" has climbed over the campaign season, from 30 percent in March to 43 percent in October, according to surveys by the non-partisan Pew Research Center. A majority of voters for both parties have "very unfavorable" views of the other party - a first since Pew began asking the question in 1992 - and trust in government is hovering near all-time lows.

"These indicators reflect inter-group tensions that can translate into everything from coarse discourse or low levels of aggression all the way up to extremist acts," said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University. While much of the venom has been aimed at immigrants, African Americans and other groups typically aligned with Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, Republicans also have faced vitriol and hostility.

Much of the debate over extremism has focused on the so-called Alt-Right, a loose-knit movement of white nationalists, anti-Semites and immigration foes that has emerged from the political shadows to align itself with the Trump campaign. Trump's vows to build a wall on the Mexican border, deport millions of illegal immigrants and scrutinize Muslims for ties to terrorism have energized the Alt-Right community.

Such rhetoric has helped legitimize the Alt-Right's concerns about an erosion of the country's white, Christian majority, said Michael Hill, a self-described white supremacist, anti-Semite and xenophobe who heads the League of the South, a "Southern Nationalist" group dedicated to creating an independent "white man's land." "The general political climate that sort of surrounds his campaign has been very fruitful, not only for us, but for other right-wing groups," Hill said.

Similar nationalist undercurrents have stirred other countries, from Russia to Japan to Britain. Last summer, as Britain's debate over leaving the European Union reached a fever pitch, Jo Cox, a pro-EU lawmaker, was shot and stabbed in the street. Murder suspect Thomas Mair proclaimed "death to traitors,

freedom for Britain."

In the United States, reports of hostile political displays, vandalism and violence are cropping up regularly. In Mississippi, a black church was burned and painted with "Vote Trump." In North Carolina, a county Republican office was set ablaze last month and a nearby building spray painted with "Nazi Republicans leave town." In Ohio, a truck load of manure was dumped at a Democratic campaign office. In Utah, a man displaying Trump yard signs found KKK graffiti on his car. In Wisconsin, a fan at a college football game wore a President Barack Obama mask with a noose on his neck. Neither the Trump nor the Clinton campaigns responded to requests for comment.

Extremism Goes Mainstream

Trump's positions are consistent with the Alt-Right goal of "slowing the dispossession of whites," said Jared Taylor, a white nationalist whose website, American Renaissance, is a movement favorite. But the media is over-hyping his support within the Alt-Right "in an attempt to discredit him," Taylor added. Trump has been criticized by both Democrats and some Republicans for being slow to condemn the more extreme ele-

OBAMA EYES HISTORY IN CAMPAIGN FINALE

Barack Obama on Monday harnessed history and all of his vaunted oratorical skill in a final campaign push to see Hillary Clinton elected the first woman president of the United States. Obama spent the day campaigning for his first secretary of state, jetting from Michigan to New Hampshire to Pennsylvania. But his last speech before electors cast their ballots to replace him - before tens of thousands of Democrats in Philadelphia - indeed felt like a rousing final farewell. "You gave me a chance" he told the diverse crowd gathered on a chilly night in the City of Brotherly Love. "A skinny guy with a funny name. You bet on me," he said, "I've always had the better odds, because I've always bet on you."

This was Clinton's event, but it seemed tailor-made for the 44th president. Obama, critics might say, has never found a problem to which the answer is not a speech. But even his fiercest opponents would acknowledge his rhetorical prowess and his writer's sensibility for history.

Perfect Venue

On Monday, he was speaking at the city's Independence Mall, amidst a bank of floodlit buildings that almost seemed to have been wheeled in as theatrical props, were it not for the deep history they represented. Beyond Obama's podium, beyond the illuminated sea of faces lay Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution were forged. Of all the sites with a claim to be the birthplace of American democracy - Provincetown, Boston, Lexington or Concord - Philadelphia's voice perhaps rings loudest.

The venue was made for that message. Democrats - Obama above all - have framed this election as an existential choice: Trump or the Republic, the unifier or the outlier. Against that backdrop, Obama did what he's done so many times before - he presented the sweep of American democracy as culminating in a single place and a singular time. Eight years ago, that place was Grant Park in Chicago

ments of the political right. But when a leading KKK newspaper ran a pro-Trump story on its front page last week, his campaign immediately issued a statement rejecting the "repulsive" article. Taylor, Hill and other Alt-Right figures say they don't advocate or condone vandalism or violence. They dismiss the notion that their rhetoric constitutes hate speech, arguing that their vilification by the left is far more hateful. Left-wing extremists do have a history of aggressive confrontation with people or groups seen as fascist or racist, says Heidi Beirich, of the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization that monitors extremist movements. "There's usually more violence from the anti-racists than the racists," she said.

The free speech provisions of the US Constitution's First Amendment grant broad protections for inflammatory rhetoric. But state and federal statutes do give law enforcement agencies authority to investigate and prosecute "hate crimes" motivated by bias against a race, ethnicity, religion, disability or sexual orientation. A 6 percent increase in hate crimes documented last year by the California State University researchers showed relatively little underlying change in attacks against most minority groups. But crimes against Muslims rose 86 percent. — Reuters

Passing the Baton

Now, on the eve of the 2016 presidential election, Obama portrayed electing Clinton as America's first woman president as the next logical step. "In this place, where our Founders forged the documents of freedom, in this place where they gave us the tools to perfect our union, if you share my faith, then I ask you to vote," he said, expressing a faith in voters that others may not see after this inglorious campaign.

Obama expressed typical confidence in the outcome. "I'm betting that tomorrow, most moms and dads across America won't cast their vote for someone who denigrates their daughters," Obama said.

"I'm betting that tomorrow, true conservatives won't cast their vote for somebody with no regard for the Constitution," he added. "I am betting that African-Americans will vote in big numbers because this journey we've been on was never about the color of a president, but about the content of his or her character. I am betting that America will reject a politics of resentment and a politics of blame, and choose a politics that says that we are stronger together. I am betting that, tomorrow, you will reject fear and choose hope." Within hours, Americans were to prove him right or wrong. — AFP

CLINTON COULD END VERY LONG WAIT FOR WOMEN

Hong Kong has regarded China with apprehension since its 1997 handover, but Beijing's latest intervention has shaken faith in the city's cherished rule of law, and its status as a place to do business in Asia. Its move to block two pro-independence lawmakers from taking office has ignited concerns that have simmered since the massive "Umbrella Revolution" pro-democracy protests of 2014 failed to win political reforms.

The dispute flared after the young lawmakers - whose calls for a split are seen as treasonous - deliberately misread their oaths of office, inserting expletives and draping themselves with "Hong Kong is not China" flags. It was not the first time Beijing has waded into the affairs of the semi-autonomous city, but it made clearer the lines in the sand of China's tolerance for freedoms not seen on the mainland. The disappearance last year of five booksellers known for publishing salacious titles about Chinese political leaders earned international condemnation and realised many residents' worst fears when they resurfaced in detention on the mainland. But Monday's move has struck a stunning blow to the city's identity as a rules-based business hub - its major draw over mainland rivals like Shanghai - and to those who fear the way of life they hold dear is gradually disappearing. The ruling to stop Yau Wai-ching and Baggio Leung from taking office preempted a judgement from Hong Kong's High Court over whether they should be disqualified. Although China has given "interpretations"

of Hong Kong's constitution before, this was the first time it has stepped in ahead of a court judgement, imposing its own rules in an apparent effort to avoid any unpredictability. "Hong Kong people feel that interferences of this kind have an adverse impact on the core values and lifestyle that we cherish," said political analyst Joseph Cheng. While only a minority of Hong Kong residents support independence, and the lawmaker duo have alienated some supporters with their rebellious behavior, many are deeply worried about where Hong Kong is headed. Liza Wong, a theatre worker in her 30s who joined rallies against Beijing's intervention, said she feared the city's "economy and confidence" could evaporate. "Lots of investors are in the city because of its system, but if this goes on then everyone will be afraid," she told AFP.

Weekend clashes between protesters and police outside China's liaison office in Hong Kong, reminiscent of 2014's demonstrations, could be a taste of things to come as young activists become increasingly frustrated.

Slippery Slope

Hong Kong was handed back by colonial ruler Britain to China in 1997 under a handover agreement safeguarding its freedoms and way of life for 50 years, and securing its semi-autonomous status. But there are growing concerns that those liberties are now under serious threat. Unilateral decisions by China chip away

at Hong Kong's semi-autonomous status, says governance activist David Webb. That could affect its reputation as a trusted gateway to China. Webb said it was unlikely that the National People's Congress Standing Committee (NPCSC), China's top legislative body which intervened in the oath dispute, would step into a court case involving private business affairs.

"But the more often they intervene, the more likely it becomes," he told AFP. "In the meantime, by interfering with the wishes of the people in electing their legislature and by preempting the interpretation of the courts on matters within (Hong Kong's) autonomy, the NPCSC is undermining the legislative and judicial processes, and that does indirectly affect business confidence."

However, others said Beijing's decision would steady the ship. The city's stock exchange rose on Monday despite the intervention. "The unstable situation is coming from within Hong Kong, in particular the two young legislators," said Terence Chong, economics professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "So what China did is to make Hong Kong more stable." Pro-democracy lawmakers argue the city is instead on a slippery slope to more restrictions and interventions. The legal community, which shares those concerns, held a silent march through the city yesterday in protest. "People are getting used to it, this is the scary part," said Michelle Ng, a 27-year-old university researcher. "We need to let them know that this is not the right thing to do." — AFP

GILES REPLACES INJURED AMOS IN WALES SQUAD



HENSOL: Newport Gwent Dragons back Hallam Amos has withdrawn from Wales's squad for the end-of-year Tests due to a shoulder injury, the Welsh Rugby Union announced yesterday. Amos, who can play wing or full-back, sustained the injury during Saturday's one-sided 32-8 loss to Australia at Cardiff's Principality Stadium. His place in the squad has been taken by uncapped 18-year-old Ospreys wing Keelan Giles, who has been training with the group since the start of the campaign. Scrum-half Rhys Webb is a doubt for this Saturday's clash with Argentina after hurting his ankle against the Wallabies. Tomos Williams has been called up to provide cover. Wales are without a win since beating Italy in their final game of this year's Six Nations Championship and have won just three of their last 12 Tests. They are also due to host Japan and South Africa later in November. — AFP

HUNGARY VOTES TO STRIP ITS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF POWERS

BUDAPEST: Hungary approved yesterday a sweeping reform of its sports laws that will see the national Olympic Committee stripped of most of its powers and roles, as Budapest vies to host 2024 Games. The changes, due to come into force on January 1, 2017, follow reports in local media that sports-mad Prime Minister Viktor Orban was unhappy with the Hungarian team's performance at the Olympic Games in Rio in August. Until now, the national Olympic Committee (MOB) had been in charge of budget planning and allocation for all competing sports branches. It was also responsible for appointing the heads and senior figures of Olympic sports federations. But the new changes, approved by a large majority of lawmakers, mean that all these major decisions will now fall to a government department. Historically an Olympic powerhouse despite a population of less than 10 million, Hungary won 15 medals in Rio — eight golds, three silvers and four bronzes-and finished 12th in the medal table.—AFP

FOOT FRACTURE RULES KROOS OUT FOR GERMANY

BERLIN: Real Madrid's Toni Kroos is the latest Germany star ruled out of Friday's 2018 World Cup qualifier away to San Marino with a fractured foot. The 26-year-old misses the qualifier, four days before Germany's friendly against Italy in Milan, with a hairline fracture of the metatarsal bone. Spanish sports daily Marca say the German international may need surgery and claims Kroos could be ruled out for up to three months. He suffered the injury in Sunday's 3-0 Spanish league win over Leganes and can not train for the next ten days, the German Football Association (DFB) announced yesterday. Kroos had the injury confirmed after a scan in Munich with the national team doctor Hans-Wilhelm Mueller-Wohlfaht. The attacking midfielder joins centre-back Jerome Boateng, who was forced out of Germany's qualifier after injuring the groin and knee on his right leg in Bayern Munich's 1-1 draw with Hoffenheim on Saturday. —AFP



CHICAGO: File photo shows Ireland's players score against New Zealand during the first half of a rugby match, Nov 5, 2016, in Chicago. — AP

SHARKS' STAR BARBA FAILS DRUGS TEST

SYDNEY: Cronulla Sharks star fullback Ben Barba has failed a drugs test, the club said yesterday as it released him from his contract to seek treatment overseas. The National Rugby League champions said the player needed to deal with "some significant personal issues", confirming the positive test in a statement. It did not detail what drugs were involved but the Sydney Daily Telegraph reported that he took cocaine just days after the Sharks beat Melbourne Storm to finally end their 49-year NRL title drought last month. "I know and accept I need to take some time away from the game to deal with some personal issues," said Barba. "I am accountable for myself and my actions and if I don't address them now I will certainly ruin my career and more importantly my life and that of my

family. "I hope to return to the game at some stage and am very grateful for the support of the Cronulla Sharks and I hope that one day I can again play beside this terrific bunch of guys."

It is not the first time he has courted trouble, having been suspended by former club Canterbury Bulldogs in 2013 over "behavioural issues", reportedly involving gambling and anger problems.

Sharks chief executive Lyall Gorman said the club felt it was "absolutely necessary" to part ways with Barba, who had a stellar season. "While Ben will be a major loss to our football club, the far greater priority is for him to focus on his long-term future away from football," he said.

"We will continue to support Ben throughout that process in any way we can." —AFP

'TOO PREDICTABLE' ALL BLACKS SUCK UP CRITICISM

ROME: All Blacks coach Ian Foster admits the world champions paid the price for being "too predictable" when they went down to a landmark defeat by Ireland at the weekend.

The charge has been levelled by Bryan Lochore and Foster said yesterday he had no problem with the All Black legend's damning verdict. "I think it is fair based on the Irish game. I think the Irish probably found us a bit predictable too," the number two to head coach Steve Hansen told reporters in Rome.

"We struggled early in terms of ball supply and we were not able to paint some pictures that we needed to paint. "So when we did eventually get the ball we did become predictable." Weakened by injuries, the All Blacks were out-fought and out-thought in a 40-29 defeat in Chicago that represented Ireland's first triumph over New Zealand in 111 years of matches between the two countries. Mental fatigue also looked to have played a part in a record 18-Test winning streak coming to an end at Soldier's Field. "It was not what we have been doing for most of the year but we have to recognise that it was our 11th Test of the year," Foster said.

"So while we were feeling pretty good about how things were going, the opposition had plenty of time to look at us and we have got to be smarter than that."

'O'SHEA SURPRISES EXPECTED'

Foster said the defeat would not however affect Hansen's plans to use Saturday's clash with Italy as an opportunity to give some of the less experienced members of his squad playing time.

"Our belief has always been that we need

a lot of freshness to get our performance right. "Coming off a loss - that hurts. But it doesn't change our attitude about using the full resources of our squad to get through this tour. "If you bring guys over you really want to give them an opportunity," Foster says he has been impressed by how Italy have started life under Irish coach Conor O'Shea.

"He seems to want to use the traditional (pack-led) strengths of Italian rugby but he has certainly added a few other things around the park," Foster said. "So I think there will be some surprises for us on Saturday and that is not a bad thing for us because we have to go in there with our eyes open and make better decisions on the run."

RETALICK RETURN?

"We have played Italy enough to know that if we allow their strengths to get on top of us that we can struggle against them." The All Blacks' line-out, which malfunctioned badly against the Irish, could be bolstered by the return of Brodie Retalick. The giant lock has joined the squad in Rome after missing the Chicago trip due to the concussion he suffered after being struck by Australia flanker Dean Mumm as the All Blacks notched up their 18th consecutive victory in Auckland last month. "So far, so good," Retalick said of his recovery from an incident which he admitted had left him suffering from severe headaches and disconcerting pressure in the head. "I am running fine but have not done any contact or collision stuff yet," he said. Saturday's match may come too early for Retalick's usual second-row partner Sam Whitelock, who is recovering from an ankle sprain.—AFP

COETZEE'S BOKS UP FOR PHYSICAL ENGLAND CLASH

LONDON: South Africa's Allister Coetzee has promised the Springboks will relish the "physical battle" when they face an England side coached by his former colleague Eddie Jones at Twickenham on Saturday.

The Springboks have lost five of their last nine Tests, including last month's record 57-15 defeat by world champions New Zealand in Durban.

That prompted calls for Springbok coach Coetzee's resignation, with some critics arguing South Africa had moved too far away from their traditional power game in trying to play a more expansive style of rugby that did not suit their players. The pressure on Coetzee increased as South Africa, albeit without several first-choice picks, started their tour of Europe with a 31-31 draw against the scratch Barbarians at Wembley on Saturday, where only two tries in the closing minutes prevented defeat.

England, by contrast, have won all nine of their Tests since Jones, like Coetzee appointed after the World Cup, took charge. "As Eddie says, you've got to match South Africa's physicality, Coetzee told reporters at South Africa's London hotel on Monday. "It will be a physical battle, I can guarantee you that," added Coetzee, who worked alongside Jones when they were both members of the South Africa backroom staff under then coach Jake White that helped the Springboks win the 2007 World Cup.

"Rugby's about physical dominance," explained Coetzee. "I feel comfortable with the words 'physical dominance'. "It's about coming out on top at scrum-time and mauling. England maul a lot as well. "We're looking for more variation at line-out time but the maul has always been a strength of ours. "In terms of South African rugby, we want to find that balance and not let go of what made us a powerhouse before. We'd like to keep that and build on that."

'BEAT US UP'

It's a view that resonates with England scrum-half Ben Youngs, whose personal Test record against the Springboks is played five, lost five.

"Everyone knows the biggest thing they bring is physicality," said Youngs at England's Bagshot training base southwest of London on Monday.

"I think they'll go back to tradition and try to beat us up to a degree. "I've never come off the field feeling there has been a massive gap, just that we haven't been able to match them physically." This season has seen Youngs playing alongside Springbok wing JP Pietersen at Leicester, not that he has derived much insight into South Africa's play as a result.

"I sit next to JP at training and he hasn't given anything away," said Youngs. Pietersen too believes club knowledge will count for little at Twickenham. "I've only been in England for four months," he said while seated alongside Coetzee.

"The way my club plays is completely different



Allister Coetzee

to the way England plays. We have more New Zealand flair but as the coach says it's going to be all about set-piece (on Saturday)."

England have not beaten South Africa since 2006 — a run spanning 11 wins and a draw. "I'm sure that with their history of winning (against England) since 2006, they'll be confident of what they're about," said Youngs.

But Coetzee said history counted for little compared to England's recent form under Australian boss Jones. "We're definitely underdogs in this case. We're playing against the second best team in

world at this point in time," said Coetzee.

"They are on a nine-game winning streak, they went down to Australia and won all three Tests so there's a lot of confidence in the English side." England will be without their injured first-choice second row duo Maro Itoje and George Kruis on Saturday but Coetzee said: "It's a strong side, irrespective of the so-called 'lock crisis' they profess to have. "They have lost two quality locks but then you get Joe Launchbury back. He's a seasoned campaigner. "There are hardly any weaknesses if you look at the way they're going to play." — AFP

ENGLAND AND SOUTH AFRICA UNITE TO PRAISE IRELAND

LONDON: England and South Africa may be in opposition this weekend but both camps were united in lauding Ireland's stunning victory over world champions New Zealand. Ireland's 40-29 win in Chicago on Saturday was their first victory over the All Blacks in 111 years of trying and also ended New Zealand's record-breaking run of 18 straight Test wins by a top-tier nation.

"The biggest thing that Ireland did was they came out of the blocks," said England scrum-half Ben Youngs, whose side start their end-of-year international campaign against the Springboks this coming Saturday. "They were very clear, it looked like everyone was on the same page in terms of what they were doing."

The Leicester No 9 said Ireland's success proved the so-called difference in the quality

of northern and southern hemisphere rugby union, a matter of concern ahead of the British and Irish Lions tour of New Zealand next year, was smaller than often suggested.

"It shows the gap isn't as big as people think. Far play to Ireland — 111 years they hadn't won (against New Zealand). Incredible." After such a long drought, the Irish could beat New Zealand twice in a matter of weeks should they defeat the All Blacks in Dublin on November 19. "I am sure they are looking forward to two weeks' time and doing it again," said Youngs.

"The Aviva (Stadium) will be rocking; it'll be mad." Meanwhile, South Africa coach Allister Coetzee said the match at Chicago's Soldier Field helped underline the worth of his side's hard-fought 2-1 series win at home to Ireland in June.—AFP

MALE JOURNALIST WINS IOC’s ‘WOMEN AND SPORT’ AWARD

LAUSANNE: An Ethiopian journalist on Monday became the first man to win an Olympic award aimed at promoting women and sport.

Dagim Zinabu Tekle claimed the honour as founder of a radio programme designed to encourage women and girls to become more involved in sport “and to pursue their goals and dreams”.

First awarded in 2000 the ‘Women and Sport’ trophy was handed over to Tekle by International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach in Lausanne.

Tekle’s programme has invited 12,580 guests - sports leaders, coaches, professionals and sportswomen engaged in local and international women’s sports

activities - on it since it was first aired five years ago.

“This has significantly raised awareness among the public of the achievements and success of these women,” the IOC said.

As well as Tekle’s global honour there were five continental awards handed out in Lausanne - including to Australia

former women’s international footballer Moya Dodd, for championing women’s rights in Oceania.

Other recipients were Rwandan Felicite Rwemarika (Africa), American Carole Oglesby (Americas), Maria Leonor Estampador (Asia) and Denmark’s Majken Maria Gilmartin (Europe).

Bach commented: “These Women

and Sport Awards are very important because without these personalities whom we are honouring, the athletes could not achieve their goals.

“These personalities have assisted and inspired athletes. They have been fighting for the right of the female athletes, they have encouraged them. We are extremely grateful to them.” — AFP

WORLD CHESS OFFICIALS SUE TO STOP PIRATING OF MATCH

NEW YORK: Organizers of the World Chess Championship sued on Monday to block a trio of website operators from distributing footage of the Nov. 11-30 match in New York, which is expected to draw millions of online viewers.

The lawsuit, filed by World Chess US Inc and World Chess Events Ltd in Manhattan federal court, seeks to limit the operators from streaming the 12-game contest between world champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway and challenger Sergey Karjakin of Russia.

Instead, the tournament organizers want to protect their exclusive rights to air the event run under the auspices of the International Chess Federation, or FIDE.

“These entities expend no time, effort, or money of their own in organizing, producing, or hosting the chess events for the World Championship and instead reap economic benefit from free-riding on the work and effort of World Chess,” the lawsuit said.

The defendants, Chessgames Services LLC, E-Learning Ltd and Logical Thinking Ltd were not immediately reachable for comment.

While spectators will watch the tournament from the venue in lower Manhattan, most professional chess tournaments are

viewed over the internet. That makes streaming of the events particularly important, organizers said.

The match between the grandmasters, both in their 20s and competing for a \$1 million prize, will be streamed live in 360-degree Virtual Reality (VR), a first in any sport.

The feature, in which users are meant to feel more immersed in the game, costs \$15 per user, but the company will also provide moves and analytics as a separate product free of charge.

Match organizers said in September that the virtual reality feature is part of a long-term goal to increase profits off of chess matches by making the games more interactive online.

The World Chess Championship has been held in an official capacity since the late 1800s. Its global popularity in the pre-internet era peaked in 1972 during the Cold War when American Bobby Fischer defeated Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union in Reykjavik, Iceland, for the world crown.

The 1995 match between then world champion Garry Kasparov of Russia and Viswanathan Anand of India was the last title contest to be held in the United States - in New York’s World Trade Center.—Reuters

MONAHAN APPROVED AS NEW US PGA TOUR COMMISSIONER

MIAMI: Jay Monahan was appointed the new commissioner of the US PGA Tour on Monday by the group’s policy board, taking over on January 1 when current commissioner Tim Finchem retires.

Monahan, 47, has been the tour’s deputy commissioner since 2014 and working for the tour in some fashion for the past eight years.

“Jay has proven himself to be an outstanding leader who has developed an intimate knowledge and understanding of the PGA Tour and a clear vision for the future of the organization,” said policy board chairman Victor Ganzi. His move into the role had been expected. Just as Finchem before him, he served as deputy commissioner and was appointed the tour’s chief operating officer before taking the top job.

“I am greatly honored by the trust the policy board has shown in me,” Monahan said. “Under Tim’s leadership, the PGA Tour has made remarkable progress, even in the most difficult economic times.

“We’re now entering a very important time in our organization’s history and I know our executive team and I will draw

upon and be inspired by the invaluable experience of working with Tim as we take advantage of the extraordinary opportunities, as well as face the challenges, that are ahead.” Finchem, 69, has served more than 22 years in the job since replacing Deane Beman on June 1, 1994. That same year, Tiger Woods won his first US Amateur crown and served notice of the legendary golf career that would unfold on Finchem’s watch. With fan interest in Woods driving growth in the sport, Finchem was able to oversee record prize money, tour revenue and television ratings. The Presidents Cup, pitting US players against a non-European Internationals squad, plus the World Golf Championships events and the current playoff system were all created during Finchem’s tenure.

“I have the highest regard for Jay and have total confidence in his ability to lead the PGA Tour well into the future,” Finchem said. Monahan is a former executive at IMG Worldwide and at Fenway Sports Group, owners of Liverpool football club in the English Premier League and baseball’s Boston Red Sox. — AFP



Jay Monahan

TENNIS’ 4TH BEATLE, MURRAY IS PARAGON OF FORTITUDE

PARIS: For each top athlete, a word. For Usain Bolt, it would have to be speed. For football’s Lionel Messi: balance. For swimmer Michael Phelps: buoyant. But for the new king of men’s tennis, Andy Murray, a quality both mental and physical springs to mind: fortitude.

Meanies would argue that Murray has taken over the No.1 ranking this week - the first Briton to reach the summit - only because the three players who were better than him for so long finally vacated it, a tennis equivalent of John, Paul and George giving Ringo a rare turn at the mic. And there is a modicum of truth in that.

Roger Federer, the 17-time major champion who this week dropped out of the top 10 for the first time since October 2002, long had the measure of Murray, beating him in three Grand Slam finals, but is now a largely spent force at age 35.

Rafael Nadal’s creaky body is paying the bill for his brand of nitro-power tennis that won him 14 major titles and the top ranking for a total of 141 weeks to July 2014. The 30-year-old hasn’t won a major since then, or even made a semifinal, and has had injuries to both wrists. But his career Grand Slam record against Murray is unequivocal: seven wins in nine encounters, with the last defeat way back at the 2010 Australian Open.

And the top dog Murray toppled, the now second-ranked Novak Djokovic, won five of his 12 major titles by beating the Scot in the final. If Djokovic can now regroup, rethink and re-motivate himself with new targets having completed his career Grand Slam this year and then suffering a dip, leaving the door ajar for Murray, then the reign of the new No. 1 could be short.

The top ranking, then, doesn’t change the fact that Murray is still “only,” a word that seems uncharitable in the circumstances, the fourth-best player in what has been modern tennis’ toughest era. But Murray may well be the most stubborn, the era’s paragon of perseverance. Being the fourth member of the Big Four for so long could have broken players with less heart. He first got to the No. 2 ranking more than seven years ago and spent a total of 76 weeks there. That’s a long time to be waiting in the wings.

But, in the end, Murray outlasted all-comers. He is the sailor who soldiered through storms that chased others back to harbor, the boxer repeatedly floored but never knocked out. He used the beatings he suffered from Federer, Nadal and Djokovic - losing 20 of the 25 times he played them at the majors - as reasons to keep improving himself. —AP



LeBron James

LEBRON FEARS NFL LOSING FUN AS NBA, MLB RATINGS SURGE

WASHINGTON: LeBron James isn’t sure why the NFL is losing US television viewers while the NBA and Major League Baseball enjoy strong ratings, but he warns the fun factor is dwindling.

The Cleveland Cavaliers superstar, speaking to reporters after a workout Monday, said he enjoyed seeing his favorite NFL team, the Dallas Cowboys, win 35-10 at Cleveland on Sunday before appearing at a campaign rally for US Presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton ahead of yesterday’s election.

But he noted how several top NFL players have said the NFL is more and more becoming the “No Fun League” and that could be a factor in drops of about 18 or 19 percent on Sunday and Thursday and nearly 25 percent on Mondays.

“I don’t know the reason,” James said. “I’ve heard some of the comments from some of the players about the game that the fun part of it is kind of being taken away.

“I know when I played (American) football I played it for that reason, for the competition and for the fun of it. I’ve seen a couple of the main guys talk about how the game is not as fun.

“You definitely don’t want to take the fun away from the game. That’s why we all fell in love with sports in general, to have fun with it.”

KIDS TRIM LEBRON’S TV TIME

Four-time NBA Most Valuable Player James did explain why he doesn’t catch as many telecasts as he once did, aside from the NBA’s 82-game schedule keeping him busy.

“My kids kind of take me away from a lot of things that I used to watch,” he said.

The NFL fade comes as baseball’s World Series enjoyed high ratings for the Chicago Cubs’ first title run since 1908 and Cleveland missing out on its first crown since 1948 in a seven-game thriller that went extra innings in the final game.

“Baseball, it needed a push and with the play-offs and the World Series this year, it definitely helped,” James said. “Being at three of the World Series games, I think that history, them not being part of it and then being in it, that definitely helped. Being two Midwestern sports teams helped as well and then the games in general.”

The NBA had the highest ratings since Michael Jordan’s Chicago Bulls were a 1990s dynasty for James and his teammates making the greatest rally in NBA Finals history, recovering from 3-1 down to win a best-of-seven series for the crown just as the Cubs did.

“Our sport has done some great things over the last couple of years as far as the playoffs, especially in the finals. We’re just trying to continue to build our game,” James said.

“To know you were part of a game that was something people wanted to watch, that’s special. When they say it was the biggest ratings since Jordan in the finals, that gives you a lot of pride.” James wouldn’t declare the NFL could be surpassed by its top sporting rivals for America’s affection.

“I don’t want to talk about a shift, things of that nature,” James said. “I know what has happened in our sport and I get a sense of what has happened in baseball.”

James, who goes tomorrow with his teammates to the White House to celebrate the Cavaliers’ NBA crown, said he spoke little to Clinton but enjoyed helping boost her hopes in the key battleground state of Ohio.

“It was great to be a part of it. She’s a great lady,” said James. “I was very appreciative of being able to do something like that in this state and show my appreciation for what she’s trying to accomplish. But she has so much on her plate right now there’s not much dialogue you can have in (so short) a time.” —AFP

PACQUIAO RETURNS TO MANILA AND THE REAL WORK OF POLITICS

MANILA: With another world title won, Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao touched down in Manila yesterday keen to get back to the real work of politics.

The 37-year-old senator claimed the WBO welterweight title with a unanimous points victory over American Jessie Vargas in Las Vegas on Saturday, his first bout since April.

“I went back after the fight because there is still work at the office and I’m excited to get back to work,” Pacquiao, wearing a flower garland, told reporters at the airport alongside Philippine National Police chief Ronald Dela Rosa.

“So boxing is done, set aside for now, and just focus on work.”

The southpaw, winner of world titles in eight different weight divisions and the first sitting senator to win a world boxing championship, has not ruled out fighting again.

The former congressman, who has a 59-6-2 win-loss-draw record, said after Saturday’s bout that he would like a rematch with retired American Floyd Mayweather Junior who beat him last year.

Meanwhile, New Zealander Joseph Parker will fight Mexican-American Andy Ruiz in Auckland next month for the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) heavyweight title vacated by Tyson Fury, Parker’s promoter said yesterday.

After weeks of negotiation, Parker’s Duco Events said the fighters will meet at the city’s Vector Arena on December 10.

On the line is the WBO heavyweight belt, one of the two titles Fury vacated last month in order to seek medical treatment after admitting he took cocaine to treat depression.

Parker, 24, who has a 21-0 record with 18 knockouts, is now the WBO’s top-ranked heavyweight. Ruiz, 27, who is Mexican-born but based in the United States, has a 29-0 record with 19 knockouts.

Duco said it would be the first heavyweight title ever contested in New Zealand. “This is a huge sporting event which I expect to unite the country,” chief executive Martin Snedden said.

The WBO ranks Ruiz as its number three heavyweight behind former champion Wladimir Klitschko.

But the veteran Ukrainian is currently injured and concentrating on lining-up a big-money bout against Britain’s IBF champion Anthony Joshua early next year. Duco said that under the terms of the Auckland fight, the winner of Parker-Ruiz would have to fight the British former WBA champion David Haye early next year. —Agencies



Manny Pacquiao

INDIA TEST THREAT LIFTED AFTER FUNDS RELEASED

NEW DELHI: India's cash-rich cricket board yesterday lifted a threat to cancel the start of its Test series against England after judges eased banking restrictions which had triggered a funding crisis.

Less than 24 hours before the high-profile series was due to begin in Rajkot, the cash-rich board dropped a bombshell by telling the Supreme Court it would not be able to cover the running costs of the first match. The Supreme Court last month ruled that the board would have to seek prior approval from a special panel investigating its governance in order to release funds to state associations which host Test matches.

In a petition filed on Tuesday to the court, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said that "unless money is disbursed to the board, the match between India and England can't take place".

After considering the petition for several hours, the court set aside its previous order and gave the board immediate access to the \$90,000 (5.8 million rupees) the BCCI said it needed to host the match in Rajkot.

It further allowed the board to incur expenses for hosting the remaining four Tests in the series against England but asked it to maintain accounts for scrutiny by the panel.

"We are fine with the supreme court order because we wanted money for organising the India-England test series and that has been allowed," a lawyer representing the board told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The court had slapped the restrictions on the BCCI's accounts after the board, which is one of the world's wealthiest sports bodies, failed to implement a series of reforms recommended by a panel headed by a former top judge, Rajendra Mal Lodha. The Lodha panel has accused BCCI officials of "behaving like lords" after they repeatedly ignored the deadlines to imple-

ment reforms of what is world cricket's wealthiest and most powerful board.

In its submission challenging Tuesday's petition, the panel said the BCCI was in contempt of court by not implementing its recommendations, which include age limits for office-holders.

The BCCI had earlier complained that the funding freeze was hampering organisation for a series last month against New Zealand, but the three Tests went ahead as scheduled in the end.

IPL SCANDAL

The BCCI has insisted it is not "running away" from implementing the reforms after scandals including accusations of corruption and match-fixing that tarnished the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Cricket's massive popularity in India has helped the BCCI become by far the wealthiest of all of cricket's national boards, netting massive money from sponsorship and TV deals.

The BCCI has put the value of the IPL brand at \$4.5 billion and its current sponsorship deal for the tournament with the mobile phone company Vivo is worth \$60 million dollars. Its last television rights deal with the Star network was worth a reported \$750 million.

But despite its rude financial health, the board has regularly found itself embroiled in scandal in recent years, ultimately leading to the formation of the Lodha committee. A corruption and match-fixing scandal in the sixth edition of the IPL in 2013 brought about the downfall of the board's president Narayanaswami Srinivasan after his son-in-law was accused of betting on matches.

Two of the eight franchises in the IPL were suspended as a result of the scandal, including the Chennai Super Kings which was owned by Srinivasan's India Cements company. —AFP



RAJKOT: India's cricket coach Anil Kumble (L) inspects the pitch with captain Virat Kohli and Ravichandran Ashwin (R) during a training session at the Saurashtra cricket Association stadium in Rajkot on the eve of the first test match against England yesterday. — AFP

COOK, HASEEB READY FOR INDIA SERIES

RAJKOT: Opener Alastair Cook is approaching a test record as England captain while fellow opener Haseeb Hameed is on the verge of a test debut as the tourists seek to strengthen their top order for a testing series against India.

The England tour of India was cleared to take place at the last minute yesterday - 24 hours before the first test toss - when the country's supreme court and the Board of Control for Cricket in India settled a financial dispute.

The BCCI filed a late plea in the Supreme Court to release funds for hosting the five-test series. The supreme court agreed to allow the BCCI to withdraw 5.87 million rupees to fund the series.

England is coming off an embarrassing loss in Bangladesh, but skipper Cook is aiming for yet another record. Already the most capped player for England, with 135, and the leading test scorer with 10,688 runs, he will break the record he shares with Mike Atherton as England test captain when he leads the team for the 55th time.

He has already said 19-year-old Hameed will make his debut at the expense of Gary Ballance, making him the youngest opening partner Cook has ever had.

"It is time to give a young guy his opportunity," Cook said Tuesday. "Haseeb hasn't been overused during his time so far with this squad. He is a natural run-scorer and looks to be more experienced than his age suggests."

The inclusion of Hameed would push Ben Duckett down to No. 4. Duckett scored a half century against Bangladesh but did

not impress.

The bowling attack will also be overhauled. James Anderson has re-joined the England squad but is unavailable for selection. That leaves Stuart Broad and Chris Woakes to lead the pace attack, while Moeen Ali could share the spin duties with recalled Gareth Batty and Adil Rashid.

England is the only foreign team to win a test series on Indian soil - in 2012-13 - since Australia in 2004-05, and has beaten India in three consecutive series.

"We can only look forward to what we can do in the future," India skipper Virat Kohli said. "We want to win series, and we want to win test matches." The Indian skipper didn't reveal his playing XI, though he doesn't have many tough decisions to make. Gautam Gambhir is expected to open with Murali Vijay, while the only difficult choice would be over the make-up of the bowling attack.

Ishant Sharma is fit for selection, while Ravi Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami are back after being rested for the ODIs against New Zealand.

India opted for a four-bowler attack during the New Zealand test series, and could aim to do the same again. If that's the case, Karun Nair could make his debut and bat at No. 6. One of the most significant selections of the series will be the use of DRS for the first time in a test series on Indian soil. The adoption of the Decision Review System, using technology to review umpiring decisions, marks a new chapter of harmony in test cricket across the world. India had previously refused to accept DRS. — AP



RAJKOT: England's captain Alastair Cook (R) looks on as teammate Stuart Broad makes a throw during a training session at the Saurashtra Cricket Association stadium in Rajkot on the eve of the first test match against England yesterday. — AFP



HARARE: Sri Lanka bowler Rangana Herath is in action on the third day of the second cricket test match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at Harare Sports Club, yesterday. — AFP

S LANKA'S HERATH JOINS FIVE-WICKET TEST ELITE

HARARE: Rangana Herath became just the third bowler to pick up five-wicket hauls against all nine Test opponents to earn Sri Lanka a big first-innings lead before Zimbabwe bounced back on the third day of the third Test at Harare Sports Club yesterday. Herath recorded figures of 5 for 89 — his first five-wicket haul against Zimbabwe to bowl the home side out for 272 and give Sri Lanka a 232-run lead in the first innings.

But after the tourists opted not to enforce the follow-on, fast bowler Carl Mumba picked up three wickets to reduce Sri Lanka to 84 for four. With opener Dimuth Karunaratne scoring an unbeaten 54 — his third fifty-plus score in four innings- Sri Lanka went to stumps on 102 for four, giving them an overall lead of 334 with two days to play.

Although Herath had come into the series with 26 five-wicket hauls in Test cricket, he had never played against Zimbabwe in a 17-year career. On Tuesday he joined countryman Muttiah Muralitharan and South Africa's Dale Steyn among an elite group of bowlers with five-wicket hauls against all of the other nine Test-playing nations. "If you take my career until 2009, I had only taken about 40 wickets with no five-wicket hauls," said Herath.

"So if you take the last seven or eight years, I've done a consistent job for the national team. It's a different sort of achievement, which makes me very happy." Although Zimbabwe reached 134 for two on the third morning in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 504, they ultimately succumbed to spin, with offspinner Dilruwan Perera picking up 3 for 51 as the hosts lost their last five wickets for just 19 runs.

However, it was fast bowler Suranga Lakmal who set Sri Lanka on their way in the morning session, which saw Zimbabwe resume on 126 for two, when he had Craig Ervine caught at slip for 64 in the eighth over of the day.

Herath got in on the action when he bowled Brian Chari for a career-best 80 with a quicker delivery, and then dismissed Malcolm Waller for 18 on the stroke of lunch.

Zimbabwe had been rescued by their lower order in the first Test, but after the interval Perera ensured there would be no such recovery as he grabbed three wickets in three overs, including Sean Williams for 58 and Peter Moor for 33. All that was left was for the stand-in captain to pick up a record fifth wicket, as he trapped Carl Mumba lbw.

Sri Lanka then tumbled to 44 for three in their second innings, as Zimbabwe's bowlers were rewarded for greater consistency. Mumba had Kaushal Silva and Kusal Mendis caught in front of the wicket, while Cremer trapped Upol Tharanga lbw.

First-innings centurion Dhananjaya de Silva attempted to rebuild with Karunaratne, but scooped a low full toss straight to extra cover in the final half-hour of the day.

Nevertheless, Zimbabwe faced a serious deficit as they look to level the two-match series. "Let's be honest, if they put another 100 on it will be a lot," said batting coach Lance Klusener.

"But at the same time we'd like to finish this Test match on our terms." —AFP

SCOREBOARD

HARARE: Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka on yesterday.

Sri Lanka first innings 504 all out (D. de Silva 127, A. Gunaratne 116, Tiripano 3-91, Cremer 3-136)

Bowling: Lakmal 21.1-5-55-2, Herath 26-4-89-5, Kumara 14-0-60-0, D. Perera 18-2-51-3, Gunaratne 2-0-5-0, De Silva 1-0-4-0.

Zimbabwe first innings

T. Mawoyo lbw b Herath 3
B. Chari b Herath 80
H. Masakadza c de Silva b Herath 0
C. Ervine c Karunaratne b Lakmal 64
S. Williams lbw b D. Perera 58
M. Waller c Silva b Herath 18
P. Moor lbw b Perera 33
G. Cremer c Karunaratne b D. Perera 3
D. Tiripano c Herath b Lakmal 3
C. Mumba lbw b Herath 2
C. Mpofu not out 0
Extras (2b, 6lb) 8
Total (all out, 82.1 overs) 272
Fall of wickets: 1-17 (Mawoyo), 2-17 (Masakadza), 3-134 (Ervine), 4-173 (Chari), 5-210 (Waller), 6-253 (Williams), 7-265 (Cremer), 8-268 (Moor), 9-272 (Mumba), 10-272 (Tiripano).

Sri Lanka second innings

D. Karunaratne not out 54
K. Silva c Waller b Mumba 6
K. Mendis c Mpofu b Mumba 0
U. Tharanga lbw b Cremer 17
D. de Silva c Chari b Mumba 9
A. Gunaratne not out 6
Extras (6b, 4lb) 10
Total (4 wks, 40 overs) 102
Fall of wickets: 1-14 (Silva), 2-16 (Mendis), 3-44 (Tharanga), 4-84 (de Silva).
Still to bat: K. Perera, D. Perera, R. Herath, S. Lakmal, L. Kumara.
Bowling: Mpofu 9-2-17-0, Mumba 11-3-31-3, Cremer 8-1-21-1, Tiripano 6-3-4-0, Williams 5-0-16-0, Chari 1-0-3-0.
Series: Sri Lanka leads two-match series 1-0.

LEHMANN WARNS AUSSIES AFTER PERTH CAPITULATION

PERTH: Australia coach Darren Lehmann warned his wounded squad "every spot is under pressure" for the second Test this weekend after their capitulation to South Africa in Perth. The Proteas won the opening Test by 177 runs after poor batting and string of dropped catches consigned Australia to a fourth successive Test defeat. They lost all three Tests on their July-August tour of Sri Lanka. Opener Shaun Marsh has already been ruled out of the second Test in Hobart from Saturday with a broken finger, with Joe Burns expected to take his place. The uncapped Callum Ferguson has also been drafted into the squad with Adam Voges under an injury cloud, while pacerman Joe Mennie, 12th man in Perth, could get his chance with Peter Siddle struggling with a sore back. Depending on the Hobart conditions, spinner Nathan Lyon could be a casualty after he failed to take a wicket in South Africa's second innings at a cost of 146 runs. "I would say every spot is under pressure," said Lehmann, who is aware that the last time Australia lost four in a row, then coach Mickey Arthur got the chop.

"That's the nature of the beast if you don't have success," he added. Captain Steve Smith is also under heavy scrutiny with Australian media blasting the team as a shadow of its former self with the skipper taking plenty of flak.

The Sydney Morning Herald Tuesday

trumpeted "Un-Australian: Sorry decline of Smith's team is shocking", while The Australian broadsheet said: "Hot breath of discontent on captain Smith's neck."

"Darren Lehmann and Steve Smith are now under unprecedented pressure as the heads of Australian cricket following the humiliation at the WACA," said Sydney's Daily Telegraph cricket writer Ben Horne. "Australia have now slumped to four straight Test defeats and history suggests that when the Test side has entered this kind of losing red zone in the past, the men in charge cop the full extent of the fallout." Both teams are nursing some tired bowlers, with Australia's Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Siddle and Mitchell Marsh all "pretty sore". "I would imagine the South African boys would be the two bowlers that bowled the whole game for them (Kagiso Rabada and Vernon Philander)," said Lehmann.

"All bowlers are going to be pretty sore and tight. We'll just have to see how they pull up and make a call from there. They (South Africa) will have the same issues."

The South Africans have called up uncapped all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius for the final two Tests as cover for injured strike bowler Dale Steyn. Steyn is set to spend at least six months on the sidelines after breaking his shoulder while bowling in Perth.—AFP

FALCONS SIGN GM DIMITROFF TO A 3-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION

FLOWERY BRANCH: General manager Thomas Dimitroff finally has the security he wanted from the Atlanta Falcons. Dimitroff signed a three-year contract extension on Monday, ending questions about whether this season, the final year of his deal, would be his last with the Falcons.

"This is where I wanted to be, so I'm really happy I got the opportunity to be here a little longer," Dimitroff said. "We're in a spot where I think the arrow definitely is up, and I think we have a lot of budding talent here that can take us to the levels we want to get to." Financial terms were not disclosed for Dimitroff's new deal, which runs concurrently with coach Dan Quinn's through 2019. Owner Arthur Blank said in a state-

ment that he's been pleased with Dimitroff's work in 11/2 seasons along-side Quinn.

"My expectations remain very high," Blank said. "By extending Thomas, we expect to see their partnership continue to grow and deliver results for our team and our fans, on and off the field."

The Falcons never had consecutive winning records before Dimitroff was hired in 2008, and they were above .500 in his first five seasons and made the playoffs four times. Dimitroff was credited for drafting quarterback Matt Ryan, receiver Julio Jones, running back Devonta Freeman and cornerback Desmond Trufant.

The Falcons have begun rebuilding one of the NFL's worst defenses under

Quinn, a former defensive coordinator in Seattle. The Falcons drafted defensive end Vic Beasley, defensive tackle Grady Jarrett, safety Keanu Neal and linebackers De'Vondre Campbell and Deion Jones over the last two years. All five are starters.

When Quinn was hired in February 2015, Blank gave him the final say on which players comprise the 53-man roster and the 10-player practice squad.

"It was never an ultimatum," Quinn told The Associated Press. "I just wanted a guy I knew I could work with. I don't want to be the overseer of it all. I want somebody I can work with from the personnel side. Honestly, we haven't had decisions where it was tenuous or tough."

Dimitroff is the point man in targeting players for the draft, free agency and trades. He's in charge of scouting and player contracts.

"In all the years I was with coach Mike Smith and in the two years I've been with Dan, we have never been at a spot where we have disagreed on who that player is," Dimitroff told The AP. "It's not really anywhere near the issue people make it out to be. Dan and I have a very good working relationship that way. In the end, there has to be someone who has (the 53-man roster). It can't be a mutual decision." The Falcons won six of their first seven games last year in Quinn's first season, but they stumbled in the second half and finished 8-8. They're off to a 6-3 start this year, have

the NFC's second -best record and enter a bye week in seemingly good shape to make the playoffs for the first time since 2012.

Before Quinn arrived, Dimitroff and Smith led the team to a 10-22 record after advancing to the NFC title game. Smith was fired, but Dimitroff managed to keep his job despite bearing responsibility for the slide.

"Yes, difficult, but not down in the dumps, not feeling sorry for myself," Dimitroff said. "I understand what I signed up for in this position. We have an excellent fan base here, a very knowledgeable fan base, and they want a championship football team. We're going to do all in our power to put it together." — AP

SMITH SCORES IN 3RD TO LIFT PANTHERS OVER LIGHTNING 3-1

SUNRISE: Reilly Smith scored the go-ahead goal with 4:28 left and Roberto Luongo broke his four-game losing streak as the Florida Panthers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-1 on Monday night at the BB&T Center. With the score tied 1-1 and time running out in the third period, Smith stole the puck in the Tampa Bay end from Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman. Smith then made a slick stick-handling move before beating Lightning goalie Ben Bishop with a high wrist shot to the stick side just inside the post. Jonathan Marchessault scored the first goal for Florida (6-6-1), which won the Atlantic Division last season but started the day in last place. Derek MacKenzie added an empty-net goal. The Lightning (7-5-1), which beat Florida 4-3 in a shootout earlier this season, could not get its usually high-powered offense untracked. Luongo, who made 34 saves, had a lot to do with that as he outplayed Bishop (28 saves).

ISLANDERS 4, CANUCKS 2

Cal Clutterbuck commemorated his bobblehead night by scoring the tiebreaking goal just before the midway point of the third period as New York beat Vancouver in a battle of slumping teams at Barclays Center. On an evening in which

the first 10,000 fans received Clutterbuck bobbleheads, the right winger outraced Canucks left winger Loui Eriksson to put back a rebound of a Johnny Boychuk shot. Andrew Ladd added an insurance goal-his first since signing a seven-year deal with the Islanders in July — 99 seconds later as New York (5-6-2) snapped a three-game losing streak (0-1-2) and won for just the second time in the past seven games (2-3-2). Jason Chimera and Nikolay Kulemin also scored for the Islanders while goalie Jaroslav Halak had 30 saves. Daniel Sedin and Markus Granlund scored for the Canucks, who have lost nine straight.

BRUINS 4, SABRES 0

David Krejci and Riley Nash scored their first goals of the season, Tuukka Rask pitched his 32nd career shutout and the power play woke up to help Boston beat Buffalo. Two nights after allowing two short-handed goals to the New York Rangers and coming in with the same number of power-play goals for and short-handed goals against (three), Brad Marchand, Krejci and David Pastrnak struck for power-play goals. Rask, who was shaky in the 5-2 loss to the Rangers, was sharp en route to making 32 saves, including 14 in the third period. — Reuters



SEATTLE: Running back LeSean McCoy #25 of the Buffalo Bills rushes against the Seattle Seahawks at CenturyLink Field on Monday in Seattle, Washington. —AFP

GRAHAM CATCHES 2 TDs, SEAHAWKS HOLD OFF BILLS

SEATTLE: Jimmy Graham needed only one hand to catch two first-half touchdown passes from Russell Wilson, and the Seattle Seahawks held off a late rally for a 31-25 win over the Buffalo Bills on Monday night.

Seattle won its 11th straight Monday night game behind a huge game from its tight end. Still less than a year removed from a major knee injury, Graham used his right arm to catch a 17-yard touchdown from Wilson on the first play of the second quarter and later used the same arm to cradle an 18-yard TD pass in the final moments of the first half. But the Seahawks had to hold on in the final seconds as Buffalo quarterback Tyrod Taylor led the Bills inside the Seattle 10 in the final seconds. Taylor was sacked by Cliff Avril on third-and-goal from the 8 and on fourth-and-goal Taylor's pass into the end zone fell incomplete.

Buffalo would not have needed a touchdown if not for mistakes by the officiating crew at the end of the first half that cost the Bills a chance at a shorter field goal. Dan Carpenter eventually missed a 54-yard attempt on the final play of the half, only after Seattle's Richard Sherman got away with an unnecessary roughness penalty that wasn't called and a delay of game caused in part by the officiating crew standing over the ball. NFL head of officiating Dean Blandino tweeted during the game that Walt Anderson's crew did not make the correct call.

"Ridiculous. ... From an officiating stand point, I think they can do better than that," Bills coach Rex Ryan said after the game. Graham caught all eight of his targets for 103 yards. It was his third 100-yard receiving game of the season. Wilson was 20 of 26 passing for 282 yards.

Wilson and Christine Michael both added 3-yard touchdowns runs, but Seattle's run game was again absent. The Seahawks attempted just 12 running plays and wide receiver Tyler Lockett was Seattle's leading rusher taking a fly sweep 13 yards. Buffalo lost its third straight to drop below .500, but it wasn't due to its quarterback.

Taylor was outstanding, nearly matching Wilson's performance, except for one miscommunication with a wide receiver that led to Sherman's end zone interception in the third quarter. Taylor threw for 289 yards. He kept plays alive with his legs and made smart reads and smart throws.

Robert Woods was his favorite target with 10 catches for a career-high 162 yards. Taylor was 6 of 7 for 73 yards on a drive that carried into the early

NFL results/standings

Seattle 31, Buffalo 25.

American Football Conference

AFC East

W	L	T	OTL	PF	PA	PCT
New England	7	1	0	0	217 132	.875
Miami	4	4	0	0	173 182	.500
Buffalo	4	5	0	0	237 203	.444
NY Jets	3	6	0	0	173 235	.333

AFC North

Baltimore	4	4	0	0	154 153	.500
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	0	184 171	.500
Cincinnati	3	4	1	0	167 189	.438
Cleveland	0	9	0	1	168 273	0

AFC South

Houston	5	3	0	0	137 167	.625
Indianapolis	4	5	0	1	239 256	.444
Tennessee	4	5	0	0	217 226	.444
Jacksonville	2	6	0	0	153 215	.250

AFC West

Oakland	7	2	0	0	245 223	.778
Kansas City	6	2	0	0	185 151	.750
Denver	6	3	0	0	214 166	.667
San Diego	4	5	0	1	268 247	.444

National Football Conference

NFC East

Dallas	7	1	0	0	223 140	.875
NY Giants	5	3	0	0	161 164	.625
Washington	4	3	1	0	186 189	.563
Philadelphia	4	4	0	1	202 145	.500

NFC North

Minnesota	5	3	0	1	155 126	.625
Detroit	5	4	0	0	205 206	.556
Green Bay	4	4	0	0	198 187	.500
Chicago	2	6	0	0	131 179	.250

NFC South

Atlanta	6	3	0	1	305 259	.667
New Orleans	4	4	0	0	242 238	.500
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	1	180 232	.375
Carolina	3	5	0	0	204 206	.375

NFC West

Seattle	5	2	1	0	162 134	.688
Arizona	3	4	1	0	179 140	.438
Los Angeles	3	5	0	0	130 167	.375
San Francisco	1	7	0	0	167 260	.125

stages of the fourth quarter and was capped by Mike Gillislee's 1-yard TD run. Taylor then sneaked in on the 2-point conversion to pull Buffalo within 28-25. Thanks to a key penalty keeping the drive alive, Seattle got a 49-yard field goal from Steven Hauschka to extend the lead to 31-25 with just under 10 minutes remaining.

Taylor drove the Bills inside the Seattle 35 but a tripping call on Cordy Glenn on third-and-10 pushed Buffalo back and McCoy was stopped for a loss of 2 yards on the next play. Buffalo punted with 3:14 left and got a final chance driving inside the 10 before the Seahawks made a stand.

KICKING THE CALL

The final seconds of the first half were a mess. Carpenter lined up for a 53-yard field goal with 3 seconds left. Sherman jumped offside and crashed hard into Carpenter, blocking the kick. Sherman was flagged for offside and Carpenter appeared to be hurt bringing trainers on the field.

Because the trainers took the field, Carpenter had to leave for one play. Buffalo spiked the ball with 1 second left to set up a 48-yard attempt, but

the Bills were penalized for delay of game even with the umpire standing over the ball. Carpenter's 54-yard attempt on the final play was wide right.

PERFECT START

Buffalo got a dream start, with Jerry Hughes blocking a punt after Seattle went three-and-out to open the game and Taylor running untouched for a 3-yard TD on the next play for a quick 7-0 lead. It was Buffalo's first blocked punt since 2014.

TOP DEFENSE?

Buffalo scored on its first three possessions before Seattle finally forced a punt midway through the second quarter. That snapped a string of nine straight possessions with opponents scoring on Seattle's defense.

INJURIES

Buffalo center Eric Wood was carted off the field after Gillislee's TD run with a right ankle injury. Wood was rolled up blocking on the play. Ryan announced after the game it was a broken leg. Ryan Groy took over at center. —AP



SUNRISE: Roberto Luongo #1 of the Florida Panthers stops a shot from Brayden Point #21 of the Tampa Bay Lightning during a game at BB&T Center on Monday in Sunrise, Florida. —AFP

NEYMAR NEARS TRIAL OVER TRANSFER CORRUPTION CASE

MADRID: The prospect of Barcelona superstar Neymar standing trial moved closer Monday as a Madrid judge accepted an appeal by prosecutors for corruption charges to be brought against the Brazilian, a court filing said.

The decision overturns a ruling in July that said irregularities detected in the Brazilian's 2013 transfer to Barcelona were an issue for a civil court, not a criminal court. Neymar's parents, Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu and his predecessor Sandro Rosell-who resigned over the scandal in 2014 — also face corruption charges.

Both the defence and prosecution have 10 days to present their arguments before a final decision over whether the case will go to trial will be made, a statement from Spain's National Court said.

Should he be found guilty, Neymar, 24, faces a prison

sentence of between six months and two years and a heavy fine. According to the judge's findings, a pre-contract agreement between Neymar and Barcelona by which the player received 40 million euros (\$44 million) in 2011 to ward off competing clubs for his signature "altered the free market of football transfers."

Bartomeu and Rosell also stand accused of fraud over the transfer. The case initiated with a complaint from Brazilian investment company DIS, which owned 40 percent of Neymar's sporting rights at the time of his transfer from Santos. Barca initially announced the cost of the move at 57.1 million euros, 17.1 million of which was paid to Santos with the remaining 40 million paid to N&N, a company owned by Neymar's family.

However, Spanish authorities believe the real cost esca-

lated to 83.3 million. DIS received 6.8 million euros, 40 percent of the fee paid to Santos. The company believe it was cheated of its real share because part of the transfer fee was concealed by Barcelona and Neymar. Moreover, DIS also argued the pre-contract agreement between Neymar and Barca impeded other clubs from making offers for the player, affecting the value of the transfer fee.

The decision is another blow to the image of the Spanish champions and the player himself.

Barca hoped to bring an end to the murky affair when the club agreed to pay a 5.5-million-euro fine in a deal with prosecutors in June to settle a separate case and ensure the club avoided trial on tax-evasion charges over the transfer. Meanwhile, Neymar also faces tax evasion charges in Brazil. —AFP



Neymar

MCCARTHY PULLS OUT OF IRISH WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

DUBLIN: Ireland midfielder James McCarthy withdrew from the squad for Saturday's 2018 World Cup qualifier with Austria ending a fiery debate between national coach Martin O'Neill and his Everton manager Ronald Koeman over his fitness. Koeman blamed O'Neill for giving 25-year-old McCarthy too much

game time in two 2018 World Cup qualifiers last month as he had just returned from a groin operation.

O'Neill said the Dutchman's claim was rubbish and accused him of 'bleating' even though McCarthy—who has over 40 caps to his name—has only played just over an hour for Everton since the quali-

fiers. However, on Monday the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) issued a statement saying he would not feature and had been joined on the sidelines by three other players.

"Injury has ruled out Cyrus Christie, Stephen Ward, James McCarthy and Stephen Quinn from the provisional

squad, while some players will be assessed by the FAI medical staff," read the statement.

Experienced defender John O'Shea is one of the players being assessed and O'Neill will hope he is fit as he has been hit prior to Monday by the loss of leading striker Shane Long. Daryl Murphy,

who scored the equaliser in the 2-2 draw in their opening qualifier against Serbia, is also a non starter.

Ireland—whom O'Neill guided to the last 16 of Euro 2016 — are presently level on seven points with table-topping Serbia as the Irish bid to reach their first World Cup finals since 2002. —AFP

EUROPE NO BURDEN FOR ARSENAL, SAYS WENGER

LONDON: Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger does not believe the teams free of Champions League commitment have an advantage in the Premier League despite both Liverpool and Chelsea outstripping his side.

Liverpool are top after crushing Watford 6-1, with Chelsea a point back in second following a scintillating 5-0 win over Everton, and neither side must contend with European distractions.

Arsenal sit a point further back in fourth place following Sunday's 1-1 draw with Tottenham Hotspur, which followed a 3-2 win away to Bulgarian side Ludogorets Razgrad in the Champions League.

"It's a bit easier to prepare for games because you do not have the intensity of a Champions League game, but if you asked them (Liverpool and Chelsea), both would like to play in there," Wenger said.

"So you cannot complain about that. There's a little physical advantage, for sure, especially after the European weeks, but we have to live with that.

"It's not an excuse. Even if they're in front, it's a small difference after 11 games. It's very tight." While Wenger did not feel Arsenal's European exertions had weighed too heavily on his players, he was at a loss to explain the drop in their level of intensity against Tottenham.

After a strong start by Spurs, Arsenal took the upper hand and went ahead in the 42nd minute when Kevin Wimmer headed Mesut Ozil's free-kick into his own net. But Harry Kane equalised with a penalty early in the second half after Laurent Koscielny impeded Mousa Dembele, in what Wenger felt was a "harsh" decision, and Arsenal could not find a second win.

"Did we get a little mental blow when they equalised? I don't know," Wenger said. "But overall when we were questioned in the final 30 minutes, we had no physical answer good enough to win the game. I cannot question the spirit, but we looked a bit flat."

As well as welcoming Kane back from a seven-week lay-off, Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino sprang a surprise by

setting his team out with a back three.

Arsenal winger Theo Walcott said the hosts had been surprised by the move, but Wenger insisted his players had been prepared for the eventuality.

Chelsea's recent fine form was sparked by a second-half switch to a 3-4-3 system during their 3 POCHETTINO ALL SMILES-0 defeat at Arsenal in late September, but Pochettino said he had not taken their approach as inspiration.

"Because Chelsea won 5-0 yesterday (Saturday), they didn't discover the system," he said.

"It's a good system to use depending on the players. But we don't play like Chelsea. We play with two strikers and Christian (Eriksen) behind."

Dembele was Spurs' stand-out player and hauled them back into the game by winning the penalty after driving into the Arsenal box from deep in characteristic fashion. Pochettino described the Belgium international as "a genius".

While Spurs have now gone seven games without a win in all competitions, they have avoided defeat in their first 11 league games for the first time since the Double season of 1960-61.

Spurs have lost Dele Alli to what Pochettino termed a "minor" knee injury and he conceded he will need to juggle his resources skilfully if his team are to repeat last season's title challenge.

"All teams have good and bad moments during the season," said the Argentine, whose side remained fifth in the table.

"If you have bad moments, like we suffered last month, and you are still unbeaten, all I can do is smile. Because I'm happy.

"When you compete in the Champions League and the Premier League, which for me are the toughest competitions in the world, you need all the squad fit.

"We have suffered some issues and maybe we cannot rotate in the way we want to give freshness and put the players in their best condition, so we have to use the same players.

"But I'm very happy with the way we finished now. The feeling is fantastic." — AFP



Jose Mourinho

MOURINHO ALREADY SHOWING SIGNS OF STRAIN AT UNITED

MANCHESTER: Jose Mourinho has picked fights throughout his trophy-laden coaching career, typically against soccer authorities, match officials, the media and opposing managers.

Now, he's increasingly taking on his own players. The joyless, turbulent opening months of his tenure at Manchester United have been pock-marked with public outbursts against the team in general but also against specific individuals.

England defender Luke Shaw has taken the brunt of it. Six weeks ago, Mourinho was openly critical of Shaw's defensive work in United's 3-1 loss to Watford in the Premier League. On Sunday, Shaw was one of two players - the other being Chris Smalling - criticized by Mourinho for failing to play through the pain for a league game against Swansea.

"There is a difference," Mourinho said, "between the brave, who want to be there at any cost, and the ones for whom a little pain can make a difference." Usually, the Portuguese coach makes such comments after a loss or poor performance, using them as a kind of diversionary tactic in classic Mourinho style. Except on this occasion, United had just won 3-1, meaning the remarks in some respects sabotaged what had been an important win for the club after a recent run of poor form. Also, Shaw was a strange target, given the left back missed most of last season because of a broken leg and has felt discomfort since.

There are other examples of Mourinho's attacks. After United's 2-1 loss to Manchester City in the derby at Old Trafford on Sept. 10, Mourinho was openly critical of the displays of Henrikh Mkhitaryan and Jesse Lingard, who were substituted at halftime. He also said his center backs, Daley Blind and Eric Bailly, appeared to be "trying to do what I told (them) not to do."

Some will argue that there is little wrong with a manager pointing out a player's mistake, that the pampered modern-day player needs to have a thicker skin. Yet, a coach rarely goes down that route, at least in public.

Even Alex Ferguson, United's often-volatile managerial great, would protect individual players from criticism at all costs.

"I could criticize my team publicly," Ferguson said in his recent autobiography, "but I could never castigate an individual after the game to the media. The supporters were entitled to know when I was unhappy with a performance. But not an individual." Mourinho used to abide by this unwritten managerial code.

Frank Lampard, one of Mourinho's disciples from his two spells at Chelsea, explained in 2013 how the Portuguese coach used his outbursts in the media to create a storm deliberately. "But he does protect his players," Lampard said. Nowadays, it seems he does it to protect himself.

Before the win at Swansea, United was eighth in the 20-team Premier League and had slipped to third place in its Europa League group following Thursday's 2-1 loss at Fenerbahce, after which Mourinho attacked his players' "global attitude" and accused them of being "fragile." This is United, the record 20-time champion of England which spent about 150 million pounds (about \$185 million) on new players in the recent transfer window.

Things aren't going to plan for Mourinho - he still, for example, doesn't appear to know his best team - and it's showing in his unraveling of his personal discipline.

He was recently charged twice by the English Football Association, for commenting about a referee before a game and then verbally abusing a match official at halftime of a game. The latter offense meant he had to watch United's victory at Swansea in the director's box rather than the dugout.

He has repeatedly railed at the "Einsteins" in

the media world who have been critical of his lineup selections and his team's displays.

He even said in an interview with British broadcaster Sky Sports last month that his living situation - he currently is staying in a Manchester hotel - "is a bit of a disaster."

It's the personal attacks so early in his United tenure that stick out, though, and it's a worry-

ing echo of the final days of his most recent job. His second stint at Chelsea ended sourly in December 2015, when he was fired days after saying his players had "betrayed" his work by defending so poorly in a 2-1 loss at Leicester. Chelsea said there had been a "palpable discord between manager and players." It could be heading the same way at United. — AP

RANIERI BACKS OKAZAKI OVER VARDY AT LEICESTER

LEICESTER: Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri admits that Japanese international striker Shinji Okazaki is his preferred option for Premier League outings rather than England star Jamie Vardy.

Vardy was left on the bench for the second successive Premier League fixture on Sunday as the champions were beaten 2-1 by West Brom. Okazaki partnered Islam Slimani who scored Leicester's only goal after James Morrison had given West Brom the lead.

Vardy, last season's leading scorer, made little impact after stepping off the bench at halftime. "In this moment we play better with Shinji Okazaki," said Ranieri. "Today, we didn't, but often we do. I didn't play Islam Slimani in the Champions League and I wanted to give a rest to Vardy.

"But it wasn't right, they didn't do what I asked so in the second half I introduced Vardy to attack the defensive line." Meanwhile, Ranieri backed Danny Drinkwater to bounce back from the howler that ended their 20-match unbeaten home Premier League record.

Drinkwater's dreadful backpass handed Matt Phillips the winner for West Brom to inflict Leicester's first home league defeat for more than a year.

Ranieri apologised to supporters for the end of the run but insisted England midfielder Drinkwater will respond positively. "I am very sorry we lost our unbeaten record at home," said Ranieri, whose side maintained their unbeaten Champions League record on Wednesday with a goalless draw in

Copenhagen.

"But we knew it would be a tough match against West Bromwich. It was the same last season in the 2-2 draw. "The first half was not good. We tried to have a plan but it was difficult to do this. The second half was much better but we lost the match.

He added: "Danny has said nothing. Every player can make mistake. What can you say to him? "He is one of our best players. It is no problem. He will overcome that, of course." For West Brom, a third victory of the season came thanks to Phillips' first goal for the club. The summer signing from QPR had been dropped last weekend but was recalled at Leicester for the suspended James McClean and laid on Morrison's goal before scoring himself.

"The biggest problem with Matt is that self-belief," said coach Tony Pulis, who pursued Phillips for more than a year before signing him in the summer.

"He's got all the tools, he's very quick, he's got two great feet and he's got a good goalscoring record.

"I had a chat with him last week and told him he has to start understanding that he's a good player and he deserves to be where he is." West Brom triumphed without Saido Berahino after the striker was sent to France for a four-day fitness camp, from where he posted a pre-match Instagram photograph showing off his muscles with the caption "fat boy".

Pulis joked: "He's looking nearly there. Nearly!" — AFP

BRIEFS

Coleman haunted by Serbia defeat

CARDIFF: Wales manager Chris Coleman is still rankled by the 2012 memory of their 6-1 drubbing at the hands of Serbia as his team prepare to clash with the same opponents in Saturday's World Cup qualifier in Cardiff. Euro 2016 semi-finalists Wales have five points in Group D and trail both Serbia and Ireland, who have seven points each after three matches. "It still haunts me, to be honest," Coleman told reporters. "There's nothing worse than when you feel like you've let your country down—and I did that in a big way... I was hanging on to my job. "We had a room upstairs (in the dressing room) with no lights. I remember sitting in there with Kit Symons and Osian Roberts (his assistants) and I didn't want to come out and talk. It was the worst I've ever felt, the absolute worst." Wales have never beaten Serbia, and Coleman, who will be without defenders Ben Davies and James Collins, warned that his team would have to be on their game to get win. "Serbia are very aggressive offensively, they take chances," he added.

Araujo sentenced for refusing breathalyser

MADRID: Spanish court yesterday sentenced Las Palmas striker Sergio Araujo to nine months in prison for failing to cooperate with police who asked him to take a breathalyser test. The 24-year-old Argentine player is unlikely to go to prison because in Spain it is customary that offenders of non-violent crimes with a sentence of under two years do not serve time in jail. Araujo admitted he was guilty of the driving offence during his trial, according to the ruling by the court in Las Palmas on Spain's Canary Islands. The

player was defiant when he refused to take the breathalyser on September 26, telling the two police officers who stopped him that the president of Las Palmas "will fix everything," according to the court. Araujo's lawyer, Lino Chaparro, said he would study the court ruling. He had said in the past that he would appeal the ruling if Araujo was sentenced. The Buenos Aires native was on loan at Las Palmas from Boca Juniors in the 2014-15 season, helping the club gain promotion to La Liga.

Barcelona appeal Messi yellow card

BARCELONA: Barcelona have announced they will appeal the yellow card given to Lionel Messi during the team's 2-1 win over Sevilla on Sunday. The Argentinian forward was booked during the second half of the La Liga game for time wasting as he attempted to put his boot back on after it had come off following a challenge from Sevilla's Steven N'Zonzi. A statement from Barcelona read: "The club have presented an appeal against the yellow card that Leo Messi received on Sunday n the match against Sevilla at the Sanchez Pizjuan, which Barca won 2-1 thanks to a goal from the Argentine." Barcelona coach Luis Enrique explained after the game that Messi's laces were broken due to N'Zonzi's foul and that is why the player could not put the boot back on immediately. Barca striker Neymar was also booked on Sunday and is one card away from a ban. Uruguay forward Luis Suarez will miss the team's home game against Malaga on Nov. 19 after picking up his fifth yellow card of the campaign during the encounter at Sevilla, resulting in an automatic one-game suspension.



BURTON-ON-TRENT: England's defender Michael Keane (L) watches as England's midfielder Jesse Lingard (L) vies with England's striker Daniel Sturridge during a team training session at St George's Park in Burton-on-Trent on Monday, ahead of their group F World Cup qualifying football match against Scotland on November 11. — AFP



LA PAZ: Bolivian player Juan Carlos Arce takes part in a training session on Monday, in La Paz. Bolivia will face Venezuela and Paraguay on November 10 and 15 respectively for World Cup 2018 South American qualifier matches. — AFP

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Coetzee's Boks
up for physical
England clash



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OAKLAND: Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, right, passes away from New Orleans Pelicans' Anthony Davis, left, and Tim Frazier (2) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Monday, in Oakland, Calif. — AP

CURRY HITS NBA-RECORD 13 THREE-POINTERS

OAKLAND: Stephen Curry let it fly from the top of the arc, backpedaled as his record-breaking 3-ball dropped and then wildly began bobbing his head and shuffling his feet with the swagger of a two-time reigning MVP.

Add another remarkable achievement to a long list of them for Curry: most 3-pointers in one game. The star guard sank 13 to set an NBA mark - one game after missing all his 3-point tries for the first time in two years - and the Golden State Warriors beat the winless New Orleans Pelicans 116-106 on Monday.

"This was a special night," Curry said. He finished with 46 points, three days after his league-record streak of 157 games with at least one 3 was snapped when he went 0 for 10 on 3-point tries in a 117-97 road loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. "I was hard on myself in practice the last two days. I had pretty good shooting sessions," he said. "I don't overreact to games like that whether I go 0 for 10 or 2 for 12 or whatever it is. My process is the same, but I had another level of focus the last two days trying to get my rhythm back and see the ball go in."

Curry shot 13 of 17 from beyond the arc in his seventh career game with double-digit 3s. He broke the mark with 2:23 to go and bobbed his head in delight as the crowd roared.

Curry shared the previous 3-point record of 12 with Kobe Bryant and Donyell Marshall. "Nothing you can do about it. He was being

Steph," Pelicans star Anthony Davis said. Grabbing back the spotlight from new Golden State star Kevin Durant, Curry raised his right arm and pumped his chest all night, howling and pointing as one shot fell after another. He went 16 for 26 overall in his first 40-point performance after leading the NBA with 13 last season.

Warriors fans enjoyed every minute of it, chanting "M-V-P! M-V-P!"

"That was quite a show. Not at all surprising the way Steph bounces back from bad nights," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said. Klay Thompson had 24 points with two 3s as the Splash Brothers looked far more in sync from long range at last. Durant added 22 for the Warriors. Davis had 33 points and 13 rebounds for New Orleans (0-7), which along with the 76ers (0-6) are the NBA's lone teams still without a victory. Davis gave the Pelicans a 73-72 lead on a turnaround hook shot with 4:14 left in the third quarter. Davis had 45 points, 17 rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks in the teams' initial matchup on Oct. 28. Draymond Green had his second double-double with 12 rebounds and 11 assists for the Warriors, who were back at Oracle Arena after they embarrassed the Oklahoma City Thunder 122-96 there in Durant's first game against his former team last Thursday.

Thompson - 2 for 10 against the Lakers from 3-point range, a combined 0 of 13 vs. Phoenix and Portland and 9 of 46 overall (19.6 percent)

this season coming in - missed his first three attempts before hitting from the baseline late in the second quarter as the sellout crowd went crazy. Curry knocked down his first 3-point attempt at the 7:29 mark of the first quarter. He received a technical with 1:45 left in the third for arguing he was fouled by Davis on a 3-point attempt.

TIP-INS

Pelicans: E'Twaun Moore added 15 points. ... The Pelicans signed veteran G Archie Goodwin and waived injured G Lance Stephenson, scheduled to have surgery to repair his torn groin in Philadelphia on Tuesday. ... New Orleans lost for the 15th time in the past 16 games against Golden State.

Warriors: David West appeared in his 900th regular-season game, one of 22 active players to reach the number. ... Curry has made a 3 in 81 straight home games. When he came up empty Friday night in Los Angeles, it was the first time Curry did not hit a 3 since Nov. 11, 2014. ... Rookie Patrick McCaw returned from missing four straight games with a sprained left ankle sustained late in the first meeting vs. New Orleans. C Anderson Varejao was inactive. ... Former Warriors player and coach Al Attles celebrated his 80th birthday, receiving a video tribute and the birthday song with cupcakes after the first quarter.

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Utah 109, Philadelphia 84; Houston 114, Washington 106; Charlotte 122, Indiana 100; Chicago 112, Orlando 80; Oklahoma City 97, Miami 85; LA Clippers 114, Detroit 82; Golden State 116, New Orleans 106.											
Eastern Conference				Western Conference							
Atlantic Division				Northwest Division							
	W	L	PCT	GB							
Toronto	4	2	.667	-	Oklahoma City	6	1	.857	-		
Boston	3	3	.500	1	Utah	5	3	.625	1.5		
NY Knicks	2	4	.333	2	Portland	4	3	.571	2		
Brooklyn	2	4	.333	2	Denver	3	3	.500	2.5		
Philadelphia	0	6	0	4	Minnesota	1	4	.200	4		
Central Division					Pacific Division						
Cleveland	6	0	1.000	-	LA Clippers	6	1	.857	-		
Detroit	4	3	.571	2.5	Golden State	5	2	.714	1		
Chicago	4	3	.571	2.5	LA Lakers	4	3	.571	2		
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	2.5	Sacramento	3	5	.375	3.5		
Indiana	3	4	.429	3.5	Phoenix	2	5	.286	4		
Southeast Division					Southwest Division						
Charlotte	5	1	.833	-	San Antonio	5	2	.714	-		
Atlanta	4	2	.667	1	Houston	4	3	.571	1		
Orlando	3	4	.429	2.5	Memphis	3	4	.429	2		
Miami	2	4	.333	3	Dallas	1	5	.167	3.5		
Washington	1	5	.167	4	New Orleans	0	7	0	5		

DURANT'S MARK

Durant has scored 20 or more points in 71 straight regular-season games, matching Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the fifth-longest streak in NBA history.

Monday marked 70 years to the day since the Warriors played their first game in franchise history . The Philadelphia Warriors beat the Pittsburgh Ironmen 81-75, watched by a crowd of 4,185. — AP

INTER MILAN NAME PIOLI AS COACH

MILAN: Inter Milan appointed journeyman Stefano Pioli yesterday as their ninth coach in the last six years, his first managerial role with one of Italy's top three clubs.

The 51-year-old, who has coached 10 clubs in Italy's top two divisions without winning a major trophy, replaced Dutchman Frank de Boer who was fired last week after 85 days and 14 competitive games in charge.

Inter, enduring their fifth consecutive season without Champions League football, confirmed the appointment in a statement.

"FC Internazionale is delighted to confirm that terms have been agreed with Stefano Pioli to become Inter's new head coach until June 30, 2018," the club said.

In his previous job, Pioli led Lazio to a third-place finish Serie A in 2014-15 but was less

successful last season and was fired in April after an embarrassing 4-1 defeat by neighbours AS Roma. Inter, AC Milan and Juventus are considered to be Italy's biggest three clubs, although neither of the Milan sides have won a Serie A title since 2011.

A central defender in his playing days, Pioli's first job as head coach was with Serie B side Salernitana in 2003.

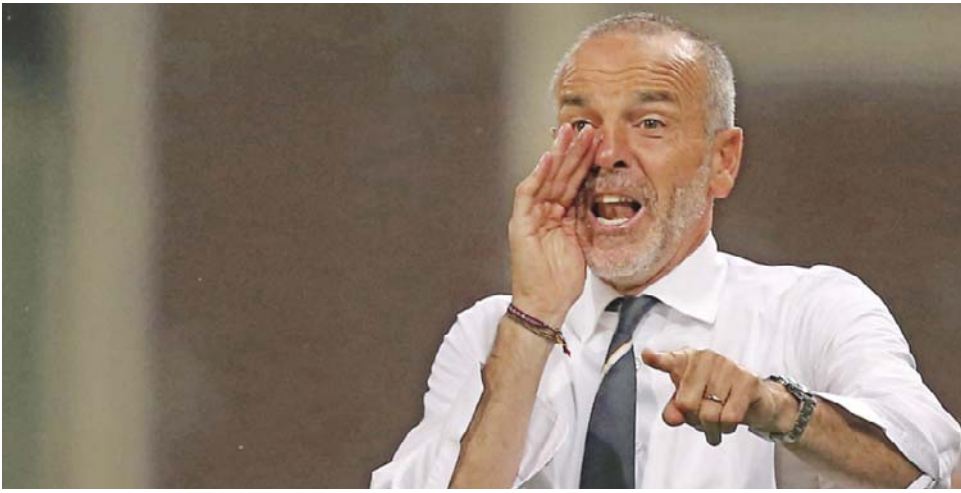
He moved to Modena, another second-tier side the following year, and got his first chance in the top flight with Parma in 2006.

He was sacked after six months with the team one place of the bottom and went back to Serie B where he coached Grosseto, Piacenza and Sassuolo.

Chievo brought him back to Serie A in 2010 and he moved to Palermo the following year

but lasted just 90 days at the notoriously volatile club. Next stop was Bologna and he kept them in Serie A during two difficult seasons before moving to Lazio.

Inter won the Champions League, Serie A and Coppa Italia treble under Jose Mourinho in 2010 but have not been able to recapture that sort of form since, often languishing in mid-table. Chinese electronics retailer Suning Commerce Group Co Ltd bought nearly 70 percent of Inter for 270 million euros (\$298 million) in June, less than three years after the club had previously been sold to a consortium led by Indonesian business tycoon Erick Thohir. Previously, the club were owned by Massimo Moratti, whose family controls Italian oil refiner Saras, from 1995 to 2013. — Reuters



GENOA: This file photo taken on May 16, 2015 shows Lazio's coach Stefano Pioli during the Italian Serie A football match Sampdoria Vs Lazio on May 16, 2015 at "Luigi Ferraris Stadium" in Genoa. Former Lazio and Bologna boss Stefano Pioli has been officially chosen on Monday to take over at Inter Milan after Dutch coach Frank de Boer was sacked. — AFP



TOTAL SIGNS ENERGY DEAL WITH IRAN



BANKS, MARKETS GIRD FOR US ELECTION TUMULT

TRADERS EXPECT US STOCK PRICES TO SWING BY 2% IN EITHER DIRECTION

More than half of the stock and bond fund managers polled by Northern Trust in the third quarter said they expected the election to cause a large increase in market volatility. The extra staffing is similar to what the bank did during Britain's vote to leave the European Union, he said. — Reuters

EGYPT HITS 8-YR HIGH ON FX EUPHORIA, SAUDI UP

MIDEAST STOCK MARKETS

OPEC SAYS CLIMATE EFFORT WON'T QUENCH OIL THIRST

Cars driving oil demand

Growth in the aviation and the petrochemical sectors will also support oil demand. Estimates that see little impact for the oil sector would be welcomed by the industry, which OPEC also said in its report needs \$10 trillion of investments in order to meet future demand. OPEC's main scenario sees overall energy demand grow from 273.9 mboe/d in 2014 to 382.1 mboe/d in 2040, although is a drop from the 399.4 mboe/d it forecast last year. — AFP

TOTAL SIGNS FIRST POST-SANCTIONS WESTERN ENERGY DEAL WITH IRAN

FIRST PHASE TO COST \$2 BILLION



TEHRAN: Seated (L-R) Ali Kardor, Managing Director of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), Stephane Michel, Total's head of Middle East exploration and production, Hamid Akbari, Managing Director of Petropars Group and Jean Ping Zhou, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), sign an offshore gas field agreement in Tehran yesterday.—AFP

PARIS: France's Total has signed a deal with Iran to further develop its part of the world's largest gas field, becoming the first western energy company to sign a major deal with Tehran since the lifting of international sanctions earlier this year.

Total confirmed yesterday it had signed a heads of agreement with National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) for the Phase 11 development of South Pars in the Gulf, which extends into Qatari waters where it is known as the North field. The SP11 project will progress in two stages, the first costing an estimated \$2 billion, Total said. The produced gas will be fed into Iran's gas net-

work. The French company has already played a key role in Iran's energy industry, including the development of phases 2 and 3 of South Pars in the 2000s, before pulling out of the country after international sanctions were imposed in 2010.

Foreign companies keen to tap into Iran's vast oil and gas reserves have so far made little inroads into the country despite the lifting of many sanctions earlier this year following a landmark agreement on Iran's nuclear program.

Tehran has pledged to open up its oil industry but foreign companies, including BP and Italy's Eni recently said they still

have little information about Iranian oil fields and contract terms, hindering investment decisions. Chief Executive Officer Patrick Pouyanne, who has taken some major investment decisions in recent years despite one of the sector's longest downturns, said the agreement "resulted in an attractive commercial framework."

Total said it would operate the SP11 project and have a 50.1 percent stake in it. Petropars, a subsidiary of the National Iranian Oil Company, will have a 19.9 percent stake while state-China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC) will have a 30 percent stake.

The development will have a production capacity of 1.8 billion cubic feet per day, or 370,000 barrels of oil equivalent, with output to be fed into Iran's gas network. "This project fits with the group's strategy of expanding its presence in the Middle East, where the origins of the group lie, and growing its gas portfolio by adding low unit cost, long plateau gas assets," Pouyanne said in a statement.

Total will develop the project in compliance with national and international laws and the investment will be undertaken without bank finance, he told reporters. — Reuters

EGYPT POUND DROPS AS BANKS SUCK UP BLACK MARKET DOLLARS

CAIRO: Egypt's pound weakened yesterday as dollar-starved banks bought hard currency from the black market to meet demand from importers and other companies after Egypt ditched its currency peg last week. The pound was quoted at 17.60-17.90 against the dollar in the inter-bank market at 3:26 p.m. (1326 GMT), after trading at an average of 16.83 on Monday, but volumes were tiny as a severe dollar shortage stifled liquidity.

But bankers said volumes were beginning to improve as banks sourced more dollars from the black market, sucking

foreign exchange back into the formal banking system. "The volumes of dollar inflows to the banks are increasing, relatively speaking, compared to when there was central bank interference," said one banker.

"The number of transactions we are executing with clients is increasing daily. All these are good signs, regardless of the weakening pound. This is the only way to attract dollars back into the banking system." The central bank abandoned the pound's peg of 8.8 to the dollar on Thursday, floating the currency in an effort to attract

inflows of capital and crush a booming black market in dollars. Import-dependent Egypt has struggled to attract dollars and revive the economy since the 2011 uprising that ended Hosni Mubarak's 30-year rule drove away tourists and foreign investors, essential sources of hard currency.

As maintaining the currency peg drained its foreign reserves, Egypt imposed capital controls and rationed dollars, forcing importers to turn to the black market for their needs. Meanwhile, ordinary Egyptians kept dollars stashed under mattresses as a hedge against inflation that has soared above 14 percent. This starved the banking system of hard currency. Since the pound was floated, banks have been opening daily until 9 p.m. to accept dollar deposits and sales. The government has run messages on Egyptian radio calling on the public to shun the black market and use the banks.

It is not clear how many dollars have come into banks since the float, but bankers and businesspeople said some black market dealers had been forced to sell dollars into the banking system as they struggled to find buyers. "I don't think people will jump right back to the black market because the banks are trying to get the liquidity form the black market as well," one commodities trader said yesterday. A banker said black market dealers were offering dollars to banks for 18 pounds yesterday. Some of those dealers had originally bought dollars at or near those levels, and they were looking for opportunities to exit their positions without losing money. Another commodities trader said he had been forced to go to the black market because his bank was not able to supply him with all the dollars he had requested. "I would prefer the bank. If I can get it from the bank, I will," he said. — Reuters

News

in brief

ADNOC, Occidental to expand Al-Hosn capacity

ABU DHABI: Abu Dhabi National Oil Co (ADNOC) and US-based Occidental Petroleum said yesterday they planned to expand their Al Hosn gas facility, adding 50 percent more processing capacity. "The plant could become operational within the life span of ADNOC's new five-year business plan - part of the company's '2030 Strategy' - which was recently approved by Abu Dhabi's Supreme Petroleum Council," ADNOC said in a statement. ADNOC holds a 60 percent share in the Al Hosn joint venture and Occidental Petroleum 40 percent. The project is vital for keeping the United Arab Emirates supplied with fuel and reducing its growing gas imports. The UAE is investing \$35 billion to diversify its energy mix and reduce its dependence on natural gas imports for power generation, the country's energy minister said on Sunday.

Aldar Properties Q3 net profit gains 17.9%

DUBAI: Abu Dhabi's Aldar Properties reported a 17.9 percent increase in third-quarter attributable net profit yesterday, according to a bourse filing. Net profit attributable to the owners was 747.8 million dirhams (\$203.6 million) for the three months to Sept. 30, compared with a profit of 634.3 million dirhams in the year-ago period. Total net profit for the period rose 16 percent to 737.1 million dirhams, from 638.2 million dirhams in the corresponding three months of last year. SICO Bahrain forecast Aldar would make a quarterly profit of 480.26 million dirhams, and EFG Hermes expected earnings of 682.06 million dirhams.

Emaar Properties Q3 net profit up 36%

DUBAI: Dubai's Emaar Properties, builder of the world's tallest tower, reported a 36 percent increase in third-quarter net profit yesterday as revenue rose. The developer, in which Dubai's government owns a minority stake, made a net profit of 1.15 billion dirhams (\$313.1 million) in the three months to Sept. 30, it said in a bourse statement. That compares with a profit of 843 million dirhams in the year-earlier period. SICO Bahrain and EFG Hermes forecast Emaar would make a quarterly profit of 1.20 billion dirhams and 1.33 billion dirhams respectively. Emaar's quarterly revenue was 3.85 billion dirhams, up 16 percent on the 3.33 billion dirhams recorded a year earlier.

Egypt gets offers from 7 wheat suppliers

CAIRO/ABU DHABI: Egypt's state grain buyer GASC received offers from seven suppliers at its international wheat purchasing tender yesterday. The lowest offer was \$186.98 a ton free-on-board (FOB) for 60,000 tons of Russian wheat and was presented by Engelhart Commodities Trading Partners (ECTP), traders said. GASC is holding a tender for an unspecified amount of wheat from global suppliers for shipment from Dec 10-20 and results are due later. Egypt reversed a controversial ergot fungus specification in September, ending a saga that effectively cut off its access to global grains markets after suppliers refused to make offers. The reversal has helped GASC resume its purchases though the number of offers remains below the more than 15 typical at tenders before the controversy began.

Kuwaiti oil price up 18 cents to \$40.33 pb

KUWAIT: The price of Kuwaiti oil went up by 18 cents to \$40.33 per barrel (pb) Monday as oppose to \$40.15 pb last Friday, said Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. At the global level, the prices went up mainly due to the US Dollar hike and reports of OPEC cutting output. The Brent Crude price went up by 57 cents to settle at \$46.15 pb. The price of the American crude also went up 82 cents to \$44.89 pb.

CREDIT SUISSE PICKED TO SELL RBS STAKE IN SAUDI HOLLANDI BANK

DUBAI: Credit Suisse has been appointed to sell Royal Bank of Scotland's 40 percent stake in Saudi Hollandi Bank, sources aware of the matter said yesterday, in a deal potentially worth around \$1.2 billion. Several sources said Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund (PIF), was considered a likely buyer of the stake.

The fund has been buying up assets at home and abroad following plans to turn it into the world's largest sovereign wealth fund with \$2 trillion of assets. The sale would be an opportunity for a foreign buyer to gain a foothold in the kingdom's banking sector, in which 12 commercial lenders share total assets worth around 2.22 trillion riyals (\$592 billion). But banking sources expect the holding to go to a domestic player. Spokespeople for RBS and the PIF declined to comment. A spokeswoman for Saudi Hollandi did not respond to a request for comment. —Reuters

EXCHANGE RATES

AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

ASIAN COUNTRIES

Japanese Yen	2.940
Indian Rupees	4.552
Pakistani Rupees	2.896
Srilankan Rupees	2.048
Nepali Rupees	2.847
Singapore Dollar	220.470
Hongkong Dollar	39.088
Bangladesh Taka	3.859
Philippine Peso	6.269
Thai Baht	8.688

GCC COUNTRIES

Saudi Riyal	80.894
Qatari Riyal	83.317
ani Riyal	787.812
Bahraini Dinar	805.500
UAE Dirham	82.580

ARAB COUNTRIES

Egyptian Pound - Cash	25.000
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	22.724
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.218
Tunisian Dinar	136.250
Jordanian Dinar	427.240
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.021
Syrian Lira	2.0162
Morocco Dirham	31.253

EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES

US Dollar Transfer	303.150
Euro	339.830
Sterling Pound	381.360
Canadian dollar	227.500
Turkish lira	97.790

Swiss Franc	315.120
Australian Dollar	234.330
US Dollar Buying	301.950

GOLD

20 Gram	263.30
10 Gram	134.57
5 Gram	68.13

DOLLARCO EXCHANGE CO. LTD

Rate for Transfer

US Dollar	303.850
Canadian Dolla	227.265
Sterling Pound	377.235
Euro	336.500
Swiss Frank	297.175
Bahrain Dinar	803.255
UAE Dirhams	82.955
Qatari Riyals	84.170
Saudi Riyals	81.750
Jordanian Dinar	428.155
Egyptian Pound	18.662
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.055
Indian Rupees	4.549
Pakistani Rupees	2.897
Bangladesh Taka	3.865
Philippines Peso	6.236
Cyprus pound	160.145
Japanese Yen	3.900
Syrian Pound	2.420
Nepalese Rupees	3.840
Malaysian Ringgit	72.940
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	45.170
Thai Bhat	9.670
Turkish Lira	96.040

Selling Rate

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CURRENCY

	BUY	SELL
Europe		
British Pound	0.373575	0.383575
Czech Korune	0.004482	0.016482
Danish Krone	0.041285	0.046285
Euro	0.0333321	0.342321
Norwegian Krone	0.033119	0.038319
Romanian Leu	0.084014	0.084014
Slovakia	0.009041	0.019041
Swedish Krona	0.029858	0.034858
Swiss Franc	0.307095	0.318095
Turkish Lira	0.092080	0.102380

Australasia

Australian Dollar	0.224887	0.236887
New Zealand Dollar	0.216301	0.225801

America

Canadian Dollar	0.221048	0.230046
Georgina Lari	0.136917	0.136917
US Dollars	0.299050	0.303750
US Dollars Mint	0.299550	0.303750

Asia

Bangladesh Taka	0.003371	0.003955
Chinese Yuan	0.043374	0.046874
Hong Kong Dollar	0.037001	0.039751
Indian Rupee	0.004161	0.004550
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000019	0.000025

Japanese Yen	0.002862	0.003042
Kenyan Shilling	0.003118	0.003118
Korean Won	0.000255	0.000270
Malaysian Ringgit	0.068704	0.074704
Nepalese Rupee	0.002813	0.002983
Pakistan Rupee	0.002689	0.002979
Philippine Peso	0.006136	0.006436
Sierra Leone	0.000067	0.000073
Singapore Dollar	0.213834	0.223834
South African Rand	0.016529	0.025029
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001645	0.002225
Taiwan	0.009514	0.009694
Thai Baht	0.008341	0.008891

Arab

Bahraini Dinar	0.797542	0.806042
Egyptian Pound	0.017423	0.024676
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000085
Iraqi Dinar	0.000186	0.000248
Jordanian Dinar	0.423420	0.432420
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000146	0.000246
Moroccan Dirhams	0.019837	0.043837
Nigerian Naira	0.001251	0.001886
Omani Riyal	0.780982	0.786662
Qatar Riyal	0.082456	0.083906
Saudi Riyal	0.079953	0.081053
Syrian Pound	0.001285	0.001505
Tunisian Dinar	0.132321	0.140321
Turkish Lira	0.102380	0.102380
UAE Dirhams	0.081111	0.082811
Yemeni Riyal	0.001370	0.001450



Alghanim Auto unveils the all-new Ford Edge

Launch event by Ford Middle East and Alghanim Auto at the Avenues

KUWAIT: The All-New Ford Edge was displayed at the Avenues mall over the past weekend following its official introduction in Kuwait by Ford Middle East and Alghanim Auto last month. Available now at the new Alghanim Auto Ford showroom in Shuwaikh across from SIRBB Circuit, the All-New Ford Edge demonstrates what happens when a proven leader gets even better. In its 3rd generation, the new model features an impressive lineup of powertrains, class-leading technologies, higher levels of craftsmanship and greatly improved vehicle dynamics, guaranteed to impress drivers at first sight and during a test drive.

The All-New Edge gathered warm attention while featured in Dome 2 at the 2nd Avenue from November 3-5, where mall goers and interested customers enjoyed an informative

overview of the new crossover by Alghanim Auto's professional sales consultants and trained promoters, who also offered customers the opportunity to book their test-drive appointments on the spot.

The All-New Edge is available in four trim levels. These include SE, SEL, Sport and - for the first time - a top-of-the-line Titanium series to meet market demand for more premium offerings. In terms of powertrains, there are three engine options, two of which are new power plants - a standard twin-scroll 2.0-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder with 253 PS and 378 Nm of torque, and the advanced 2.7-liter EcoBoost V6 on Sport models, delivering 340 PS and 542 Nm of torque. A normally aspirated 3.5-liter V6 engine is also available. All are equipped with a dual exhaust and a SelectShift six-speed auto-

matic transmission with paddle shifters and an available full-time all-wheel-drive system.

The All-New Edge will be a technology leader for Ford, with a suite of standard and available technologies designed to improve the driving experience and the level of occupant comfort. Technologies being offered for the first time include Ford's first ever application of adaptive steering, adaptive cruise control and collision warning with brake support, enhanced active park assist, front, rear, and side parking sensors and a 180-degree split front camera. Other key technology features include a hand-free lift gate, lane-keeping system, Blind Spot Information System BLIS, and SYNC with MyFord Touch. The all-new Edge is also loaded with safety technologies, including active glove box knee airbag, AdvanceTrac

with Roll Stability Control and Curve Control, and inflatable rear safety belts.

Overall, the Edge represents a significant move forward in both material and visual quality. Throughout the vehicle, seams are tighter and more consistent, and the design has been executed in a way that reduces visual cut lines. The dashboard and center console have also been carefully designed and shaped to look like one thin, streamlined piece. A central 8-inch LCD touch screen supporting SYNC with MyFord Touch is now available on even more models.

Thanks in part to smart design work and next-generation seats that are thinner and more supportive, the interior of the new Edge is larger and more spacious. Adding further to the feeling of openness, Edge will continue to

offer one of the largest sunroofs in the business - Ford's Panoramic Vista Roof, measuring 121cm front to back. Legroom in the first and second row of the new Edge has increased by 4.8cm and 2.54cm, respectively. Headroom increases by 2.54cm throughout. Cargo capacity increases, with 39.2 cubic feet of space behind the second row of seats - 7.0 cubic feet more than the previous model. With the second row folded, space has increased by 4.5 cubic feet, to 73.4 cubic feet.

For more information or to book a test drive, customers interested in the All-New Edge can visit the Alghanim Auto New Vehicle Showroom in Shuwaikh Industrial Area, opposite from the Classical Car Museum and Sirbb Circuit. The showroom is open from 9 am to 8 pm every day except Fridays.



BRUSSELS: (L-R) Maltese Finance Minister Edward Scicluna, Italian Finance Minister Pier Carlo Padoan, Greece's Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos, Eurogroup President and Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem and Luxembourg's Finance Minister Pierre Gramegna speak together ahead of an Economic and Financial (ECOFIN) Affairs Council meeting at the European Council in Brussels yesterday. — AFP

GERMAN ECONOMY ROBUST DESPITE SEPTEMBER BLUES

FRESH DIP IN INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT, EXPORTS

FRANKFURT: Germany's economy remained robust in the third quarter even in light of a fresh dip in industrial production and exports, analysts said yesterday, but Brexit fears remain on the horizon.

Industrial production slipped by 1.8 percent, corrected for price, seasonal and calendar effects, in September compared with the previous month, the federal statistics office Destatis said. That was a much steeper slide than predicted by analysts surveyed by Factset who had expected a 0.4-percent drop. The statistics office also revised up the level of month-on-month growth in August, from a 2.5 preliminary reading to 3.0 percent. Meanwhile, a 0.7-percent fall in exports compared with August, adjusted for seasonal swings, cut Germany's trade surplus as it outpaced falling imports.

A statement from the economy ministry greeted "slightly positive picture" of 0.3-percent quarter-on-quarter growth in industrial production over the three months from July to September.

Fewer public holidays in the fourth quarter and a slight pick-up in industrial orders and other economic indicators could point to faster growth in the months ahead, the ministry statement read.

'Momentum to continue'

"Monthly data is volatile," economist Florian Hense of Berenberg bank said, adding that weak September data "is not the start of a new trend." "Economic activity is unlikely to lose momentum at the end of the year," analyst Stefan Kipar of BayernLB bank agreed.

Germany has seen positive purchasing managers' surveys, an indicator of future activity, while business confidence hit a two-year high in October after a slump following Britain's June vote to quit the European Union. A first estimate of GDP growth in the third quarter is slated for November 15, and analysts surveyed by Factset predict growth of 0.3 percent-slightly slower than the 0.4 percent achieved in the second

quarter and a big slowdown from the 0.7 percent reached between January and March.

But some observers expect growth to rebound in the last three months. "Signs are mounting that German companies have already been changing into forward gear," said Andreas Rees of Unicredit. The Bundesbank, the German central bank, expects the country to achieve growth of 1.7 percent across 2016 as a whole, while the federal government in October raised its forecast to a slightly more optimistic 1.8 percent.

Beyond December, "a few clouds are darkening the horizon with the British Brexit trigger in the new year," BayernLB's Kipar said.

British Prime Minister Theresa May has vowed to launch the UK's two-year negotiation to quit the European Union by the end of March.

Fears over Britain's economic prospects have sent the pound tumbling since the June 23 referendum, hitting income for German companies that sell to the island nation. — AFP

SAUDI OGER SEEKS PAYMENT FREEZE ON \$3.5BN BANK DEBT

DUBAI: Construction giant Saudi Oger has asked banks to agree to a freeze in repayments on at least 13 billion riyals (\$3.5 billion) of debt, sources aware of the matter said, as it seeks more time to collect money owed by the kingdom's government. The request opens the way for the company, owned by the family of Lebanese Prime Minister-designate Saad Al-Hariri, to press ahead with seeking one of the largest debt restructuring deals in the Gulf since the slide in oil prices in June 2014.

A standstill agreement allows troubled companies to suspend payments to creditors and halts any attempts to pursue legal action for reimbursement, giving them breathing space to reach a restructuring deal. It was not clear whether the request, submitted to banks in the kingdom late last month, extended to the conglomerate's bank debt outside the kingdom as well, or how long a freeze on debt repayments would last.

A Saudi Oger spokesman did not respond to an emailed request for comment. "Saudi Oger has asked banks for a standstill while they collect money from the government," one source said.

Another source said a standstill agreement was a first step "but the company will need some form of help from the government for there to be a resolution." Saudi Oger is a mega-contractor that for years built grand infrastructure projects in the kingdom, from universities and roads to airports and hospitals.

But the collapse in oil prices has prompted the government to tighten spending, hurting contractors such as Oger that rely on the state for most of their projects. The government owes Oger about 30 billion riyals for work it has completed, a Saudi-based source

with knowledge of the matter told Reuters in September. It is unclear how much of that amount remains outstanding.

PAYMENT BACKLOG

One analyst estimated unpaid dues to the construction sector as a whole totalled 80 billion riyals. Hopes of the payment backlog easing rose after the kingdom's state news agency said on Monday that the government had discussed settling payments to the private sector before the end of the year.

The sources said it was too early to say whether banks would agree to the standstill request. Any failure of the company would send ripples across the Saudi banking system and wider economy. Oger's debt to local banks was estimated at 13 billion riyals, of which 7 billion riyals was already committed and a further 6 billion riyals consisted of credit that was allocated but was currently undrawn, one of the sources said.

That 13 billion riyals is higher than the 10 billion riyals in combined profit reported by all Saudi banks during the third quarter. A debt restructuring appeared a more likely prospect after the government ended talks aimed at saving the company, Reuters reported in September.

In other signs of pressure on the Oger business empire, Saudi Oger has begun talks with potential buyers of its 20.93 percent stake in Jordan-based Arab Bank, while Oger Telecom is in talks about a potential stake sale with Saudi Telecom, Reuters previously reported, citing sources.

Oger Telecom is also in talks with creditors to renegotiate debt before its next repayment on a \$4.75 billion loan in March, according to sources. — Reuters

FIRST JOYALUKKAS SHOWROOM IN US TO OPEN IN HILCROFT, HOUSTON

HOUSTON: Joyalukkas is all set to open its first showroom in the USA. This will now be the 12th country to have the presence of the world's favourite jeweler thereby giving Joyalukkas a truly global presence. The opening of the new Joyalukkas showroom in Hilcroft, Houston is a sparkling example of a well-planned and successful expansion drive that has now become the hallmark of the Joyalukkas group. The expansion drive also includes the opening of two more showrooms in Edison, New Jersey and W. Devon Avenue, Chicago.

"The opening of Joyalukkas in the US is very close to my heart. The large Indian Diaspora can now look forward to their favourite jeweler close to them and not wait to travel to their homeland to buy their dream Jewellery. As is the norm, customers can expect a world-class ambience

and the widest variety of high-quality Jewellery at the best value. All complemented by the very high standards of customer service Joyalukkas has become known for," says Joy Alukkas. Chairman & MD, Joyalukkas Group.

The inauguration of Joyalukkas showroom in Hilcroft, will be held on 19th November, 2016.

Joyalukkas Group is a multi-billion dollar global conglomerate, with varied business interests. The group operates its various business operations across UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Singapore, Malaysia, London and India. The group businesses include Jewellery, money exchange, fashion & textiles, luxury air charters, malls and realty. Joyalukkas employs over 7,000 professionals across the world, and is one of the most awarded and recognized Jewellery retail chains in the world.



CHINA EXPORTS DROP A 7TH STRAIGHT MONTH IN OCT

BEIJING: Chinese exports sank for a seventh consecutive month in October, data showed yesterday, as weak global demand dealt a blow to the world's number two economy following recent signs of stability. The result, which also missed forecasts, comes as the country's export-oriented companies see their margins squeezed by rising labor costs and increasing competition from southeastern Asian countries.

Overseas shipments fell 7.3 percent on-year, while imports also fell 1.4 percent, with both coming in below expectations in a survey of economists by Bloomberg News.

China is the world's biggest trader in goods and its performance affects partners from Australia to Zambia, which have been

battered as its expansion has slowed to levels not seen in a quarter of a century. With exports totalling \$178.2 billion and imports \$129.1 billion the trade surplus dropped to \$49.1 billion in the month.

Customs earlier gave the figure in yuan terms, showing a 3.2 percent drop in exports and a 3.2 percent increase in imports on-year.

Analyst Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said the outlook appeared challenging with "global and domestic growth unlikely to accelerate much further". "The current pace of global growth is likely to be as good as it gets for the foreseeable future." Though the yuan currency's value has slid to a series of six-year lows against the greenback in recent weeks, making Chinese goods cheaper

for trade partners, it has not been enough to lift exports into positive territory.

The yuan weakened further yesterday after the People's Bank of China said the country's foreign exchange reserves dropped nearly \$46 billion in October, their second-largest decline this year as capital outflows eat into the world's largest stockpile.

While yesterday's trade figures disappointed, analysts with ANZ said they suggested that external demand had "not worsened significantly" despite earlier data on factory activity that pointed to a larger decline. Beijing is seeking to transition the economy away from being the world's factory floor for cheap goods to supplying the country's growing consumer needs. — AFP

GLOBAL STOCKS RISE AS BREXIT WORRIES EBB

LONDON: World stocks and the dollar were little changed yesterday as global investors trod carefully, readying for the outcome of one of the most contentious US presidential elections in history.

Trade was largely driven by cautious expectations of a win for Democrat Hillary Clinton, but some sharp swings in recent days across all asset classes meant big bets were relatively thin on the ground as Americans started voting. Wall Street's S&P 500, Dow Jones, and Nasdaq markets were expected to open a touch lower having enjoyed their best day since March on Monday, while the dollar held steady as bonds and gold made ground. "While the market is broadly pricing in a Clinton victory, we are well away from the final results," said Ipek Ozkardeskaya, senior market analyst at London Capital Group.

"It is certainly too early to speculate. The least we can say is that the risk appetite is quite firm for

such a high event-risk day." At the end of a bruising election campaign, the Reuters/Ipsos States of the Nation poll gave Clinton a 90 percent chance of defeating Republican Donald Trump and said she was on track to win 303 Electoral College votes out of 270 needed, to Trump's 235.

Europe's index of leading 300 shares, which posted its biggest gain in two months on Monday, was flat ahead of US trading. A modest 0.15 percent gain for Britain's FTSE 100 was balanced by 0.1 percent dips in both Germany and France. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan had ended up 0.6 percent overnight though Japan's Nikkei 225 ended flat. MSCI's global index of world shares was up 0.1 percent.

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China's CSI 300 index added 0.4 percent, with relief over improving prospects of a Clinton win

offsetting bigger-than-expected declines in both imports and exports and a smaller-than-forecast trade balance in October. Clinton is generally seen by investors as offering greater certainty and stability, and, until stumbling last week after FBI Director James Comey said the agency was reviewing newly discovered emails, had been seen as the clear favorite.

While surveys last week showed Republican candidate Donald Trump closing in on Clinton's lead, at least five major polls on Monday showed her still ahead. But investors remained wary, noting Britain's shock vote in June to leave the European Union had wrongfooted bookmakers and most pollsters. "A Trump victory would be a clear risk-off event that would trigger significant reactions and equity markets would take a sharp hit, at least in the short term," said Andreas Johnson, economist at Swedish bank SEB.

"However, the tightening of the polls indicate that the risk of a very close result is substantial."

In currency markets the dollar, which had its best day in a month on Monday, edged slightly lower. The dollar index, a measure of its value against a basket of currencies, fell 0.2 percent as the euro rose 0.2 percent to \$1.1060. Having recorded its biggest one-day increase against the yen in almost four months on Monday, the dollar was flat against the Japanese currency at 104.40 yen yesterday.

It was also flat at 18.5855 versus the Mexican peso, which has ebbed and flowed in recent weeks in tandem with the perceived chances of a Trump victory. The currency is seen as a proxy for bets on the election because Mexico is considered most vulnerable to Trump's trade policies as 80 percent of its exports go to the United States.

Most bond yields retreated yesterday after rising across the board on Monday. The benchmark 10-year US Treasury yield fell one basis point to 1.815 percent. Crude oil futures were drifting lower too, with US crude down 0.5 percent at \$44.66 a barrel and global benchmark Brent down 0.3 percent at \$46.00 having both gained more than 1 percent on Monday.

Most Asian markets extended gains yesterday hopes Hillary Clinton will beat Donald Trump to win yesterday's presidential election but traders are cautious with many opinion polls saying the race is too close to call. Global equities and risk assets surged Monday after the FBI said it would not pursue criminal charges against Clinton over her use of a private email server while secretary of state.

The rally came after a week of turmoil caused by the bureau's announcement on October 28 it was looking into the issue,

despite having cleared her once already in July. Clinton is considered by many investors to be a safer bet than Trump, who is seen as a loose cannon with policies many fear could wreck the world's top economy.

Hong Kong rose 0.3 percent in the afternoon, Sydney ended up 0.1 percent, Seoul gained 0.3 percent and Singapore was 0.3 percent higher. Wellington, Taipei and Manila also posted healthy advances but Tokyo added marginally lower. Shanghai added 0.5 percent as investors brushed off news that Chinese exports fell for a seventh consecutive month in October as weak global demand put another dent in the world's number two economy. "We've been swung this way and that over who may win, but expectations of a Clinton victory are firming," said Toshihiko Matsuno, a senior strategist at SMBC Friend Securities Co.

"Since it's easier to predict policy with her, there's more of a sense of security in the market. Stocks may price in 70 to 80 percent (chance) of a Clinton victory today," he told Bloomberg News.

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In Asia, the dollar bought 18.5833 pesos from 18.6463 pesos in New York and well down from the levels approaching 20 pesos touched last week. The upbeat mood also lifted high-yielding, or riskier, currencies in Asia, with Australia's dollar, the South Korean won, Indonesian rupiah, Thai baht and

Malaysian ringgit all up against the greenback. However, there remains unease with Trump having rallied from a double-digit deficit in some polls to within striking distance of Clinton, while analysts pointed to June's shock EU exit vote in Britain. — Agencies

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Index	Change	Closing	Last Closing	High	Low	Volume	Value (KWD)
Price Index	▲ 26.31	5,469.55	5,443.24	5,459.81	5,434.87	171,187,328	
Weighted Index	▲ 1.27	385.33	385.08	385.08	385.03		22,208,880
RSE 15	▲ 4.87	646.58	641.71	654.53	641.71		4,181

Security	Trades						
	High	Low	Volume	Value (KWD)	Trades	Last	Change
MARK	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	82	▲ 0.0
KAPUSI	31.5	30.0	737,323	22,785	34	31.5	▲ 2.3
IPS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	339	▲ 0.0
NAPESCO	780	770	3,850	2,794	2	780	▲ 0.0
ENERGYH	42.0	41.0	11,886	491	0	41.0	▲ 0.3
GPI	37.5	37.0	2,608,834	98,666	42	37.5	▼ -0.5
ASAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	81	▲ 0.0
Oil & Gas			3,338,373	122,666	75	341.19	▲ 2.23

KCOE	380	380	10,000	3,800	1	380	▲ 5.0
REFR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	320	▲ 0.0
CABLE	380	380	341,853	63,589	25	380	▲ 5.0
SHIP	158	152	124,180	18,113	14	154	▲ 0.0
PCBM	880	880	50	48	1	880	▲ 20.0
PAPER	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	233	▲ 0.0
WPC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	86	▲ 0.0
ACICO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	280	▲ 0.0
GOMC	305	300	28,482	8,853	4	300	▼ -1.0
HCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	118	▲ 0.0
KIBMAC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	190	▲ 0.0
KIMM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	190	▲ 0.0
EQUIPMENT	44.5	43.5	738,825	32,500	31	44.5	▲ 0.3
NCCI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	30	▲ 0.0
GIPSUM	100	100	10,000	1,000	1	100	▲ 0.0
SALCOOH	55	54	34,800	1,360	0	55	▲ 3.0
ACILITY	510	480	4,082,860	2,025,810	68	500	▲ 10.0
EDU	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	190	▲ 0.0
CLEANING	39.5	39.0	150,100	5,854	5	39.5	▲ 1.3
KBL	47.5	47.5	285,000	13,588	0	47.5	▲ 0.0
KOPC	188	188	5,047	788	2	188	▼ -2.0
HUMANISOFT	1,540	1,540	20,000	30,800	2	1,540	▲ 0.0
NAFAS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	180	▲ 0.0
SAFWAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	390	▲ 0.0
GFC	31.0	31.0	800	18	1	31.0	▼ -0.5
MAYADEEN	30.0	29.5	4,441,455	129,738	88	29.5	▼ -1.5
CSG	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	450	▲ 0.0
MPCC	58	53	1,308,880	72,882	53	57	▲ 3.0
UPAC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	680	▲ 0.0
ALFACO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	216	▲ 0.0
MUBARRAD	54	50	910,214	47,215	38	51	▲ 3.0
LOGISTICS	75	74	58,237	3,787	5	75	▲ 1.0
SCEN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	80	▲ 0.0
QIC	75	75	5,130	385	2	75	▲ 1.0
FCBM	80	79	745,040	58,575	18	79	▼ -1.0
RWCW	80	80	408,002	41,310	2	80	▲ 0.0
SPIC	80	80	268,000	18,300	13	80	▼ -1.0
Industrials			13,829,448	2,624,875	286	121.48	▲ 4.96

KSH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	108	▲ 0.0
RSH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	44	▲ 0.0
PAPOO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	▲ 0.0
GATTL	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	236	▲ 0.0
DANAH	83	81	1,015,387	84,131	91	81	▲ 0.0
POULT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	176	▲ 0.0
FOOD	2,620	2,600	115,000	296,500	2	2,600	▼ -20.0
Consumer Goods			1,138,367	381,628	53	1131.86	▼ 2.32

MEC	220	220	715	157	1	220	▲ 10
ATC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	800	▲ 0
YACCO	228	224	50,413	11,353	4	228	▲ 10
Health Care			34,128	81,311	5	1198.12	▲ 23.38

KCB	880	880	348	329	2	880	▲ 10
KHCT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	380	▲ 0
SULTAN	55	55	98,854	3,775	0	55	▼ -2
CABLETV	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	61	▲ 0
ETAS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	380	▲ 0
IFHR	150	150	280	30	1	150	▼ -10
OLUFAUEL	115	114	9,821	1,541	0	116	▲ 2
MUNTADAHAT	73	73	1,080	73	1	73	▲ 1
JAZERA	820	810	373,121	305,860	14	820	▲ 0
SOOR	114	112	9,282	1,038	0	114	▼ -2
FUTUREXO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	186	▲ 0
ALJAN	138	136	2,287	312	2	136	▲ 0
ZMAH	47.5	45.5	8,424,042	438,358	152	47.5	▲ 2
UPJO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	176	▲ 0
Moscow	1,040	1,000	368,132	406,184	63	1,000	▼ -40
Consumer Services			10,288,933	1,166,234	248	916.73	▼ -8.36

ZAH	415	405	5,015,453	2,301,342	147	410	▲ 5
COREDOO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,080	▲ 0
HITSISLEC	41.5	40.5	3,088,419	150,548	85	41.5	▲ 0
VVA	880	880	53,625	46,371	44	880	▲ 0
Telecommunications			9,242,308	2,488,842	216	881.97	▲ 1.48

HBK	810	800	3,788,803	2,391,355	77	800	▲ 0
GBK	238	232	1,184,621	277,785	33	234	▲ 2
CBK	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	350	▲ 0
ABK	310	305	1,008,000	300,800	34	310	▼ -5
ALMUTAHED	360	360	38,880	15,598	1	360	▲ 0
KBI	188	184	1,457,883	284,838	40	188	▲ 0
BURG	320	315	223,583	71,381	14	320	▲ 0
KPB	910	885	8,538,026	3,263,624	137	880	▲ 10
BOUBRYAN	480	385	370,852	146,032	38	480	▲ 5
AUB	182	180	3,318,453	653,242	42	180	▼ -4
(THAR)	35.0	34.0	2,762,505	95,887	54	34.5	▲ 0
MARASABANK	230	230	7,538,786	1,717,581	172	230	▲ 4
Banks			28,225,387	9,163,469	642	815.81	▲ 3.13

KING	232	224	8,000	1,362	4	226	▲ 0
ONS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	620	▲ 0
AINS	440	435	180,100	70,444	11	440	▼ -3.0
WINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	188	▲ 0
KUWAITRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	186	▲ 0
FTI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	30	▲ 0
WETHAQ	27.0	26.0	181,002	5,159	12	27.0	▲ 0
BKOWT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	335	▲ 0
Insurance			357,862	76,364	27	940.27	▼ -1.79

Security	Trades						
	High	Low	Volume	Value (KWD)	Trades	Last	Change
SOKOUR	33.5	31.0	625,823	202,330	148	32.5	▲ 1.0
KRE	52	50	3,126,279	161,147	44	52	▲ 2.0
URC	97	97	1,100	107	1	97	▲ 1.0
KRE	84	81	1,781,608	143,083	40	84	▲ 3.0
SRE	305	300	600,000	219,000	3	300	▲ 5.0
TAM	800	470	7,801	3,750	5	800	▲ 0.0
AFRIC	154	152	34,825	5,258	3	154	▲ 0.0
MASSALDI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	38.0	▲ 0.0
AFRABRIC	28.5	27.0	2,033,097	57,082	54	28.5	▲ 1.0
ERESCO	41.0	40.0	144,000	30,194	16	40.5	▲ 0.5
MASABEE	820	820	315,843	258,484	15	820	▲ 0.0
BLAZZAT	58	58	489,563	33,292	0	58	▲ 0.0
INVESTORS	21.5	20.5	5,810,800	121,982	86	21.5	▲ 0.5
RIC	27.5	24.5	1,314,800	34,604	40	27.5	▲ 1.5
AL TJARIA	82	77	1,119,345	86,648	22	82	▲ 5.0
SAVAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	28.5	▲ 0.0
AYANRE	59	59	1,823,794	106,424	8	59	▲ 0.0
AGAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	70	▲ 0.0
ALAGARA	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	23.0	▲ 0.0
MAXIRA	112	112	247,724	27,745	8	112	▲ 0.0
ADMC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	11.0	▲ 0.0
THEMAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	80	▲ 0.0
TUARA	38.5	38.5	381	14	2	38.5	▲ 0.0
TAMBER	20.0	19.5	180,000	3,745	5	20.0	▲ 0.0
AFKAN	80	80	20,000	1,800	1	80	▲ 0.0
AFKAN	180	180	40,000	8,400	8	180	▲ 0.0
AYANR	20.0	19.5	3,783,700	73,572	43	19.5	▼ -0.5
MUNSHAT	48.5	44.5	2,719,000	108,004	72	45.0	▲ 1.0
FIRSTTOUNJ	55	50	3,126,279	104,782	79	55	▲ 5.0
KBT	40.0	39.0	2,838,527	111,434	78	40.0	▲ 0.5
REMI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	176	▲ 0.0
MENA	18.5	18.0	497,815	9,118	34	18.5	▼ 1.0
ALMUDON	32.5	30.5	11,280,659	359,020	168	32.5	▲ 2.5
MARABEZ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	34.0	▲ 0.0
REMIAL	58	55	2,024,000	136,057	87	56	▼ -1.0
AWJ	48.5	47.5	1,740,750	84,187	38	47.5	▼ -0.5
Total Estate			52,819,428	2,482,188	1,148	815.21	▲ 16.32

KBY	85	85	1,200	102	1	85	▲ 1.0
FACI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	186	▲ 0.0
IFA	31.0	29.5	4,468,785	132,290	95	29.0	▲ 0.0
BNBY	108	104	2,155,643	228,440	83	108	▲ 2.0
KPROJ	510	460	1,758,485	877,143	42	500	▲ 0.0
COAST	48.0	38.5	2,531,410	100,912	50	48.0	▲ 0.5
SECH	43.5	41.5	8,324,410	287,582	130	42.5	▲ 1.5
SOC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	85	▲ 0.0
ARZAN	31.0	28.5	365,415	10,887	7	30.0	▲ 0.0
MARHAZ	85	80	52,800	4,108	4	80	▲ 0.0
KMBPC	23.0	23.0	10,000	230	1	23.0	▲ 2.5
ALAMAN	48.5	45.5	483,808	22,105	18	48.5	▲ 1.0
ALOLA	45.0	44.5	800,878	27,348	31	45.0	▲ 0.5
ALMAL	20.0	19.5	3,784,388	73,883	80	20.0	▲ 0.5
SH	25.0	23.0	1,142,004	27,272	40	25.0	▲ 0.0
AYAN	28.0	28.5	1,100,000	31,385	15	28.5	▲ 0.5
BIYANBY	32.5	31.0	2,581,728	81,878	75	32.0	▲ 1.0
OSOLA	43.0	42.0	387,288	15,237	8	43.0	▲ 2.0
KPIC	34.5	33.0	303,387	10,891	9	34.5	▲ 1.5
KAMOO	114	114	1,384	158	1	114	▲ 2.0
NRH	62	60	52,331	3,173	11	62	▲ 1.0
ISKAN	55	48.0	8,788,798	324,401	191	48.0	▼ -3.0
MADAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	12.5	▲ 0.0
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THE FUTURE OF DRIVING IS DEFINING THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION



When Nissan's Tetsuya Iijima envisions the future of driving, he's not only thinking about how autonomous driving will impact the "behind-the-wheel" experience but how to help society prepare for it.

To see the autonomous driving fully integrate into daily life, solving the many technological challenges as well as societal acceptance are key. "People need to have a positive mindset to introduce the technology," said Iijima, General Manager of Autonomous Drive Technology Development Department at Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

For consumers, adoption of new technologies is about trust, and essential to that is understanding.

According to Iijima, "For society to change... people need to understand that this is good for their future. Then, customers need to understand what the technology can offer."

This is not a new concept for Nissan, which has a long history of introducing advanced driver assistance systems - or ADAS - using a step-by-step approach.

Iijima began at Nissan working on electric-controlled suspension, in which cars react faster and absorb more bumps on the road. Iijima also helped to pioneer Nissan's adaptive cruise control, lane departure prevention systems and emergency braking. All were at once unknown technologies, but are now widely adopted and have helped change transportation. Thanks to a history of innovation, Nissan is taking a step-by-step approach in introducing autonomous driving technologies to market. And that's exactly what Iijima sees as the focus.

"It's a step-by-step educational approach that allows drivers to experience the technology one feature at a time and directly see the

value it offers." Education is critical, but it's not the only focus for Nissan. According to Iijima, the future Nissan hopes to engineer is one in which affordable and widely-deployed autonomous driving technologies enable safe and efficient transportation for many.

This can be seen with the introduction and popularity of the Nissan Serena in Japan earlier this year. The Serena is now a top-selling model in that market and features new technologies that can be used and experienced by many - not only in concept cars.

Iijima's focus now? Nissan's autonomous drive technology known as "ProPILOT", which gives drivers the choice of manually operating the vehicle or handing control over to onboard systems in certain situations. The first of these technologies, introduced in August, allows cars to assist drivers by steering, braking, and accelerating automatically

and safely in a single lane on highways. In 2018, Nissan expects to unveil a "multiple-lane control" application that can autonomously negotiate hazards and change lanes during highway driving. Two years later, it plans to add the capability for the vehicle to navigate city driving and intersections without driver intervention.

By that time, the Renault-Nissan Alliance plans to launch more than 10 models with significant autonomous driving functionalities in the US, Japan, Europe and China.

Focusing on social acceptance will also allow consumers as well as involved governments, groups and other agencies, the time to consider the benefits of the new technologies.

"There must be a huge change in government and society."

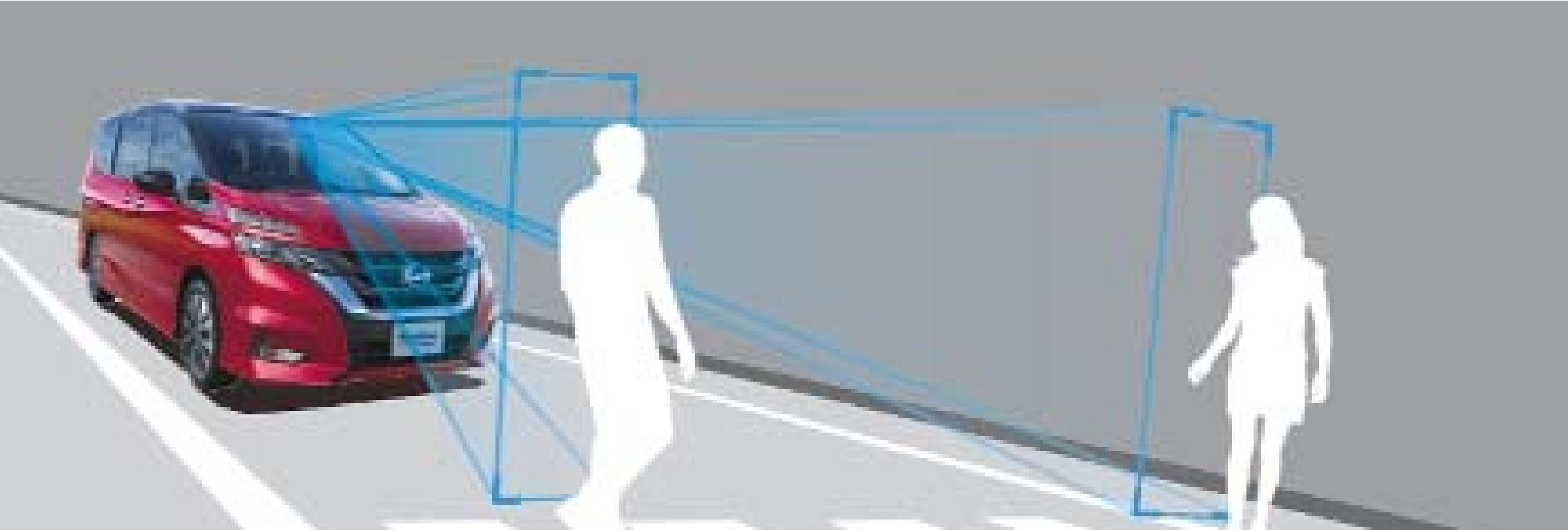
Once autonomous drive technology

reaches a certain level of technological advance, decisions must be made on driving infrastructure and laws to ultimately change society's mindset. Education and acceptance will be important as the technologies further evolve. As Iijima notes, "My

team will continue to work on advancing what's possible to help create an autonomous driving future for all. We will share our vision so that one day everyone can picture themselves behind the steering wheel of an autonomous vehicle."

A recent report by The Boston Consulting Group found that for those who had concerns about autonomous vehicles are often based on three primary factors:

- Reliability ● Cybersecurity ● Safe Interaction





CITYSCAPE JOINS TOP EXPO GROUP TO LAUNCH KUWAIT'S LARGEST REAL ESTATE EVENTS FOR 2017

KUWAIT: Informa Exhibitions, organiser of the Cityscape real estate events, has signed an agreement with Kuwaiti-based Top Expo Group, organiser of the Kuwait Real Estate& Investment Exhibition (RIE) and Kuwait International Property Show (KIPS), to jointly organize two real estate events for 2017, Cityscape Kuwait RIE and Cityscape Kuwait KIPS.

Leveraging the real estate potential in Kuwait, both shows will be the largest real estate events ever held in the country and are expected to connect over 100 exhibitors from Kuwait and countries across Europe, Middle East and North Africa with thousands of receptive real estate investors.

The latest addition to Cityscape's growing portfolio of real estate exhibitions and conferences, Cityscape Kuwait RIE will take place from April 10th until the 15th, while Cityscape Kuwait KIPS takes place in the second half of the year, from October 9th until the 14th. Both events will be held at the Kuwait International Fairgrounds.

The partnership signifies a turning point for real estate in Kuwait, not only because it combines a wealth of industry knowledge from two leading exhibition organisers but, more importantly, because of the ability of Top Expo Group

and Cityscape to influence the real estate market as is evident through its previous events.

For example, Cityscape has become the leading real estate event brand in the region, running ten exhibitions globally, including its flagship event in Dubai, Cityscape Global. Meanwhile, Top Expo Group has positioned RIE and KIPS as one of the most successful and respected real estate events in Kuwait over the past decade.

"We look forward to working with Top Expo Group to create a platform for regional and international players to drive real estate in Kuwait and abroad," said Wouter Molman, Group Director Cityscape, Informa Exhibitions. "By combining our professional capabilities and the strengths of our real estate brands, Cityscape with KIPS and RIE, will ensure that both events will be THE events to participate in Kuwait going forward."

Shaikh Malek Al Sabah, Chairman of Top Expo Group agrees. "It is a great pleasure for us to team up with an established exhibition organiser like Informa and to have the Cityscape brand in Kuwait. The country has witnessed the launch of many real estate events in recent years, which has created a somewhat confusing environment for exhibitors and visitors who find it difficult to select the right event, however we believe that by combining our industry knowledge and skills we can ameliorate this and create a platform through which all requirements are met under one roof," he said.

The partnership between Cityscape and Top Expo Group is indicative of an evolving real estate market in the country, especially as Kuwait looks to diversify its economy in preparation for a post-oil era.

Kuwait Vision 2035

Under its economic development blueprint Kuwait Vision 2035, the country aims to develop sectors such as finance and real estate to make them even more competitive internationally. Kuwait is already on a successful path, earlier this month the International Monetary Fund (IMF) lauded the country's plans for reformation and its path towards diversification as it lessened the impact of the current low-oil price environment.

Driven by low oil prices, Kuwaitis are also diversifying their investments in overseas markets. Over the last few years outward foreign investments by Kuwaitis have helped boost the Gulf country's economic leverage in both the region and in the world. It's an advantage for the country, with industry experts stressing the need to maintain such an approach so the country can benefit from the leading Kuwaiti investments abroad. Kuwaitis invested nearly USD 14.2 billion abroad in 2007 alone. Almost ten years later, Kuwaitis are still looking at opportunities overseas.

Kuwait is the Middle East's largest and the world's seventh largest foreign investor, according to the World



Investment Report of 2015, released by the United Nations Conference Trade and Development. The report noted that Kuwait also came first in terms of outward foreign direct investment in the Middle East region with total investments of \$13 billion.

GCC is the prominent investment hub for Kuwaitis along with major investment from both the private and public sector into UK real estate, France and Germany. Turkey is another major investment destination for Kuwaitis after a decision was made by the Turkish government to legalise real estate ownership for GCC nationals in 2012.

Thus, Cityscape Kuwait KIPS and Cityscape Kuwait RIE will include exhibitor brands from key markets including UK, Europe, America, Asia, on top of it Cyprus, Dubai, Turkey and Egypt.



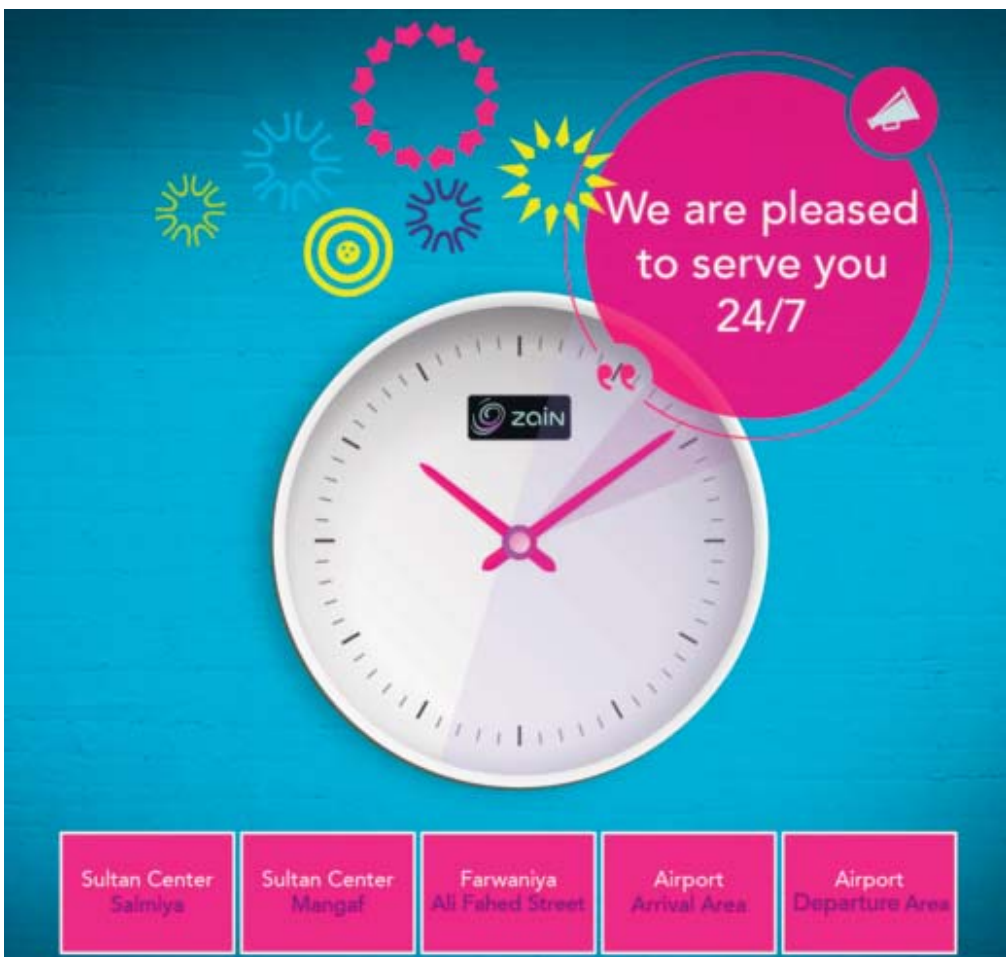
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OFFERING LATEST SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES FOR CUSTOMERS' CONVENIENCE



KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, announced that five of its branches operate for 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, offering customers the latest solutions and high quality services for a convenient and dynamic retail customer experience to Kuwait's biggest family of subscribers.

Zain branches in Sultan Center Salmiya, Sultan Center Mangaf, Al-Farwaniyah (Ali Fahad Al-Dowailah Street besides the Fire station), as well as in Kuwait International Airport's Departures Hall and Arrivals Hall are ready to serve customers on a 24/7 basis with the aim of providing a convenient experience for Kuwait's largest customer base. Through its branches, Zain strives to offer customers a new dimension of the retail experience by offering a variety of services, the latest smart devices, and the most competitive promotions. The company also offers visiting customers with a wide selection of mobile accessories from the world's top tech brands.

Zain constantly looks to achieve customers' needs and aspirations by serving them with convenience, speed, and being available around the clock. The company is also keen on providing easy and convenient access for customers to benefit from the variety of services and products it offers exclusively for them.

Being the market leader, Zain offers the highest international standards of quality service through the biggest network of branches in Kuwait. The company will always be close to its customers wherever they are, and pledges to achieve their needs and aspirations through offering the latest advancements within the telecom and technology sectors.

KFH FULFILLS CBK'S CUSTOMER PROTECTION GUIDE REQUIREMENTS

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House is in the process of the final fulfilment of all requirements of "Bank Customers Protection Guide" issued by Central Bank of Kuwait. The guide includes general principles aiming to support bank customers' protection and provide suitable environment to preserve customers' rights. KFH focused and concentrates on customers' interest and full compliance with the rules and regulations of regulatory authorities e.g. Central Bank of Kuwait which endeavors to achieve the best interest of banks and their customers and provide protection through highly advanced and prudent regulatory and legal frameworks.

Abullatif Saad Al-Fadli, Head of Customers Complaint Unit at Kuwait Finance House stated in a press release that: "Bank Customers' Protection Guide" comprises significant instructions and regulations which are complementary to previous regulations issued by CBK. Accordingly, KFH has updated or established new policies, procedures and bylaws to cope with the requirements contained in the guide and place them under execution for employees and customers awareness.

Al-Fadli reiterated that the guide has been uploaded on KFH website (kfh.com) to enable employees and customers to have an easy access to the guide and be aware of its contents including customers' obligations and liabilities. An awareness campaigns is being arranged where social media is used to spread awareness among customers concerning the guide articles



Abduallatif Al-Fadhli

and objectives. Due coordination and preparations are being carried out to launch training campaigns and workshops including most employees as part of the guide execution process. Accordingly employees shall be aware of the guide instructions.

Al-Fadhli praised the guide and urged all customers to read it and know their rights upon execution of any transaction with the bank. The guide comprises 10 major principles including "Equality and Justice": All banks shall ensure in all transactions with customers that transactions are being executed based on justice, equality, fairness and honesty without any discrimination, "Disclosure and Transparency": Banks are required to provide customers with all information related to services and products with in a simple and accurate manner to ensure that customers are aware of all advantages and risks involved.

JET AIRWAYS TO WOO FLYERS WITH '#THINK HOME, THINK JET AIRWAYS' MARKETING CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: Jet Airways, India's premier international airline, is set to launch an integrated marketing campaign highlighting its world renowned, yet, uniquely Indian hospitality that has made it the carrier of choice for flyers travelling home to India and even onwards via its global network.

Comprising a mix of offline and online channels, the new campaign is being rolled out from next week across the airline's key markets in the Gulf comprising Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Branded '#Think Home. Think Jet Airways', the campaign will highlight the enormous advantages that Jet Airways offers its guests along with its partner Etihad Airways, when flying between the Gulf and India. Guests can take advantage of the airline's robust network and experience its award-winning Indian hospitality, together with warm and personalised family spirit, that has helped the airline create new benchmarks in service excellence. Besides connecting Gulf and India, the airlines' gateways in Abu Dhabi, Amsterdam, Paris and London also facilitate convenient connectivity into Europe/USA and Canada.

Shakir Kantawala, Vice President - Gulf, Middle East & Africa, Jet Airways, said, "Planning your travel is not just about getting the best deal. It's increasingly about a complete experience that begins right from booking and lasts until the destination. Jet Airways offers guests' best value for money in the

Indian sky at affordable fares, every time they fly us. Guests can avail great value while planning their travel to India and experience the airline's exceptional service on the ground and in the air, unmatched global network, flexible schedules and enhanced connectivity. With 47 unique domestic destinations in India to choose from, I am confident that this promotion will be well received and extremely popular with all our guests including Arab and GCC Nationals."

Spread over 6 weeks, the campaign will extensively leverage print media, including various mainline and regional newspapers for awareness. Radio channels will further supplement the engagement. Jet Airways also plans to aggressively use digital & social media to strengthen the airlines' connect with the millennial travelers.

Expected to appeal to the significant Indian and even the expatriate population residing in the Gulf, the new campaign will differentiate Jet Airways' superior value proposition vis-a-vis competition, illustrating the various ways in which guests flying the airline can experience its trademark Indian hospitality, characterized by warmth and care both onboard and on the ground, as well as its delectable selection of a range of international and Indian cuisine. The campaign will also promote the airline's liberal baggage allowances and the opportunity for guests' to earn unmatched benefits by signing up to the airline's award-winning JetPrivilege

loyalty program.

Speaking on the launch of the campaign, Colin Neubronner, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Jet Airways, added: "Operating nearly 100 daily flights between Gulf with India, Jet Airways' also offers extensive onward connectivity choices to its guests to leading

ASEAN and SAARC destinations such as Bangkok, Colombo, Dhaka, Hong Kong, Kathmandu, and Singapore."

Jet Airways constantly strives to create exceptional flying experiences for its guests and the "# Think Home. Think Jet Airways" campaign is a reiteration of the airline's service phi-

losophy and commitment to offer greater value to its guests. Be it Jet Airways' exceptional in-flight service, carefully-crafted menu of international and Indian delicacies, or JetPrivilege benefits, there is always the promise of the best air travel experience at competitive fares."



IN POOR NATIONS, 3RD FEWER WOMEN THAN MEN ONLINE

LISBON: Almost a third fewer women than men in the world's poorest countries are connected to the internet and the gap is set to widen, limiting access to life-changing opportunities, an anti-poverty group said yesterday. A study by the ONE organization, co-founded by Irish rock star Bono to tackle extreme poverty, found 18 percent of men in the 48 least developed nations are online versus 12.5 percent of women, with a gender gap of 22.3 million or about 30 percent.

The analysis, released at Europe's biggest tech event, the Web Summit, forecast the digital gender divide would widen further by 2020 to about 32 percent when factoring in population

growth and current internet trends, to a gap of 53.5 million. The report said a global target set by U.N. member states last year to have universal affordable internet access in the least developed countries by 2020 was off track.

Anti-poverty campaigners and tech leaders such as Facebook's CEO Mark Zuckerberg have actively promoted the internet to help lift people out of poverty by connecting them to education and business opportunities as well as health services and banking. David McNair, policy director at ONE, said the new analysis showed that almost 350 million women and girls would remain unconnected by 2020 compared to about 290 million men due to a range of access, cultural

and literacy factors. "But the fact is that when you empower women and girls to more education and job opportunities then this also benefits their families, communities and countries," McNair told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in an interview in Lisbon.

Women invest in families

Studies repeatedly show that women plough 90 percent of their income back into their families compared to men, who invest about 35 percent in their families. While internet connectivity is assumed as a given in many parts of the world, figures show that 53 percent of the world population - or 3.9 billion people - remains unconnected, according to

the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The ITU, a UN agency for information and communication technologies, estimates almost 75 percent of people in Africa do not use the internet compared to 21 percent of Europeans, and usage rates are higher for men than women globally. A survey of 40 countries by the US-based Pew Research Center earlier this year found Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana were the countries with the largest divide between the numbers of men and women likely to use the internet. McNair said ONE was encouraging tech leaders among the up to 50,000 attendees at the Web Summit to recognize the importance of internet accessi-

bility and affordability to the world's poorest people and find solutions to address this.

He said governments needed to invest more in technology infrastructure and change laws to open up internet and mobile markets. The private sector also had a role to play in finding innovative ways to deliver the internet to communities, he said. "We want tech leaders to use their brilliant minds to find solutions to help those living in poverty and not just people in London and San Francisco," said McNair. "We need to stop the next generation of women missing the opportunities for empowerment, education and inclusion offered by the internet." —Reuters

OPPOSITION GROWS TO 'MONSTER' DATABASE OF FRENCH CITIZENS

PARIS: French government plans to create a new database containing details of almost the entire population suffered fresh blows yesterday as criticism grew of the controversial project. The Socialist government announced a decree to create the database, which would contain personal information of 60 million people, on a public holiday weekend at the end of October.

It has led to fears that hackers might target the information as well as anxiety that so much personal data could be misused in the future by the security forces or other government agencies. The stealthily issued decree, published two days after Halloween, led opposition MP Lionel Tardy to accuse the government last week of "treating the French people like pumpkins".

Yesterday, the French Digital Council, a state watchdog that looks at the impact of technology on society and the economy, said the database should be suspended. Amassing so much personal information—names, eye colour, address, photo and digital fingerprints—in one place leaves "the door open to misuse that is as likely as it is unacceptable," it concluded.

Digital Affairs Minister Axelle Lemaire

was also quoted by Opinion magazine Monday as saying that issuing the decree "thinking that it would pass without being known or seen" was a "major dysfunction". The interior ministry says its intention is to bring together separate databases used to issue passports and France's national identity cards, which would lead to greater efficiency and better data security.

It is intended to help fight identity fraud, and the biometric information will not be used by police or judicial authorities to identify suspects, the ministry promises. The creation of a national database has been repeatedly proposed by French governments, with attempts in 2012 by the then centre-right government to create one rejected by the country's highest court.

France's National Data Protection Commission (CNIL) was created in 1978 following a scandal over secret government attempts to link their databases, which was revealed by the press. CNIL has suggested a parliamentary debate on the new project, with a Socialist commission member accusing the government of wanting to create "a sort of monster". —AFP

RUSSIAN HACKERS TARGET CASH BEFORE POLITICS

MOSCOW: Just as the scandal over alleged Russian hacking of the US Democratic Party erupted in June, police in Russia were rounding up a group known as Lurk. In the underground world of Russian hackers, a shadowland of anonymous internet forums where users exchange the latest malware, Lurk was legendary.

The group, active since 2011, was accused of stealing some three billion rubles (\$47 million, 42.5 million euros) from Russian banks and aspiring hackers were keen to join. Then more than 50 members, most of whom hailed from the Urals city of Ekaterinburg, were arrested in a sweeping raid that entailed 86 probes in 15 regions across the vast country. But despite the eye-catching operation, the crackdown on Lurk only touched the tip of the iceberg of a lucrative criminal industry.

Moscow-based internet security giant Kaspersky has estimated that there are over 1,000 hackers in Russia specializing in financial crimes. Between 2012 and 2015, by the company's conservative estimate, Russian-speaking hackers stole at least \$790 million across the globe. Meanwhile, this type of illegal activity is flourishing.

"The number of financial cyber criminals is growing as the use of online banking rises," explained Yuri Namestnikov, the head of Kaspersky's Russia research and analysis department. Adding to security woes are also the prevalence of smartphones—which are less well protected than computers—and the rise in "ransomware", a technique that allows hackers to steal data and then ransom it back to the owner. "It is no secret that most of today's crypto-ransomware has Russian roots, both in terms of the authors of the malicious code and of the actors who spread the malware and demand the ransom," Kaspersky noted in a report.

For industry experts Russia's dubious honour as a major power in the hacking world is no accident. "We have good mathematics schools and Russians know how to code properly," said Namestnikov. "What is special about the Russian hackers is that they have been active for so long." Artem Sychev is in charge of cyber security at

Russia's Central Bank and concurs that "Russian-speaking hackers were educated in the Soviet-style system," whose emphasis on high-level maths and science continues today. "They are most creative people, including unfortunately in the area of fraud," he said.

'Patriot hackers?'

The furor over the US election hacks has shone a spotlight on alleged ties between hackers and the Russian government. Authorities in Washington have accused top-ranking Russian officials of directing attacks on the US aimed at undermining the election. CrowdStrike, the security firm that uncovered the hacking of the Democratic National Committee, said that the group behind it, Cozy Bears, was linked to Russian military intelligence.

Another group, Fancy Bears—which has hacked targets including the World Anti-Doping Agency—meanwhile has ties to the FSB spy agency, according to CrowdStrike. Russia has dismissed the allegations and said US politicians are blaming Moscow in a bid to drum up their polling numbers. Local experts insist the vast majority of hacking in Russia is aimed at thieving cash—not interfering in politics.

"99 percent of internet pirates are looking to steal money," said Ilya Sachkov, founder of Russian security firm IB-Group. "There are no patriotic hackers." Even while the Kremlin is adamant in denying a role in any of the hacking scandals, the authorities are certainly struggling to tackle the issue—and often appear to turn a blind eye. "Unfortunately, for Russian-speaking cybercriminals current conditions are more than favorable: the risk of prosecution is low while the potential rewards are high," wrote Kaspersky.

As an example, Russian hacker Yevgeny Bogachev has a \$3 million price on his head from the FBI. His network of hackers—which operated from Ukraine and Russia before being dismantled in 2014 — stole more than \$80 million from victims mainly in the US. Despite being wanted, Bogachev reportedly lives freely in the southern Russian city of Krasnodar. — AFP



WASHINGTON: In this Nov 5, 2008, file photo, people line up outside of the Washington Post newspaper to purchase special election editions. —AP

PRINT NEWSPAPERS ARE DEAD? NOT AFTER HISTORIC ELECTIONS

SCREENS DON'T HAVE THE ROMANCE OF A NEWSPAPER'S FRONT PAGE

NEW YORK: Print newspapers may be disappearing like the home telephone, but not after Election Day. Remembering the frenzy for old-fashioned papers the morning after Barack Obama's historic win in 2008, newspapers are printing extra copies and setting up temporary retail stands this year, regardless of whether the nation elects the first woman or reality TV star as president. The Los Angeles Times is also selling a commemorative printing-press plate of the front page. Many people now rely on Facebook and apps for news, but a screenshot doesn't have quite the same romance as a newspaper's front page. "We like to hold on to things that remind us of the experiences we've had," like campaign buttons, theater programs or shells from a visit to the beach, said Naomi Baron, an American University professor who studies the interplay of language and technology. A physical version of a newspaper recounting a life-altering event like 9/11 or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is an extension of those keepsakes that a website or app can't replace, she said. "Paper has a certain kind of look and feel and smell to it that digital equivalents don't."

Even so, after a long, sour campaign season, demand for a front page may be more muted than in 2008. Ben Redington, a 34-year-old graphic designer from Wichita, Kansas, likes buying papers after major events, such as the Chicago Cubs' first World Series win in 108 years. But he doesn't care for either Clinton or Trump and has no plans to buy a newspaper Wednesday. (He didn't buy an Obama front page either. Newspapers were caught off-guard eight years ago when people wanted keepsake copies of the enormous photos and dramatic headlines declaring Obama the nation's first African-American president. Bookstores, convenience stores and newsstands across the country sold out. People descended on newspapers' headquarters in search of copies. "They were stealing it off people's doorsteps," Washington Post spokeswoman Kris Coratti said. "It was crazy here.")

Sky-high demands

Many newspapers restarted printing presses to meet demand. The Post had two extra print runs and issued a thinner commemorative edition in a third. For this year, Coratti wouldn't say how many additional copies the Post is planning, but she said it's similar to what the Post printed for Pope Francis' visit in 2015. She said the newspaper is prepared for a second printing if needed, leaving plates on the presses. The Post will also sell copies online and at its offices.

The New York Times sold out in many parts of Manhattan before noon and ended up printing 225,000 extra copies, said Mark Weitzel, who manages circulation and retail sales for the Times. That is more than double a typical day's sales at newsstands, coffee shops, convenience store and other street sales. This year, he's ready for a run on a Wednesday paper with a photo of a President Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, both of whom are New Yorkers. The Times plans to print at least 225,000 extra copies and will sell papers outside its headquarters (though because newsstand sales have declined since 2008, the paper is sending out fewer papers overall). Elsewhere, The Seattle Times is doubling the number of papers available at stores and coin boxes. The Los

Angeles Times will send out more than triple the average number of papers and put a kiosk in front of its building. The Plain Dealer of Cleveland is tripling how many newspapers it sends to stores, to about 100,000, and will have another 10,000 to 15,000 on standby at the plant if needed.

Still, that's fewer than the 500,000 copies The Plain Dealer sold in stores when the Cleveland Cavaliers won their NBA title in June. Last week, the Chicago Tribune printed 700,000 extra

copies after the Cubs' triumph and was selling a "World Series" edition of the print paper on its website. For Wednesday, the Tribune plans just 100,000 extra copies and has no plans to hawk papers in the lobby of the Tribune Tower, as it did for the Cubs. If you do want a paper but can't find one, wait a bit for prices to go down, then go online. Obama's 2008 covers are selling on eBay for a few dollars, down from as much as \$600 in November 2008. —AP

TESLA TO STOP FREE USE OF CHARGING STATIONS

DETROIT: Electric car maker Tesla Motors has decided to stop offering unlimited free use of its 734 fast charging stations worldwide, just months before it's scheduled to start selling a mass-market electric car. Tesla Motors Inc. says cars ordered after Jan. 1, 2017 will get roughly 1,000 miles worth of credits each year for use at the Supercharger stations. But after the credits are used, owners will have to pay fees that Tesla didn't detail on Monday. Vehicles ordered or sold on or before Jan. 1 would still get unlimited free charging. The move means that those who buy Tesla's mass-market \$35,000 Model 3, which is due to go on sale in the second half of next year, won't get unlimited free charging. Tesla has more than 300,000 reservations for the cars, and if all those owners started using supercharger stations for free, that could get expensive for Tesla. Tesla wouldn't say specifically how much its fees will be, but it said charging would cost less than the price of filling a comparable gasoline car. The company says it will release fee details later this year and that prices could fluctuate over time and vary by regional electricity costs.

The way forward'

Still, the move shouldn't hurt Tesla sales because the company remains the market leader for electric vehicles, and owners don't use the stations that often, said Tasha Keeney, analyst for the industrial innovation fund at ARK Invest. Tesla owners charge their cars at home more than 90 percent of the time, she

said, using the Superchargers mainly for trips or when they need extra range.

At the average US electricity price of 12.9 cents per kilowatt hour, it would cost \$9.68 to fully recharge a Tesla Model S with a 275-mile battery at home. "EVs are the way forward. Tesla is in a really good position with 30 percent of the market. We don't see that changing," said Keeney, whose fund has holdings in Palo Alto, California-based Tesla Motors Inc.

Buyers of new cars ordered or sold on or before Jan. 1 must take delivery before April 1 in order to get the unlimited free charging. Tesla CEO Elon Musk has said previously that Model 3 owners would have to pay to use the charging stations. Tesla's stations are used only 5 percent to 10 percent of the day, Keeney said, but many Tesla owners use them as a social gathering place to talk with other owners.

The Supercharger stations can give the cars 170 miles of range in a half hour. A 30-amp public charging station can only do 10 miles in a half hour, the company says on its website. In the U.S., charging stations are across the nation, but many are concentrated in population centers long the East and West Coasts. The stations were set up to enable long-distance travel by Tesla electric cars. The company's Model S sedan can go between 219 and 302 miles per charge depending on battery and software configurations. Tesla says the change will let it expand the supercharger network and it will not make a profit from the charging stations. — AP



CALIFORNIA: This undated file photo shows Tesla Motors charging stations. — AP



MOSCOW: A picture taken on October 17, 2016 shows an employee walking behind a glass wall with machine coding symbols at the headquarters of internet security giant Kaspersky. —AFP

YOUNG BRAINS & ANESTHESIA: BIG STUDY SUGGESTS MINIMAL RISKS

CHICAGO: Anesthesia during early childhood surgery poses little risk for intelligence and academics later on, the largest study of its kind suggests. The results were found in research on nearly 200,000 Swedish teens. School grades were only marginally lower in kids who'd had one or more common surgeries with anesthesia before age 4, compared with those who'd had no anesthesia during those early years.

Whether the results apply to sicker children who have riskier surgeries with anesthesia is not known. But the researchers from Sweden's Karolinska Institute and doctors elsewhere called the new results reassuring, given experiments in young ani-

mals linking anesthesia drugs with brain damage. Previous studies of children have been relatively small, with conflicting results. The new findings, published Monday in JAMA Pediatrics, don't provide a definitive answer and other research is ongoing.

Potential risks

The study authors and other doctors say the harms from postponing surgery must be considered when evaluating any potential risks from anesthesia in young children. The most common procedures in the study were hernia repairs; ear, nose or throat surgeries; and abdominal opera-

tions. The researchers say the operations likely lasted an hour or less. The study did not include children with other serious health problems and those who had more complex or risky operations, including brain, heart and cancer surgeries. The research involved about 33,500 teens who'd had surgery before age 4 and nearly 160,000 who did not.

School grades at age 16 were less than half a percent lower on average in teens who'd had one childhood surgery with anesthesia versus the no-surgery group. Average grades were less than 2 percent lower among teens who'd had two or more surgeries with anesthesia. The researchers also looked at IQ tests given to Swedish boys at age 18

upon joining the military. Scores were about the same for those with one early surgery and the non-surgery group; scores were less than 3 percent lower in boys with three or more early surgeries.

The researchers, led by Karolinska's Dr Pia Glatz, noted that factors other than anesthesia appeared to have a much greater impact on academics and intelligence measures, including mothers' education level. A journal editorial says the results mean it is unlikely that early anesthesia poses a long-term risk. The study is "reassuring for children, parents and caregivers and puts the issue of anesthetic-related neurotoxicity and the developing brain into perspective," the editorial says. — AP

SPEND CLIMATE CASH SMARTLY TO MAKE IT STRETCH: EXPERTS

MARRAKESH: When heavy rains hit the tiny West African nation of Togo in September, filling a hydropower dam close to overflowing, the Togolese Red Cross took an unusual step. Rather than simply putting aid supplies in place to prepare for flooding, the agency sent cash to families living downstream so they could move out of the expected flood path. It also provided simple protection, such as plastic bags in which to keep birth certificates and other key papers dry.

"If an event hits and you're not prepared, only then is it going to become a disaster," said Pablo Suarez of the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, which is working increasingly on innovative ways to get money to threatened communities before disasters strike, to hold down costs and losses.

As the world figures out ways to deal with worsening extreme weather and slower climate change effects such as sea-level rise and desertification, while speeding up adoption of clean energy, creativity will be needed to make the limited funds available stretch further and prevent losses from spiraling out of control, experts said at this week's UN climate talks in Marrakesh.

"It's a no-brainer that the more we do on mitigation (of climate-changing emissions), the less we need to do on adaptation, and the less we have to spend on humanitarian work," said Harjeet Singh, global lead on climate change for the charity ActionAid. But for the poorest and most vulnerable communities, focusing first on reducing emissions by adopting clean technology - something richer countries see as the clear priority - isn't obvious or easy, said India-based Singh.

Growing losses

That is largely because vulnerable communities are suffering growing losses each year, not just from major storms and droughts but from smaller, more frequent "everyday disasters" that are gradually soaking up more of their income. Colin McQuistan, of development charity Practical Action, pointed to Bangladeshi families that need to spend a larger share of their income on sandbags each year to protect their homes from river erosion.

"Communities are reporting that more and more of their resources have to be allocated for these types of measures. What that means is they have less to invest in their development," he said. As a result,

when climate-affected communities are approached to install solar panels, for example, they are often enthusiastic but have no spare cash to invest. "It's not either/or" when it comes to curbing emissions and coping with climate stresses, Singh said. "It's just that people say, 'I have to protect my home, my income, my family - and at the same time look at long-term solutions.'" Developed nations have things in the wrong order when they want the poor to work first on cutting emissions, he said, because their priority is to find relief for climate-linked disasters.

"Then people start talking about how this is the new normal and we need to do something, and they invest in risk reduction and adaptation. And only then do they look at the larger question of mitigation (of emissions)," he said. That could be changed partly by making sufficient international cash available to help the most vulnerable nations adapt to climate change, experts say.

The latest UN figures released in Marrakesh on Monday show that no more than one dollar in every four of global climate finance goes to adaptation. "If we really want to see ambition, particularly from developing countries and particularly in the next few years, climate finance is the key that can unleash the potential," Singh said.

Intellectual property

Other innovative ideas could help. Singh suggested, for instance, that funding through the \$10-billion Green Climate Fund could be used to buy out the intellectual property rights of ground-breaking clean energy technology to make it available far more cheaply for countries such as India.

That kind of investment could both meet the fund's mission to shift paradigms, and help clear the way for rapid scaling-up of clean technology in developing countries - a key to keeping global warming to well under 2 degrees Celsius, as agreed in Paris last year, Singh said. "If you create the conditions to attract trillions of dollars in investment, you can enable transformation in no time," he said. That is particularly crucial now, said Liz Gallagher, a climate diplomacy expert at London-based environmental think tank E3G. "The next 15 years are going to fundamentally change our climate in a good or bad way" as long-term energy investments are made, she said. — Reuters



MARRAKESH: A member of Moroccan security stands guard next to flags of participating UN member states, on the entrance to the COP22 village, a day ahead of the opening ceremony. — AP

UN CLIMATE CHIEF: NO DOUBT OF SHIFT TO LOW EMISSIONS

'WEALTHY COUNTRIES LIVE AS IF THERE WERE THREE PLANETS'

MARRAKECH: Climate negotiators started work Monday on implementing the Paris Agreement on global warming amid uncertainty over how the US election will impact the landmark deal as temperatures and greenhouse gases soar to new heights. UN climate chief Patricia Espinosa told delegates in the rain-soaked Moroccan city of Marrakech that "no politician or citizen, no business manager or investor" can doubt that the world is determined to shift toward a "low-emission, resilient society." So far, 100 countries have formally joined the agreement adopted last year in Paris, including top polluters China, the United States, the European Union and India.

However, US Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has said he would "cancel" the deal if he wins the election this week. His opponent, Hillary Clinton, backs the climate policies of President Barack Obama's government. The upcoming election seemed to be on everyone's mind at the start of the two-week conference in Marrakech, where even security guards at the sprawling conference center were overheard discussing the potential implications for the world and efforts to fight climate change in particular.

"Trump becoming President? I personally don't have problem with it. But what does the guy want to do?" said Adjo Bokon, a delegate from the West African nation of Togo. "Is he conscious of what is going on with climate change?" Gabriela Fischerova, a Slovak official representing the European Union, said the 28-nation bloc is "open to any result. We will continue our discussions with any administration that will be in place."

The Paris Agreement marks the first time all countries have pledged to fight global warming by curbing the rise in greenhouse gas emissions, primarily carbon dioxide from fossil fuels. The UN says global emissions rise every year, reaching 52.7 billion tons in 2014, primarily driven by the rapid expansion of China, India and other Asian economies.

First world to blame

Meanwhile, global average temperatures keep hitting new records. Last year was the hottest since reliable record-keeping began in the 19th century and this year is expected to be even hotter. On a per-capita basis, rich countries like the United States, Australia and oil-rich Gulf nations, have the highest emissions. "The wealthiest countries live as if there were three planets," said French Environment Minister Segolene Royal. Meanwhile, poor countries in Africa who have contributed very little to the problem are suffering the consequences with fertile land turning into desert, she said.

Delegates will meet for two weeks in the Moroccan city to work on the rules for implementing the Paris deal, including how to measure and report emissions so that countries can be held accountable.

The goal of the agreement is to keep the global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius compared with pre-industrial times,

and "pursue efforts" to try to hold it to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The lower threshold was introduced on demand from vulnerable countries such as low-lying island nations who fear they will be washed away by rising seas as global warming melts glaciers and ice sheets. Temperatures have already risen about 1 degree C since the industrial revolution and analyses of the emissions cuts that countries have pledged so far show

they put the world on a path to about 3 degrees C of warming.

"Decisions made in the next few years will largely determine if we're able to achieve the 1.5 C warming threshold agreed in Paris," said Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Peru's former environment minister who now leads environmental group WWF International's work on climate change. "Or if we take the unthinkable option of blowing right past it." — AP



MARRAKESH: Participants and delegates attend the opening session of the Climate Conference. — AP

JAPAN RATIFIES PARIS AGREEMENT AFTER PACT ENTERS INTO FORCE

TOKYO: Japan yesterday ratified the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement to cut emissions and prevent climate change, four days after the global pact officially entered into force. The agreement seeks to wean the world economy off fossil fuels in the second half of the century, limiting the rise in average world temperatures to "well below" 2.0 degrees Celsius above preindustrial times.

The delay in ratification could limit Japan's ability to influence negotiations on the finer details of the agreement. Those talks were set to formally begin during the COP-22 meeting in Morocco that started on Monday. Representatives from nearly 200 countries convened in Marrakesh, Morocco for two weeks to discuss the nuts and bolts of the Paris accord and the policies, technology and finance needed to ensure the Paris goals are achieved. "Japan aims to play a leading role in crafting

arrangements that raises transparency in each country's emission cuts to help accomplish the spirit of the Paris agreement," Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said in a statement yesterday.

Backing for the accord from several European nations, Canada, Bolivia and Nepal last month pushed the agreement past the 55 percent of emitters limit needed for implementation, with US President Barack Obama calling for other nations to sign up "as soon as possible." The agreement is meant to cut global greenhouse gas emissions, mainly from burning fossil fuels, to limit floods, droughts, more powerful storms and rising ocean levels. Japan has also been criticized for pressing ahead with plans to open scores of new coal-fired power plants at home and as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government pushes coal burning power technology abroad. — Reuters



GRAND-LAHOUE, Ivory Coast: Workers prepare the support structures of a new cabin away from the shoreline, in response to rising sea tides in Grand Lahou on November 3, 2016, following flooding throughout half of the city. — AFP

AFRICA HIT WORST BY EXTREME WEATHER

MARRAKESH: Four of the 10 countries hammered hardest in 2015 by climate-booster extreme weather are in Africa, according to a report released Tuesday at UN climate talks in Marrakesh. "Africa is especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change," said Sonke Kreft, lead author of the Global Climate Risk Index 2017 report, issued annually by risk analysts Germanwatch. Poor countries in general are more exposed to the ravages of superstorms, drought, heatwaves and flooding, all of which have become more intense and frequent due to human-induced global warming.

"The distribution of climatic events is not fair," Kreft said, noting that the world's least developed countries have emitted only a small fraction of the greenhouse gases heating up the planet. Mozambique tops the list of nations most affected on the 2015 climate risk index, followed by Dominica, Malawi and India. Myanmar, Ghana and Madagascar are also among the top 10.

The index measures level of exposure and vulnerability to extreme events. Climate models predicting that global warming enhances both the intensity and frequency of such events have been borne out by a crescendo of deadly weather, especially over the last decade. More than half-a-million people worldwide died as a direct result of almost 11,000 extreme weather events from 1996 to 2015, according to the report, which has been tracking risk, country-by-country, for more than a decade. Storms, heatwaves, floods and other climate-related natural disasters caused upwards of three trillion dollars (2.7 trillion euros) damage over the same period.

During those two decades, the countries worst hit were Honduras, Myanmar and Haiti. The Philippines, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Vietnam and Thailand were also among the worst affected, taking into account both lives lost and the cost of damage. The report does not factor out what percentage of the damage done can be attributed directly to global warming. — AFP



BANGKOK: Elephants are paraded in front of the Grand Palace to pay respects to the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej. — AFP

MOST ILLEGAL IVORY FROM NEWLY KILLED ELEPHANTS

MIAMI: More than 90 percent of illegal ivory comes from elephants slaughtered for their tusks in the last three years, not from old government stockpiles, according to a new study released Monday. The finding by Columbia University researchers, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, is based on an analysis of 231 tusks seized in nine different countries from 2002 to 2014.

"It shows that ivory is moving through the system fast," said study co-author Kevin Uno, a geochemist at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. "Some of the elephants were killed just before their tusks were thrown in the shipping container." The researchers analyzed remnants of the radioactive isotope carbon-14 from open-air nuclear-bomb tests in the 1950s and 1960s to help date the tusks.

More than 90 percent of the specimens were from elephants killed in the past few years, many of them just

in the past several months, the researchers said. "This study shows that once poached, elephants are being moved rapidly into trade," said Elizabeth Bennett, Wildlife Conservation Society vice president for species conservation.

"Illegal ivory isn't coming from old stockpiles, and shows that we just have to close down markets and demand." International trade in ivory from elephants killed after 1989 has long been banned. But some countries maintain legal domestic markets. Meanwhile, illicit trafficking is thriving, with black market ivory fetching around \$1,000 per pound in China. Poachers killed 144,000 animals, nearly 30 percent of the continent's savannah elephants, from 2007 to 2014, a recent census of elephants in Africa showed. Some 350,000 African elephants are believed to remain in 18 sub-Saharan countries. They are considered a "vulnerable" species on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List. — AFP

\$1 MILLION IN GOLD COINS FROM 1715 SHIPWRECK ON MARKET

NEW ORLEANS: A New Orleans investment firm has begun marketing gold coins from a 300-year-old shipwreck discovered off Florida's coast. Blanchard and Co is one of two dealers offering the coins from an area where 11 treasure-laden ships of a Spanish fleet were smashed onto reefs by a hurricane on July 31, 1715. The other dealer is California-based Monaco Rare Coins.

John Albanese, a New Jersey-based coin expert who brokered the sales, said in an interview Friday that most of the 295 coins being offered were found by divers exploring the area last year on the 300th anniversary of the disaster. Albanese said a few are from earlier expeditions in 2010 and 2013. He said the combined market value of the coins is more than \$1 million. The coins vary in denomination, size and shape. "They were very crudely made. They were handmade," said Albanese, who added that the coins' worth at the time they were made was based on their weight. A Blanchard news release says the coins were struck in Colombia, Mexico and Peru. They were dated between 1692 and 1715. Most are from a discovery made in 6 feet of water about 100 feet off the coast of Vero Beach, Florida.

Albanese said the coins sold quickly once they were available at the wholesale level. Craig Baudot, an executive vice president at Blanchard, said his company began marketing the coins over the past two weeks. He said the coins are marketed at prices ranging from about \$2,000 to \$9,000. He said interest has been high at the retail level as well. "You're dealing with something that's over 300 years old," Baudot said. "Everybody dreams about walking down the beach and finding treasure." Ships of the 1715 fleet were heading to Spain from Havana when they encountered the hurricane near what is now Vero Beach. Some 1,000 people died in the maritime disaster. — AP



NEW ORLEANS: In this Oct 19, 2016, handout photo photo released by Blanchard and Company, a gold coin from a 300-year-old shipwreck discovered off Florida's coast is displayed. — AP

I VOTED FROM SPACE: US ASTRONAUT CASTS BALLOT

'ASTRONAUTS ARE PRETTY MUCH APOLITICAL'

CAPE CANAVERAL: The lone American off the planet has cast his vote from space, keeping with NASA's motto of "Vote while you float." NASA said Monday that astronaut Shane Kimbrough filed his ballot in Tuesday's presidential election from the International Space Station sometime over the past few days. He arrived at the orbiting lab in mid-October. Before launching on a four-month mission, Kimbrough said it was going to be special, being able to say "I voted from space."

By the time he's back on Earth in February, America will have a new commander in chief. Astronauts are "pretty much apolitical," he told reporters last month. "And I'll be glad to welcome the new president, whoever that is." The previous US space station resident, Kate Rubins, also cast an absentee ballot from up there, before returning to Earth a week ago, according to NASA.

A 1997 Texas law allows US astronauts to vote from space. For NASA astronauts, home is Houston when they're not circling the globe. A secure electronic ballot is forwarded to the astronauts by Mission Control in Houston and returned by email to the county clerk. Kimbrough is sharing the space station with two Russians. The crew will double in size at the end of next week, adding another American, a Russian and a Frenchman. — AP



KAZAKHSTAN: In this Oct19, 2016, file photo, US astronaut Shane Kimbrough, a member of the main crew to the International Space Station (ISS), talks to his relatives prior to the launch of the Soyuz MS-02 space ship, in Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome. — AP



PARIS: This file photo taken yesterday is an illustration picture taken in Paris showing figurines next to a deflated globe. — AFP

EU LAGGING BEHIND ITS CLIMATE TARGETS

PARIS: Despite progress, the European Union is still behind the curve in its program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in industry and transport, a study said yesterday. In an assessment coinciding with the UN climate talks in Morocco, the Paris-based Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) gave the EU high marks in some areas. Carbon emissions from electricity production fell by 20.9 percent between 2000 and 2014, and household energy consumption fell by 21.2 percent, relative to living area, from 2000 to 2013.

"Despite this progress, the EU is currently 'off-track' to achieve its objectives by 2030 and 2050," IDDRI warned. The EU as a bloc has pledged to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by at least 40 percent by 2030, compared with 1990 levels. This is a stepping stone to a planned reduction of 80-95 percent by 2050, again compared with the 1990 benchmark.

The IDDRI report said headway in curbing EU emissions could be attributed to "cyclical effects"—the impact of the 2008 financial crisis and the slow recovery from it—rather

than a long-term carbon strategy. "Europe has made significant progress, but new sectoral policies are needed to ensure it can reach its long-term targets, especially in transport and industry," IDDRI Director Teresa Ribera said.

In addition to setting ambitious emissions target for road transport for 2025, the EU should aim at ensuring that fleet procurement—one of the biggest sectors of the car market—be 100-percent electric by that date. The report called for a tougher goals in energy savings for 2030 and for measures to ensure that the EU's carbon market—the emissions trading system — does not suffer a repeat of the price collapse of recent years.

It pointed the finger in particular at coal, which plays a large part in energy production in Europe. "By 2030, unabated (use of) coal needs to drop by more than 50 percent to make way for low-carbon electricity sources," it said. The study was coordinated with seven other European research institutes, which trawled over national data, analyzing the major sectors for carbon emissions. — AFP

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8th edition of the MENA Effie awards

The eighth edition of the MENA Effie Awards (Effies) is set to take place on November 9, 2016, in the opulent settings of the Pavilion, Armani Hotel Dubai. More than 1,500 people, including many of the best marketers in the Middle East, are anticipated to attend this year's ceremony, which honors the greatest and most effective marketing campaigns in the region.

With significant interest in this year's awards, the organizers received a total of 850 entries, 40 percent of which were shortlisted, with judges selecting winners across

November 6 and 7. This year will see a total of 23 categories hosted for entrants, including new categories for branded content, seasonal marketing and healthcare. All categories will fall under three umbrellas: 13 under 'Product and Service', nine under 'Specialty' and one under 'Shopper Marketing'.

Alexandre Hawari, Co-CEO of Mediaquest, said: "We are delighted that our organization of this year's annual MENA Effie Awards has yielded a team of distinguished figures participating as judges. The high quality of the panel

means that this year's Effie winners will have the kudos of their campaign coming from some of the guiding lights of the marketing world."

The MENA Effie Awards have a widespread reputation as one of the most important and prestigious awards programs in the region's marketing calendar. The event focuses on honoring marketing ideas that achieve the best results. The awards were first established in 2009 with the aim of establishing the gold standard of regional creative marketing brilliance.



MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHES TECH-FORWARD ALOFT BRAND

Aloft Hotels, part of Marriott International, Inc., announced the highly anticipated opening of Aloft Dhahran in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. As part of a growing portfolio of properties owned by FAS Hotels, division of Fawaz Al Hokair group, Aloft Dhahran is a modern design-centric hotel located in the hub of the city across from the Mall of Dhahran and in close proximity to Dhahran Technovalley. The opening of the hotel marks Aloft's second property in the country, after Aloft Riyadh, and third for the brand in the Middle East.

"We are delighted to open our second Aloft in the Kingdom with the Fawaz Al Hokair Group, further strengthening our position in the country," said Alex Kyriakidis, President and Managing Director, Middle East and Africa, Marriott International. "Aloft is regarded as one of the fastest growing brands in the history of hospitality and we have seen a strong demand for the brand in the Middle East with its distinctive design, accessible technologies and social atmosphere."

Mr Turki Al Hokair, CEO of Fas Hotels, commented on the opening "By introducing the tech-forward Aloft brand into Saudi Arabia with Aloft Riyadh and now Aloft Dhahran, Fawaz Al Hokair group along with Marriott International are aligned in meeting the evolving needs of today's hyper-connected traveler."

Designed to Stay & Play

Aloft Dhahran will offer 262 spacious loft-inspired guest rooms with modern design and plush signature beds. Hotel facilities will include an outdoor rooftop Splash pool, a 24-hour recharge fitness center, flexible



indoor and outdoor Tactic meeting space, re:fuel - a 24 hour grab & go snack bar, and the brand's signature W XYZ bar where guests can enjoy a refreshing mock-tail in the trendy lounge or terrace. Guests can also enjoy Dine, the hotel's international restaurant serving a variety of culinary delights and Crush, the outdoor pool-side cafe. "We at Aloft Dhahran are excited to shake up the Eastern Province with a truly different hotel experience," said Titus Rosier, Aloft Dhahran's General Manager "Everything from the way our guests check-in with SPG Keyless to the design-centric styling will bring innovation to our guests'

travel experience."

An Evolving Brand

The Aloft brand's innovative and exclusive initiatives set it apart from the competition. With the launch of SPG Keyless, Aloft Hotels introduced the hospitality industry's first mobile, keyless entry system allowing guests to use their smart phone as a key. This forward-thinking initiative is part of the brand's innovative DNA. Fuelled by accelerating demand in dynamic markets worldwide, Aloft continues to enter new markets with hotels coming up in Al Ain, Dubai, Nepal, and Indonesia.

CBK TAKES PART IN 'INVESTMENT IN OUR KIDS'

The Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) took part in the 5th Childhood festival recently held under the title of 'Investment in Our Kids' that was under auspices of the minister of information and minister of state for youth affairs Sheikh, Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah at Abdul Aziz Hussein Cultural Center.

The festival aims at developing children educationally, socially, recreationally and in awareness as well as allowing participants, including CBK, to display their products and services for children and families. The festival attracted a large number of visitors including parents and so many school kids. During the festival, CBK's sales teams were present to explain the privileges of its 'My First Account' that is allocated for children up to the age of 14.



YMCA CONDUCTS ONASANGAMAM

YMCA Kuwait conducted Onam Sangamam at Indian Community School, Salmiya with various cultural programs. The program started with the opening prayer song by Kumari Hanna Elizabeth Raju and was inaugurated by chief guest Rev Bobby Mathew by lighting

the traditional Lamp. YMCA president Dr Varghese presided over the inaugural function. The second part of the function held many entertainment programs such as cinematic dance, Solos, vallamkali includes the attraction of the day.



AOU WORKSHOP ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF SAFETY SUPERVISORS

In collaboration and coordination with the Kuwait National Guard (KNG), the Training Center of the Arab Open University (AOU) organized a workshop on "The evaluation of performance safety supervisors according to OSHA standards" for a number of engineers from the Ministry of Electricity and water. The five-day program was organized within the framework of the cooperation protocol

signed between the AOU and KNG in June 2014.

The protocol aims to develop the human element and exploit all the means that strengthen loyalty and patriotism. This reflects the directives of both the military and political leadership in Kuwait, and the founder of the AOU, HRH Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz, and the Members of AOU Trustees Board.

On the first and second day, First Lieutenant Adnan, lectured about the respiratory system, blood diseases and first aids. On the third day, First Lieutenant Eng Mathar Ahmed addressed the industrial safety. Then, the last two days of the workshop delivered by Lieutenant Colonel Eng. Baty Jassim, who spoke about occupational safety and health administration (OSHA). He addressed several topics, such as OSHA

standards and procedures, and firefighting equipment and mechanisms.

At the end of the workshop, Dr Sami Khalifa, Manager of the Training Center, presented the certificates to the participants, lauding participants' commitment and their positive interaction during the workshop. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to KNG and Ministry of Electricity and Water for their cooperation

and trust in the AOU Training Center. He stressed that the AOU is keen on contribution to preparing manpower required by sustainable development in Kuwait and the Arab world in order to achieve the mission and vision of the University, which strives to spread knowledge and build skills and capabilities pursuant to local and international quality standards.

Weaving Stories



Celebrating Kuwait through textile arts



Sheikha Altaf Al-Sabah, founder of Al Sadu Society with Ali H. Al-Youha, Secretary General of Kuwait's National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence R Silverman and British Ambassador to Kuwait Matthew Lodge among other distinguished guests and visitors. —Photographs by Yasser Al Zayyat, Jamie Etheridge and Aziz Al Mutawa

By Jamie Etheridge

Al Sadu Society launched Monday evening an unique interactive textile exhibition, Weaving Stories as part of its 2016/2017 cultural season. The exhibition, opened under the auspices of Sheikh Salman Sabah Al Salem Al-Homoud Al Sabah, Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs, is comprised of a series of woven panels created by more than 30 individual textile artists in Kuwait and from the United States. Sheikha Altaf Al Sabah, founder and patron of Al Sadu Society, developed the idea in collaboration with local weavers, designers and textile artists to help engage the community in one of Kuwait's most beautiful and lasting artistic traditions.

Project Manager Shelby Allaho, independent crochet artist and textile collaborator, organized the contributions, working with 30 independent artists and makers to develop the woven panels around five themes reflecting the heritage of Kuwait: Traditional Kuwait, Modern Kuwait, Desert, Islamic Motifs and the Sea. For this exhibition, Sadu House also consulted with Lesli Robertson, an artist, Fulbright Specialist, and professor of fiber arts at the University of North Texas. Weaving, knitting, crochet, mixed media, dyeing, embroidery, macramé and other techniques were used in the creation of the panels, which were then combined to create the larger thematic stories representing Kuwait. All the panels are woven into a 'tent divider' frame reflecting the Bedouin tradition of the

desert tent. A communal loom was also set up for visitors to contribute to a community woven project. The exhibition is part of Al Sadu House's contribution to the celebrations marking Kuwait as the Capital of Islamic Culture 2016. Weaving Stories is an initiative by Al Sadu Society, under the patronage of Sheikha Altaf AlSabah, made possible with the support of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the US Embassy and the Fulbright Program. The exhibition will be available for viewing at Al Shaheed Park until November 13 from 9am to 1pm and 4pm to 9pm in the Multipurpose Hall.



Ali H. Al-Youha, Secretary General of Kuwait's National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters weaves using the communal loom set up at the Weaving Stories exhibition from Sadu House at Al-Shaheed Park Monday evening.



Weaving Stories - Contributing Artists

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| Abdullah Al-Hussainan | Manal Al Maimooni |
| Afifa Behbehani | Marlyn Kamal Youssef |
| Amal Al Fadel | Muneera Al Houti |
| Antonio da Silva | Muthaira Muslim |
| Arwa Saifuddin | Naheda Al Baqsa |
| Aisha Khalid | Nawal Al Baker |
| Ceyda Oskay | Ranju Gandhi |
| Faiza Al Amiri | Seta Naser Mohammad |
| Ghada Ibraheem Al Moosa | Shelby Allaho |
| Hayfa Al Mughni | Suad Murad |
| Hanan Al Kazemi | Suzanne Mannolini |
| Kanwal Zarien Bukhari | Uzma Nadeem |
| Khayt Group members | Wafaa Al Kandari |
| Laila Al Sulaiman | Zahra'a Ebrahimi |
| Laila Yasser | Fiber Arts Program |
| Lesli Robertson | Students, University of North Texas |

JUMEIRAH GROUP TAKES ICONIC BRAND EXPERIENCE TO KUWAIT

Jumeirah Group, the global luxury hotel company, has announced its annual GCC roadshow across key markets in the region, which will include a stop in Kuwait City on November 13, 2016 at the idyllic Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa, located in the secluded area of Messilah along the shores of the Arabian Gulf. The roadshow events, sponsored by Emirates and Royal Caribbean International, will highlight Jumeirah Group's latest offerings, including Jumeirah Al Naseem, the newest addition to its portfolio. Dubai based international comedian Nitin Mirani will entertain guests and the evening will feature a gala dinner and raffle draw. Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa features seven restaurants and stylish lounges, the tranquil Talise spa, and a stunning beachside. It is one of the most popular luxury resorts among Emirati and Saudi travelers in the GCC. Travelers from Kuwait are amongst the top five source markets across Jumeirah Group's portfolio of hotels around the world the world, and registered a 5% increase in room revenue for the first 10 months of this

year in comparison to the same period in 2015. Alison Broadhead, Chief Commercial Officer at Jumeirah Group said: "The Jumeirah Group properties are iconic throughout the world, offering the pinnacle of the Arabian hospitality experience combined with luxurious modern facilities and amenities. Guests from Kuwait are incredibly important to all of our hotels, and it is our pleasure to take this roadshow to our partners in the Kingdom, giving them a taste of our portfolio and what is yet to come from the Jumeirah Group. By meeting with our local partners and travel agents, we are able to develop a greater understanding of the needs of Kuwaiti travelers, in order to help us continuously improve our offerings to ensure we deliver an unforgettable experience with every Jumeirah stay." Guests can now book into Jumeirah Al Naseem, the latest addition to Madinat Jumeirah and to Jumeirah Groups' portfolio of hotels in Dubai. Meaning sea breeze in Arabic, Jumeirah Al Naseem is firmly anchored on the Arabian coast and on the city's longest stretch of private beach

offering unparalleled views to Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, whilst charting new waters in the Dubai luxury hospitality scene. The new 430-key beach resort is set to open on December 1, 2016 and will be previewed for Kuwaiti visitors during the roadshows. The youngest member of Jumeirah Group's successful Arabian Resort family of hotels will offer exquisite facilities, including over ten food and beverage outlets, five swimming pools, its own beach club, landscaped gardens and a custom designed seawater-fed turtle lagoon. The contemporary interior design of the large guest rooms is inspired by sand dunes, blue skies, sea breeze and Dubai's heritage of pearl diving and Bedouin traditions. In addition to the Jumeirah Al Naseem property, the roadshow events will showcase the Group's hotels and resorts in Maldives, Europe and the GCC. Earlier this year, the Group launched the Burj Al Arab Terrace, a 10,000m2 outdoor space that stretches 100 meters out into the sea, and comprises Scape Restaurant & Bar, two pools, dedicated butler-serviced cabanas, and a beach area with luxury day and sunbeds. The

Terrace is a world-first in marine and off-site construction, having been developed at a shipyard site in Finland. and then transported by ship to Dubai in eight pieces. The company will also soon

launch family-style five bedroom villas in its Jumeirah Vittaveli property, catering to the specific travel requirements of guests from Kuwait to The Maldives.



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14:40 True Crime With Aphrodite Jones
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16:20 Nowhere To Hide
17:10 Disappeared
18:00 Evil Online
18:50 I Almost Got Away With It
19:40 True Crime With Aphrodite Jones
20:30 I'd Kill For You
21:20 Nowhere To Hide
22:10 Shadow Of Doubt



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08:20 Elena Of Avalor
08:45 Bunk'd
09:10 Austin & Ally
09:35 Shake It Up
10:00 A.N.T. Farm
10:25 A.N.T. Farm
10:50 That's So Raven
11:15 That's So Raven
11:40 Good Luck Charlie
12:05 Good Luck Charlie
12:30 Jessie
12:55 Disney Mickey Mouse
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15:00 Dog With A Blog
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16:15 Hank Zipzer
16:40 Bunk'd
17:05 Star Darlings
17:10 Gravity Falls
17:35 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
18:00 Backstage
18:25 Descendants Wicked World
18:30 Liv And Maddie
18:55 Disney Mickey Mouse
19:00 Jessie
19:25 Star Darlings
19:30 Bunk'd
19:55 Descendants Wicked World
20:00 Best Friends Whenever
20:25 Tsum Tsum Shorts

12:00 Goldie & Bear
12:30 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
13:00 The Hive
13:10 Minnie's Bow-Toons
13:15 Sheriff Callie's Wild West
13:45 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
14:15 Henry Hugglemonster
14:30 Doc McStuffins
15:00 Sofia The First
15:30 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
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22:00 Botched: Post Op
23:30 Celebrity Style Story
23:00 El News
23:15 Botched By Nature

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15:10 The Chase
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16:55 The Jonathan Ross Show
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18:45 Emmerdale
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00:30 Mountain Men
01:20 Britain's Bloody Crown: War Of The Roses
02:10 Forged In Fire
03:00 Ultimate Wheels
04:00 Counting Cars
04:30 Pawn Stars
05:00 Barbarians Rising
06:00 Shipping Wars
06:25 Shipping Wars
06:50 American Pickers
07:40 Pawn Stars
08:05 Pawn Stars
08:30 Storage Wars Texas
08:55 Counting Cars
09:20 Counting Cars
09:45 Lost In Transmission
10:35 American Restoration
11:00 American Restoration
11:25 Inside Alcatraz: Legends Of The Rock
12:15 Swamp People
13:05 Ax Men
13:55 Mountain Men
14:45 Down East Dicking
15:35 Pawn Stars
16:00 American Pickers
16:50 Storage Wars Miami
17:40 Mountain Men
18:30 Inside Alcatraz: Legends Of The Rock
19:20 American Pickers
20:10 Pawn Stars
20:35 Pawn Stars
21:00 Counting Cars
21:25 Counting Cars
21:50 Ice Road Truckers
22:40 Time Team
23:30 Counting Cars
23:55 Counting Cars



00:00 Predator
02:00 Robot Overlords
04:00 Surrogates
06:00 Hercules Reborn
08:00 Mutant World
10:00 Surrogates
12:00 Apocalypse Pompeii
14:00 Reign Of Assassins
16:15 Mutant World
18:15 Dragon Blade
20:30 The Berlin File
23:00 The Taking Of Pelham 123



01:15 The Melancholy Fantastic
02:45 Dying Of The Light
04:30 Selma
06:45 Mood Indigo
09:00 Memories
11:00 The Melancholy Fantastic
13:00 Red Wing
15:00 Rosewater
17:00 Memories
19:00 Invasion Day
21:00 Calvary
23:00 Good Kill



01:00 Dunston Checks In
03:00 My Girl 2
05:00 One Christmas Eve
07:00 Rugrats Go Wild

09:00 Oz The Great And Powerful
11:15 Minions
13:00 Little Man Tate
15:00 Capture The Flag
17:00 Charlie And The Chocolate Factory
19:00 Harriet The Spy
21:00 Clocktappers
23:00 Capture The Flag



01:30 Curve
03:00 I'll See You In My Dreams
04:45 Spectre
07:15 A Birder's Guide To Everything
09:00 Paper Towns
11:00 Spectre
13:30 Transcendence
15:30 Chloe And Theo
17:15 Avengers: Age Of Ultron
20:00 Captive
22:00 The Keeping Room
23:45 Insidious: Chapter 3



00:00 All The Wrong Reasons
02:00 Under The Tuscan Sun
04:00 Passed Away
06:00 10 Things I Hate About You
08:00 Ghostbusters
10:00 Passed Away
12:00 Under The Tuscan Sun
14:00 What If
16:00 Ghostbusters
18:00 The Proposal
20:00 The To Do List
22:00 Adult World



01:15 Middle Of Nowhere
03:00 Zulu
04:45 The Fold
06:15 A Passage To India
09:00 Fearless
11:00 Middle Of Nowhere
13:00 Steve Jobs: The Man In The Machine
15:15 Foreverland
17:00 Fearless
19:00 Les Misérables
21:45 What Maisie Knew
23:30 Venus In Fur



01:15 Columbus In The Last Journey
02:45 Baby Geniuses And The Treasures Of Egypt
04:15 Ghatotkachh - Master Of Magic
06:00 Memory Loss
07:45 Jungle Book: Mowgli's Adventure
09:30 Barnyard
11:15 Ploddy Police Car On The Case
12:45 Baby Geniuses And The Treasures Of Egypt
14:30 Mamma Moo And Crow
16:15 The Heart Of The Oak
18:00 Barnyard
20:00 The Olsen Gang In Deep Trouble
22:00 Mamma Moo And Crow
23:30 The Heart Of The Oak



00:30 Scrubs
01:00 Scrubs
01:30 Ballers
02:00 Ballers
02:30 Bordertown
03:00 2 Broke Girls
03:30 Life In Pieces
04:00 Fresh Off The Boat
04:30 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon
05:30 George Lopez
06:00 The Bernie Mac Show
06:30 Community
07:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers
08:00 Fresh Off The Boat
08:30 George Lopez
09:00 2 Broke Girls
09:30 Crowded
10:00 Modern Family
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22:00 Ballers
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23:30 You're The Worst
23:30 Late Night With Seth Meyers



00:40 Nextworld
01:30 How Do They Do It?
01:55 Food Factory
02:20 What On Earth?
03:10 Stem Cell Universe With Stephen Hawking
04:00 Curiosity: Can You Live Forever?
04:48 Nextworld
05:36 What On Earth?
06:24 Mythbusters
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18:50 Nextworld
19:40 Mythbusters
20:30 Ways To Save The Planet
21:20 Ecopolis
22:10 Powering The Future
23:00 Creating Synthetic Life



00:20 Extraordinary Pregnancies
01:10 Monsters Inside Me
02:00 My Big Fat Fabulous Life
02:25 Say Yes To The Dress
02:50 Love At First Swipe
03:15 Cake Boss
03:35 My Big Fat Fabulous Life
04:20 Little People, Big World
04:45 Little People, Big World
05:10 Toddlers & Tiaras
06:00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
06:50 Iyanla: Fix My Life
07:40 Oprah's Master Class
08:30 Little People, Big World
08:55 Little People, Big World
09:20 Jon & Kate Plus 8
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19:20 My Big Fat Fabulous Life
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20:10 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
21:00 Girls Who Don't Age



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04:40 How It's Made
05:05 How It's Made
05:30 Dirty Jobs
06:20 Mythbusters
07:00 Kids vs Film
07:25 Doki
07:50 Too Cute! Pint-Sized
08:40 How It's Made
09:05 How It's Made
09:30 Redesign My Brain
10:20 Mythbusters
11:10 Dirty Jobs
12:00 Too Cute! Pint-Sized
12:50 Bear Grylls: Born Survivor
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17:50 The Lion Queen
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19:55 How It's Made
20:20 Mythbusters
21:10 Buggin' With Ruud
22:00 The Lion Queen
22:50 Untamed & Uncut
23:40 Bear Grylls: Born Survivor

20:30 Elena Of Avalor
20:55 Liv And Maddie
21:20 Austin & Ally
21:45 Backstage
22:10 Girl Meets World
22:35 H2O: Just Add Water
23:00 Binny And The Ghost
23:25 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
23:50 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch



00:00 Doc McStuffins
00:30 Minnie's Bow-Toons
00:35 Zou
00:50 Loopedidoo
01:05 Art Attack
01:30 Henry Hugglemonster
01:45 Calimero
02:00 Zou
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07:00 Zou
07:20 Loopedidoo
07:35 Art Attack
08:00 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
08:30 Sheriff Callie's Wild West
09:00 The Lion Guard
09:30 Miles From Tomorrow
09:40 Goldie & Bear
10:00 Sheriff Callie's Wild West
10:10 Doc McStuffins
10:30 PJ Masks
10:40 Jake And The Neverland Pirates
11:00 Sofia The First
11:30 Doc McStuffins

08:35 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
09:00 Supa Strikas
09:50 Danger Mouse
10:20 Annedroids
11:10 Counterfeit Cat
11:35 K.C. Undercover
12:30 Gravity Falls
12:55 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
13:45 Phineas And Ferb
14:10 Disney Mickey Mouse
14:15 Supa Strikas
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15:05 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
15:30 Danger Mouse
15:55 Kirby Buckets
16:25 K.C. Undercover
16:50 Annedroids
17:15 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything
17:40 K.C. Undercover
18:05 Future Worm
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19:55 K.C. Undercover
20:20 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything
20:45 Mighty Med
21:10 Pickle And Peanut
21:40 Disney Mickey Mouse
21:45 Guardians Of The Galaxy
22:10 Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister
22:35 Boyster
23:00 Programmes Start At 6:00am KSA



00:05 LA Clippers Dance Squad
00:55 WAGs Miami
01:50 El News
02:50 #RichKids Of Beverly Hills
03:50 Celebrity Style Story
06:00 Kourtney & Kim Take New York
06:55 El News
07:10 Kourtney & Kim Take New York
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00:00 Man Fire Food
01:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
02:00 Man Fire Food
03:00 Chopped
04:00 Guy's Grocery Games
05:00 Roadtrip With G. Garvin
06:00 Chopped
07:00 Barefoot Contessa
08:00 The Kitchen
09:00 Anna Olson: Bake
10:00 Chopped
11:00 Guy's Big Bite
11:30 Guy's Big Bite
12:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
12:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
13:00 Man Fire Food
14:00 Chopped
15:00 The Kitchen
16:00 Anna Olson: Bake
16:30 Anna Olson: Bake
17:00 Chopped
18:00 Iron Chef America
19:00 Chopped
20:00 Chopped South Africa
21:00 Kitchen Casino
22:00 Iron Chef America
23:00 Chopped



00:10 Keep It In The Family
01:00 Emmerdale
01:30 Coronation Street
02:00 Coronation Street
02:30 The Chase
03:25 Brief Encounters
04:20 Doc Martin
05:15 Mr Selfridge
06:10 Keep It In The Family
07:05 The Chase
08:00 Broadchurch
09:00 Doc Martin
10:00 Mr Selfridge
10:55 Keep It In The Family
11:50 The Chase
12:45 Emmerdale
13:15 Coronation Street
13:45 Coronation Street



00:12 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn
00:36 Max & Shred
01:00 The Haunted Hathaways
01:24 Sanjay And Craig
01:48 Sanjay And Craig
02:12 SpongeBob SquarePants
02:36 SpongeBob SquarePants
03:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
03:24 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
03:48 Henry Danger
04:12 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn
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07:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
07:24 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
07:48 Winx Club
08:12 Harvey Beaks
08:36 Breadwinners
09:00 Get Blake
09:24 Rabbits Invasion
09:48 Henry Danger
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17:00 Sanjay And Craig
17:24 Rabbits Invasion
17:48 Breadwinners
18:12 Henry Danger
18:36 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn
19:00 100 Things To Do Before High School



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THY	772	Istanbul	00:55	KAC	542	Lamerd	14:40	KAC	561
KAC	102	London	00:55	KAC	672	Cairo	14:45	FDB	673
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QTR	1086	Doha	01:15	ETD	303	Jeddah	14:55	KAC	785
THY	764	Istanbul	01:50	SVA	9301	Madinah	15:05	GFA	222
DLH	635	Doha	01:55	OMA	645	Abu Dhabi	15:15	IRC	6512
PGT	858	Istanbul	02:00	UAE	857	Jeddah	15:25	QTR	1079
ETH	620	Addis Ababa	02:05	ABY	127	Muscat	15:35	SVA	501
MSC	405	Sohag	02:30	MSR	575	Dubai	15:45	KNE	530
GFA	211	Bahrain	02:30	KAC	154	Sharjah	15:50	KAC	619
UAE	853	Dubai	02:30	SAW	705	Sharm el-Sheikh	15:50	KAC	777
OMA	643	Muscat	02:55	SVA	504	Istanbul	15:55	KNE	684
KKK	6506	Istanbul	02:55	QTR	1072	Damascus	16:00	JZR	554
FDB	069	Dubai	03:05	FDB	051	Doha	16:00	KAC	283
ETD	305	Abu Dhabi	03:10	JZR	787	Dubai	16:10	ETD	304
MSR	612	Cairo	03:10	JZR	357	Riyadh	16:25	ABY	128
CEB	0018	Manila	03:15	KAC	662	Mashhad	16:25	OMA	646
KAC	358	Kochi	03:30	RJA	640	Abu Dhabi	16:35	MSR	576
QTR	1076	Doha	03:30	KAC	118	New York	16:55	SVA	2301
KAC	544	Cairo	03:55	SVA	510	Riyadh	17:00	SAW	706
KAC	784	Jeddah	03:55	GFA	215	Bahrain	17:15	SVA	505
KAC	418	Manila	04:25	JZR	777	Jeddah	17:30	JZR	266
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DHX	170	Bahrain	05:20	UAE	875	Dubai	17:55	KAC	363
KAC	344	Chennai	05:35	FDB	063	Dubai	18:00	QTR	1073
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UAE	855	Dubai	08:40	GFA	217	Dubai	19:20	JZR	184
KAC	382	Delhi	08:45	KAC	778	Sharjah	19:25	KAC	342
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GFA	213	Bahrain	10:40	MSR	606	Amman	20:40	KAC	545
KAC	774	Riyadh	11:05	DLH	634	Luxor	20:45	OMA	648
AXB	889	Mangalore/Bahrain	11:10	FDB	5053	Frankfurt	20:45	KAC	205
IRM	1188	Mashhad	11:15	JAI	572	Dubai	20:50	KAC	345
JZR	165	Dubai	11:30	KAC	786	Mumbai	20:50	QTR	1089
IRC	526	Mashhad	11:40	KAC	172	Jeddah	20:55	DLH	634
MEA	404	Beirut	11:55	MEA	402	Frankfurt	21:15	MSR	619
IAW	157	Al Najaf	12:00	ETD	307	Beirut	21:20	FDB	5054
KAC	744	Dammam	12:10	ALK	229	Abu Dhabi	21:25	DHX	171
SVA	9304	Jeddah	12:35	UAE	859	Colombo	21:30	JAI	571
JZR	561	Sohag	12:40	GFA	219	Dubai	21:40	KAC	351
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KNE	231	Riyadh	13:55	JZR	555	Dubai	23:15	GFA	220
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- ACROSS
1. A condition (mostly in boys) characterized by behavioral and learning disorders.
4. (Old Testament) A son of Jacob and a forebear of one of the tribes of Israel.
12. A flat wing-shaped process or winglike part of an organism.
15. American prizefighter who won the world heavyweight championship three times (born in 1942).
16. Worthy of the greatest honor or distinction.
17. A decree that prohibits something.
18. At a great distance in time or space or degree.
19. A Dravidian language spoken in south central India.
20. Any of several tall tropical palms native to southeastern Asia having egg-shaped nuts.
22. According to the Old Testament he was a pagan king of Israel and husband of Jezebel (9th century BC).
24. An anticipated outcome that is intended or that guides your planned actions.
25. An order of dicotyledonous trees of the subclass Hamamelidae.
27. Of or relating to a pointed conical tooth.
29. (Old Testament) In Judeo-Christian mythology.
30. A radioactive element of the actinide series.
32. An official prosecutor for a judicial district.
33. A genus of tropical American plants have sword-shaped leaves and a fleshy compound fruits composed of the fruits of several flowers (such as pineapples).
37. The actions and activities assigned to or required or expected of a person or group.
43. Made of packed earth or gravel.
44. A nucleic acid that transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm.
45. (of complexion) Blemished by imperfections of the skin.
46. A large heavy knife used in Central and South America as a weapon or for cutting vegetation.
47. Tropical trees having papery leaves and large fruit.
50. A metrical unit with unstressed-stressed syllables.
52. A less than average tide occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon.
53. A stiff chitinous seta or bristle especially of an annelid worm.
54. A dramatic work intended for performance by actors on a stage.
56. A chronic inflammatory collagen disease affecting connective tissue (skin or joints).
57. The unit of measurement for the proportion of gold in an alloy.
59. Inability to control the flow of urine and involuntary urination.
62. A white metallic element that burns with a brilliant light.
63. The capital and largest city of Yemen.
64. Receives blood from lower limbs and abdominal organs and empties into the posterior part of the right atrium of the heart.
70. A manservant who acts as a personal attendant to his employer.
73. Electrical conduction through a gas in an applied electric field.
74. An automatic signal (usually a sound) warning of danger.
76. Inability to coordinate voluntary muscle movements.
77. The cry made by sheep.
78. A tricycle (usually propelled by pedalling).
80. A republic in the Middle East in western Asia.
81. A condition (mostly in boys) character-
- ized by behavioral and learning disorders.
82. The great hall in ancient Persian palaces.
83. More or less flat-topped cluster of flowers in which the central or terminal flower opens first.
- DOWN
1. A Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
2. Pompous or pretentious talk or writing.
3. English theoretical physicist who applied relativity theory to quantum mechanics and predicted the existence of antimatter and the positron (1902-1984).
4. The United Nations agency concerned with the interests of labor.
5. East Indian tree yielding a resin used medicinally and burned as incense.
6. A nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (trade name Clinoril).
7. An edible seaweed with a mild flavor.
8. An emotional response that has been acquired by conditioning.
9. A port in northwestern Israel on the Bay of Acre.
10. A highly unstable radioactive element (the heaviest of the halogen series).
11. 40th President of the United States (1911-).
12. Norwegian mathematician (1802-1829).
13. A cord that is drawn through eyelets or around hooks in order to draw together two edges (as of a shoe or garment).
14. Type genus of the Anatidae.
21. The ninth month of the Moslem calendar.
23. A Chadic language spoken in northern Nigeria.
26. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.
28. A silvery soft waxy metallic element of the alkali metal group.
31. (anatomy) A structure that resembles a shell in shape.
34. Denoting a quantity consisting of one more than eight and one less than ten.
35. Wild sheep of semidesert regions in central Asia.
36. The stirrup-shaped ossicle that transmits sound from the incus to the cochlea.
38. An avalanche volcanic water and mud down the slopes of a volcano.
39. An independent group of closely related Chadic languages spoken in the area between the Biu-Mandara and East Chadic languages.
40. A town in north central Oklahoma.
41. (comparative of 'near') Being the one of two that is less distant in space.
42. Someone whose business is advertising.
48. Show a response or a reaction to something.
49. A language spoken by the Atakapa people of the Gulf coast of Louisiana and Texas.
51. A bachelor's degree in music.
55. An anti-TNF compound (trade name Arava) that is given orally.
58. A state in the western United States.
60. Related on the mother's side.
61. Something that remunerates.
65. Toward the mouth or oral region.
66. Any of a number of fishes of the family Carangidae.
67. A city in northwestern Syria.
68. Lacking sufficient water or rainfall.
69. A strategically located monarchy on the southern and eastern coasts of the Arabian Peninsula.
71. A set of questions or exercises evaluating skill or knowledge.
72. A crude uncouth ill-bred person lacking culture or refinement.
75. Fiddler crabs.
79. A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.

STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your mind is very sharp and you can focus on any disturbance or problem that needs to be balanced. You seek to find a balance in everything you see and experience. You have taken great strides in the ability to stay in a positive mode of thinking. As you continue to move forward with your life, you will automatically find new challenges. When you see you cannot change things immediately you will learn to go with the flow of events. You will accept the idea that you will be able to respond accordingly when the opportunity presents itself. This afternoon you will face a situation on the home front that will call for some decision making that a few people might not like. Act from love and you will do well with your decisions.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

A high pressure but very lucky day is ahead of you now. You could make decisions and find your way through just about any problem you may discover. You feel successful and able to wrangle with difficulties. Good advice from a guide or older person is available if you need it. Of all the people in the horoscope, you are the one the universe seems to be shaking up emotionally, physically and anyway it can to get you to return to your roots. Go back to the religion of your choice, absorb the symbols within the religious house you prefer to attend and take on an attitude of gratitude. Think on these things before you begin any further projects this week. All of this information is a lot to absorb and it may take time to calmly let it happen.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

This is a great time, when good fortune and plain old luck surround you. It is certainly not a time to stay home-you are in a work mode and in the mood to accomplish much. It is easy for you to make correct decisions. Stay away from susceptible communication with loved ones until after the sun goes down-there are disturbing energies floating around this afternoon. You may find that someone close to you understands and is supportive of you-continue to bide your time. Communication with others is important so do not close yourself off from the input that casual conversation with friends and loved ones can bring. Stay away from the sensitive subjects for now. This evening it is easy to see and feel the emotional and physical differences-positive.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

In the professional realm, you need to take good notes. You may want to check out the things that bloom at this time of year. Instead of a cold, you could just be fussing with some allergy this morning. There are new medicines for allergies that you could consider. This afternoon you may find yourself in conversations with friends that include dreams or psychic insights. You may discover that you are more intuitive now than in the past. You may sense and feel things that others do not. Conversations about magic and intuition may carry over into the evening and you find yourself discussing the spirit world with family members, who may not be too impressed. You may enjoy reading or just relaxing with bubbles this evening. Music fills the air.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

This could be a frustrating time both at home and at work. There may be a tendency to make poor choices and decisions. Tensions are high, especially this morning, so perhaps just relaxing and waiting this one out might be in order. You could discover yourself through some new avenue of creativity and self-expression. You are rewarded this afternoon for keeping a lid on your emotions-remaining truthful and practical. A more outgoing manner may be enjoyed now. Events make it easy for you to be original and show off your ability to solve problems-speak up. You may find yourself demonstrating some ideas you have held back. New and perhaps unusual ways of appreciating and loving may be possible this evening.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Someone that has not supported your ideas in the past may come around to your way of thinking. You can expect a sense of support and goodwill from those around you. You have a need to be respected and there are opportunities to create that respect today. You may be helping a group of people become better organized. Perhaps this is a citizen's group that gathers information for informing the public. You may be able to enjoy and value your own life situation or feel especially kind toward a friend or loved one. A difficult relationship seems to repair itself just now. This evening you gain some help in working through the bookkeeping and you set up a plan. In order to get control over finances, dare yourself to put aside all doubts.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Your ability to discriminate real breakthroughs and to spot new trends makes you able to work in areas at the very fringe of technology. You could be attending a class, a lecture or a presentation. You love all that is new and different and you are an expert at sharing your ideas and feelings with others. You may feel that your company is falling behind in some technology that would help it prosper. You may look for ways in which your company can manipulate, budget or cut back on funds in order to purchase new products. Finding ways to increase company finances may become a feather in your hat. Electronics, computers, communications, in fact, all things electrical are right up your alley. You will work with groups in a spirit of cooperation today.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You are up early this morning-ready to conquer the world. Applied effort is the key to success for now. This is a good time to work as a team and see successful results from the whole group. Taking time later to relax and go over some new ideas as well as listen to what others have to offer presents a great bonding opportunity. This also presents opportunities to help the business grow and keep updated with new ideas and possibilities for future projects. There is also motivation to decorate or improve your surroundings. You might decide some spiced-tea smells would create an atmosphere that would be conducive to study, work and concentration. Close relationships offer a lot of input, fun, hugs and attention tonight! Happy birthday!



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You have a lot on your mind and may feel a strong need to communicate and gather ideas. Good practical job-related thoughts and ideas are available. You have the ability to communicate with superiors or describe what you see-higher-ups will listen. A great deal of mental activity and energy has begun for you now. Changes in the neighborhood may get on your nerves this afternoon. Distractions when you may be trying to concentrate on personal or technical matters can be frustrating. Consider a visit at a nearby park and if the weather is good, a bit of exercise with a loved one or friend may be just what the doctor would order. Sympathy and understanding for siblings or young people may come into play this evening.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

There may be obstacles in your path today but if you keep your eyes open, you will have very little problem navigating through the day. Keep a lid on your temper and create a patient attitude because others may try your patience. Extra work will bring extra money and that is the good news for some plans you may be creating. You become more direct and more able to cut through to the basics of a situation. Your ability to be and act on the spot is strengthened-much intensity. This afternoon you may be shopping for special items around your living area. You may even want to purchase a little paint or other items for some repair jobs you may have been putting off until now. A healing between family members is possible this evening.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

A friend or loved one may tend to put a damper on what you say or think, or in some way manage to restrict your ability to communicate. You may have thoughts that differ with the establishment-the law. Communication in the business world, however, seems to go your way. Positive things are happening and your career depends upon your own drive to achieve, which is strong. You are able to use good common sense, feel the trends and make the right moves. This is a time to get ahead by taking action. It also would not hurt to write those letters to the persons that represent your state. You love all that is new and different. You talk to friends about any new possibilities regarding electronics, computers and communications field.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

The good life and all that is fine and luxurious may be what interests you most at this time. You take pride in your accomplishments and while you may have always had a few possessions, they have always been top grade-the best. You enjoy finding ways to cut cost as well as add to your income. Today you make your own way and find solutions to whatever problems come before you. You do not play favorites and are quite impersonal when it comes to your responsibilities. You may enjoy working for the healing services. Your life path involves very close relationship with others. This could be as a healer such as a doctor, nurse or through a marriage. Joining what is separate is the key to your success in your career. This evening is for family.

Wordsearch Puzzle

Songs With Girls' Names

Find and circle all of these songs that have a girls name in the title. The remaining letters spell an additional song title.

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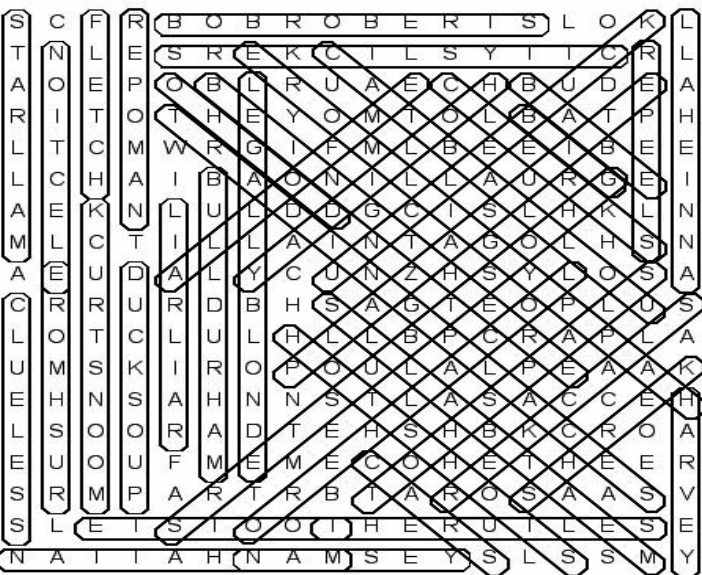
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DELTA DAWN

DIANA
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ELVIRA
GLORIA
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JOLENE
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LITTLE JEANNIE
LUCILLE
MAGGIE MAY
MANDY
MICHELLE

MY SHARONA
NIKITA
OH SHERRIE
PEGGY SUE
RHIANNON
ROSANNA
ROXANNE
RUBY TUESDAY
SARA
SHERRY
SUSIE Q
SUZANNE
SWEET CAROLINE

Yesterday's Solution

Comedy Movies 1



ALL OF ME
ANNIE HALL
BABE
BEING THERE
BIG
BOB ROBERTS
BULL DURHAM
CARS
CAT BALLOU
CITY SLICKERS
CLERKS
CLUELESS
DUCK SOUP
ELECTION
FLETCH
GHOSTBUSTERS
HAPPY GILMORE
HARVEY
HOLIDAY
HOTSHOTS
LEGALLY BLONDE
LIAR LIAR
LOCAL HERO
MALLRATS
MANHATTAN
MEATBALLS
MOONSTRUCK
OH, GOD!
PLAZA SUITE
REPO MAN
RUSHMORE
SHREK
SLACKER
SLAP SHOT
SLEEPER
THE RUTLES
TOOTSIE
TRADING PLACES
UNCLE BUCK
YES MAN

The hidden movie title is: CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS

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Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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Hospitals

Sabah Hospital	24812000
Amiri Hospital	22450005
Maternity Hospital	24843100
Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital	25312700
Chest Hospital	24849400
Farwaniya Hospital	24892010
Adan Hospital	23940620
Ibn Sina Hospital	24840300
Al-Razi Hospital	24846000
Physiotherapy Hospital	24874330/9

Clinics

Kaizen center	25716707
Rawda	22517733
Adaliya	22517144
Khaldiya	24848075
Kaifan	24849807
Shamiya	24848913
Shuwaikh	24814507
Abdullah Salem	22549134
Nuzha	22526804
Industrial Shuwaikh	24814764
Qadsiya	22515088
Dasmah	22532265
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Qibla	22459381
Ayoun Al-Qibla	22451082
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Sharq	22465401
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Jabriya	25316254
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N Khaitan	24710044
Fintas	23900322



PHARMACIES
ON 24 HRS DUTY

GOVERNORATE	PHARMACY	ADDRESS	PHONE
Ahmadi	Sama Safwan Abu Halaifa Danat Al-Sultan	Fahaeel Makka St Abu Halaifa-Coastal Rd Mahboula Block 1, Coastal Rd	23915883 23715414 23726558
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Farwaniya	New Shifa Ferdous Coop Modern Safwan	Farwaniya Block 40 Ferdous Coop Old Kheitan Block 11	24734000 24881201 24726638
Hawally	Tariq Hana Ikhlās Hawally & Rawdha Ghadeer Kindy Ibn Al-Nafis Mishrif Coop Salwa Coop	Salmiya-Hamad Mubarak St Salmiya-Amman St Hawally-Beirut St Hawally & Rawdha Coop Jabriya-Block 1A Jabriya-Block 3B Salmiya-Hamad Mubarak St Mishrif Coop Salwa Coop	25726265 25647075 22625999 22564549 25340559 25326554 25721264 25380581 25628241

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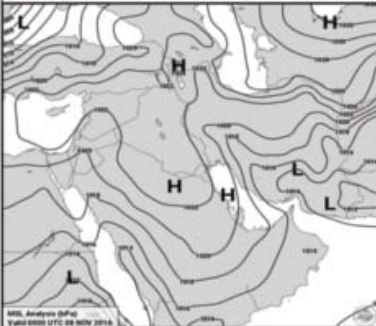
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Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours

BY DAY: Mostly sunny with light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 12 - 32 km/h

BY NIGHT: Cool with light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 15 - 35 km/h

WEATHER WARNING			No Current Warnings		
STATION		MAX. EXP.	MIN. REC.		<div>SFC. CHART08/11/2016 0000 UTC</div>
KUWAIT CITY		28 °C	19 °C		
KUWAIT AIRPORT		27 °C	09 °C		
ABDALY		28 °C	10 °C		
BUBYAN		28 °C	10 °C		
JAHRA		28 °C	14 °C		
FAILAKA ISLAND		27 °C	14 °C		
SALMIYAH		27 °C	20 °C		
AHMADI		27 °C	18 °C		
NUWAISIB		29 °C	13 °C		
WAFRA		28 °C	12 °C		
SALMY		28 °C	11 °C		

4 DAYS FORECAST						
DAY	DATE	WEATHER	Temperatures		Wind Direction	Wind Speed
			MAX.	MIN.		
Wednesday	11/09	Sunny	28 °C	10 °C	NW	15 - 35 km/h
Thursday	11/10	Sunny	29 °C	11 °C	NW	08 - 28 km/h
Friday	11/11	Sunny	30 °C	12 °C	NW-VRB	08 - 22 km/h
Saturday	11/12	Mostly sunny	29 °C	13 °C	VRB	08 - 20 km/h

PRAYER TIMES	
Fajr	04:45
Sunrise	06:06
Zuhr	11:32
Asr	14:36
Sunset	16:57
Isha	18:16

RECORDED YESTERDAY AT KUWAIT AIRPORT	
MAX. Temp.	28 °C
MIN. Temp.	14 °C
MAX. RH	81 %
MIN. RH	12 %
MAX. Wind	NW 39 km/h
TOTAL RAINFALL IN 24 HR.	
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All times are local time unless otherwise stated.

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PRIVATE CLINICS

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Mellon will 'never' put her footwear line on sale

The 49 year-old fashion designer - who co-founded the luxury designer brand Jimmy Choo in 1996 where she stayed at the helm of the brand before leaving in 2011 after 16 years - has admitted she doesn't intend on ever reducing the price of the shoes in her eponymous label, because she doesn't believe people feel "great" when they wear sale items. Speaking to The Daily Telegraph newspaper, the brunette beauty said: "We're never going on sale. Nobody ever feels great buying something on sale, and department stores have created this problem in the markets because they've trained everyone to wait for sales." And the creative mastermind has revealed she has carefully created the footwear to feel comfortable and "kick a**", and she has purposefully designed "timeless pieces" for the Tamara Mellon brand because she wants to sell items that can "always" be sold online and never go out of fashion. Speaking about her creations, she said: "My shoes

are for looking great, feeling comfortable - and kicking a**." "Women are not shopping in the same way they used to ... they want an honest price. They also want to buy something today and wear it tomorrow, which is why we'll have timeless pieces that will stay online always, as well as a 'Lab' collection featuring something new every month." Meanwhile Tamara has revealed she prides herself in her ability to run in heels, and believes a good pair of stilettos can brighten anyone's day. She said: "I can run in heels. Actually I pride myself on how fast I can run in heels. Heels aren't anti-feminist. They have nothing to do with looking sexy for men - they're not there for men's benefit, but our own. "If you put on a great pair of heels, it's mood altering and I always feel empowered in high heels. One thing I'm tired of, though, is being in pain."



Mariah Carey's daughter planning wedding

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon's daughter started planning her wedding when she was four. The 'America's Got Talent' host and the superstar singer - who divorced earlier this year after eight years of marriage - have five-year-old twins Moroccan and Monroe together, and he was shocked when their daughter started talking about boys and saying she wants to walk down the aisle one day. He said: "My daughter's a lot like her mom - loves to sing, loves to dress up. It's a lot of fun. "She definitely likes boys, and I'm trying to sway her in a whole different direction. Like, last year she told me she was getting married. I was like, 'What?! You're four!'" But Moroccan is yet to think about girls as he appears to be concentrating on his DJ career after landing a gig at a recent Halloween party the family attended. Nick added: "My son is the biggest ham

in the world and loves DJ-ing. He DJ-ed the Halloween party, rocking the mic. It was crazy. "This party was the first time I was like, 'Man, do your thing.' And so he was scratching and talking on the mic. And he's seen me do it so much that he's got the hang of it. So I think he's gonna be taking daddy's job real soon." Despite Nick and Mariah separating, the pair are still close for the sake of their kids, and he admits the former couple intend to keep it that way. Speaking about spending holidays together, he added to PEOPLE: "I think that'll be something that we'll always embrace as a family and as our families expand. "And continue to make sure that we keep everyone focused on love." Mariah recently split from her fiance James Packer.

LILY ALDRIDGE: 'PERFUME ALWAYS MAKES ME FEEL PUT TOGETHER'

Lily Aldridge feels more "put together" when she wears perfume. The 30-year-old model - who was announced as the face of Michael Kors' latest fragrance campaign Wonderlust earlier this year - has admitted fragrance is a vital part of her everyday beauty regime because it completes her outfit and leaves her feeling "luxurious". Speaking to Hello! magazine about her beauty regime, the brunette beauty said: "Yes [I wear perfume every day]. It's such an important step in my everyday beauty routine. It completes any look and feels luxurious. "Perfume always makes me feel put together after a long day of travelling." And the catwalk icon - who has starred in campaigns for luxury brands including Tommy Hilfinger, Coach an DJ Crew - has revealed she "sometimes" sprays her hair with the scent for an "extra statement". She explained: "I tend to wear it on my wrists, but I sometimes spritz it in my hair for an extra statement." Lily has revealed the smell of the "ocean mist" makes her feel nostalgic because it reminds her of her childhood home in California. She said: "I grew up in California, so my first scent memory is the smell of the ocean mist. No matter where I go, that smell always makes me feel at home." Meanwhile Lily - who has four-year-old daughter Dixie with her husband Caleb Followill - has admitted she would be "proud" of her child if she wanted to follow in her footsteps as a model, although her partner and Kings of Leon front man isn't as keen on the idea. Speaking previously



about her child's future, she said: "I'll support whatever she wants to do! "I don't think my husband would want her anywhere near the runway. But I would be proud of her no matter what she does."

Paltrow's daughter is the inspiration for her first fragrance line

Gwyneth Paltrow's daughter was the inspiration behind her first fragrance capsule. The 44-year-old actress launched her debut scent Edition 01 fragrance on her popular e-store Goop last week, and the star has revealed she wanted to create a product that wouldn't be "harmful" for her 12-year-old child and other young girls who are experimenting with beauty products. Speaking to PEOPLE about the cosmetic product, which is the first perfume in a series of scents inspired by the four seasons, the 'Iron Man 3' star said: "We want to create fragrance that isn't harmful, especially to our daughters who are growing and developing and I think we really all deserve that. "That's what we're trying to do. "This is an area where I'm still in education mode, but she's very into make-up, YouTube tutorials, and conventional make-up. That is one of the reasons why I want to do this even more." Although Gwyneth - who also has 10-year-old son Moses with her former partner Chris Martin - has admitted she is still learning about beauty, she is also trying to "educate" her brood about different skincare treatments and items. She explained: "My daughter loves the Pink body fragrance. She's like, 'I want the Pink body mist.' And I let her do her thing! Because I can just educate her. "My son is more like, 'Is this a clean body wash?' He's so funny." And the blonde beauty has revealed she loves different fragrances because they are "transportive and powerful". She said: "I am such a fragrance girl. I love [fragrance] so much, and I think it's so transportive and powerful and it can take you back in time, it can take you forward in time to dreams of your life, and I just think it's amazing."



Megan McKenna always 'knew' what she wanted

Megan McKenna always "knew" she wanted to launch her own beauty brand. The 24-year-old 'The Only Way Is Essex' star launched her eponymous cosmetics range titled Mouthy by Megan McKenna on Monday, and the brunette beauty has revealed her latest venture was inevitable because she "loves" make-up and experimenting with different trends and products. Speaking about the capsule, which includes three lip kits complete with a lip liner and matte lipstick duo, the brunette beauty said: "I am so buzzing for the launch of my Mouthy lip kits. I love my make-up and trying out new colors and looks, so jumped at the chance to create my own. I knew I wanted to launch with my signature colors so I created a peachy nude, a light pink and a warm brown." The television personality unveiled the highly-coveted products yesterday, which saw the light peach shade called Spa Day and Cinnamon, pale pink hue Dimples and Sand, and a bold brown color Shout Out and Spice hit her e-store mouthybymegankenna.com, however two of the lip kits have since sold out in under 24 hours. Meanwhile, Megan has admitted she has been sporting the products for "a while" but has been forced to keep her beauty hacks a secret prior to the big reveal. She explained: "I've actually been wearing Mouthy for a while now and when I do I have so many comments on my social media asking me which lipstick I'm wearing and I can finally tell everyone it's been Mouthy all along!" And the star has teased she will be expanding her collection to include a "limited edition Christmas lip kit", which she is currently working on. She said: "I've already started work on a limited edition Christmas lip kit and am looking forward to building the brand by expanding the range with more make-up in 2017."

KOURTNEY WANTS TO GIVE KYLIE A MAKEUNDER

Kourtney Kardashian wants to give her half-sister Kylie Jenner a "super natural" make over. The 37-year-old 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians' star has revealed her and her 19-year-old sibling are always talking about doing one another's make-up and filming it, and if it was to happen Kourtney would want to give Kylie a simplistic beauty look, whilst Kylie would do "heavy, crazy make-up" on her. The brunette beauty told Marie Claire Online: "Kylie Jenner and I talk about doing each other's make-up all the time and filming it. I want to do it super natural on her and she wants to do some heavy, crazy make-up on me." And Kourtney is positive Kylie, who built up her beauty empire Kylie Cosmetics over two years before launching her ever-growing beauty brand earlier this year, will love the chance of using her Lip Kits on her. She added: "I'm sure she'd do a Kylie lip kit." And the television personality - who is the oldest child in the Kardashian/Jenner brood - believes her and her siblings have "definitely" mastered the contour trend, and believes she has perfected the application of concealer under the eye, which she has claimed is "really hard" to do. She said: "My sisters and I have definitely got the contouring and highlighting look down. "I've mastered concealing under the eye too - it's really hard, not everyone can do it! The NARS concealer is great for under your eyes and for covering up spots." Meanwhile, Kourtney has revealed she has found it harder to stay in shape after having three children, and because she doesn't want to miss out on spending time with her brood she undergoes gruelling one-hour workouts, which leave her feeling sick because they're so "intense". Kourtney - who has sons Mason, six, and 23-month-old Reign, and daughters Penelope, six, with her former partner Scott Disick - said: "After each pregnancy it's been more difficult to stay in shape. "Now if I take an hour to work out that's an hour away from my kids so I want it to be really intense - like I'm going to throw up!"



Lisa Vanderpump no longer speaks to Brandi Glanville

The pair constantly clashed on 'The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills' and the 56-year-old star has admitted relations between them haven't improved since Brandi quit the show. During an appearance on 'Watch What Happens Live', Lisa was asked whether she still talks to the 43-year-old star and confirmed their relationship is non-existent, adding: "[I] got to know the block button." While Lisa has also been known to clash with Yolanda Hadid - the mother of Gigi and Bella - in the past, she admitted relations between them are "better" than they were. Speaking about the 52-year-old TV personality, who is suffering with Lyme disease, Lisa said: "[She] seemed to be doing much better." Lisa also hinted she clashed with Lisa Rinna - who also didn't get along with Brandi on the show - on the new series of 'The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills', but insisted fans will have to watch the series to find out exactly what happens. However, she did say: "It was hard to go back because I felt like I took a beating." Lisa signed up for the latest 'RHOBH' season despite speculation she had quit the Bravo show because she was unhappy with the "negative vibes" in the last series. Yolanda quit the program after producers reportedly told her she would be demoted to a friend of the show rather than a main star in the upcoming season, but it was stressed there was no ill feeling between the star and the production team. Announcing her exit on Instagram, she wrote: "I would have loved a more graceful exit than "Season 6" but sometimes we don't get to control the ending of the chapters in our life..... I am leaving what's over without denying its past importance in my life. I believe that every exit is an new entry and with that in mind I say goodbye to my @Bravotv Family as I continue to focus on a my recovery, my children and bring back the privacy within our Home (sic)"



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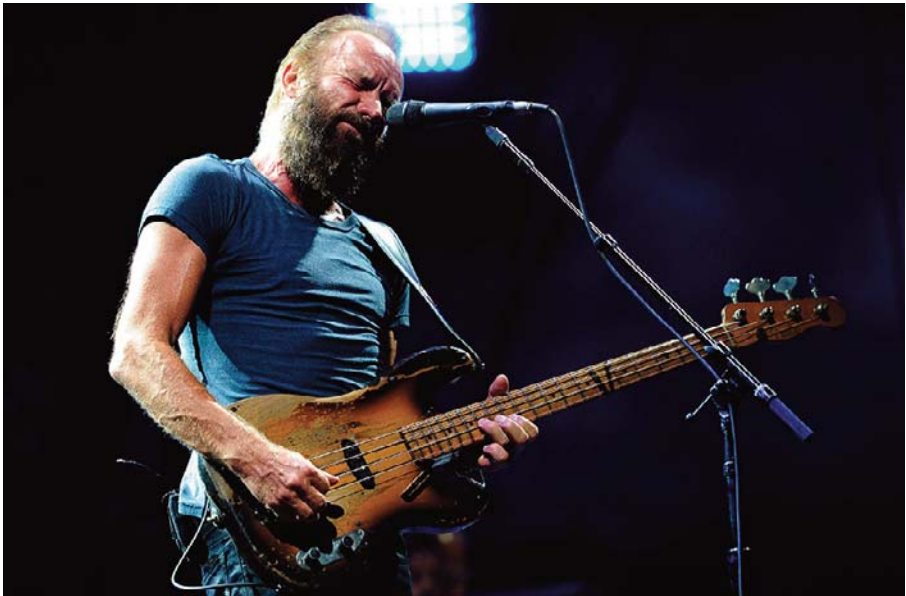
Sting's Paris Bataclan concert sells out in 30 minutes

British singer Sting's concert to reopen the Bataclan theatre in Paris, where a jihadist attack killed 90 people a year earlier, sold out within half an hour yesterday, the venue said. All 1,000 tickets put on sale for the concert on Saturday-on the eve of the anniversary of the massacre-sold out "in less than 30 minutes", the venue told AFP. The theatre in eastern Paris has a capacity of around 1,500. However the venue's owners Lagardere Live Entertainment said the survivors of the November 13, 2015 attack as well as their families had also been

invited to the concert. A total of 130 people died in a wave of gun and suicide bomb attacks on the French capital that night. One year on, nine of the 400 injured are still in hospital and a reported 600 are being treated for psychological issues. Sting, who agreed in September to do the concert, played the legendary venue in 1979 when he was lead singer of The Police. The 65-year-old star said he would donate all the proceeds of the concert to two charities set to help survivors. His new album "57th & 9th" is being released on the eve of the Bataclan con-

cert. The venue will remain closed on the actual anniversary of the attacks, the owners said, when a plaque to commemorate the victims will be unveiled outside. — AFP

This file photo shows British musician and singer-songwriter Sting performing during a concert at the Ampitheatre of Nimes (Arenes de Nimes) in the French southern city of Nimes. — AFP



BRUCE AND BEYONCE LEAD STARS IN LAST CLINTON PUSH



Musicians Jon Bon Jovi (left) and Lady Gaga perform during a campaign rally.



Musician Jon Bon Jovi performs at an election eve rally.



Musician Bruce Springsteen performs at an election eve rally.

Top musicians from Bruce Springsteen to Beyonce to Madonna rallied behind Hillary Clinton as the United States prepared to elect a new president yesterday, adding A-list star power to a massive get-out-the-vote operation. Springsteen, one of the biggest concert attractions in the rock universe, warmed up an election eve rally Monday night in Philadelphia, where he hailed Clinton for her "vision of an America where everyone counts." "Let's all do our part so we can look back on 2016 and say we stood with Hillary Clinton on the right side of history," Springsteen told the roughly 40,000 people assembled near Independence Hall.

Springsteen, who has long championed the US working class in song but avoided overt politics until 2004, charged that Republican candidate Donald Trump would "prioritize his own interests and ego before American democracy itself." The rally was the largest ever in Clinton's bid to be America's first woman president.

Springsteen was joined by fellow rocker Jon Bon Jovi as well as President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle. Bon Jovi later flew with Clinton to another critical state, North Carolina, for a midnight rally with Lady Gaga, who urged civility after one of the most divisive elections in memory.

"I know that it is important for this message, too, to be spread-that we do not need to hate his followers," Lady Gaga said to applause from a youthful audience in Raleigh. Madonna meanwhile roused Clinton backers in New York with a surprise outdoor concert, taking out an acoustic guitar to perform hits including "Express Yourself." "As far as I'm concerned, we still live in an extremely chauvinistic, sexist, misogynist country and that is why Hillary Clinton needs to be president," said Madonna, sporting a knit cap in the design of the US flag. Madonna voiced dread over the prospect of a Trump presidency, asking the crowd in Washington Square: "Do we want to be the laughing stock of the planet?"

Trump denounces 'filthy' rap lyrics

While US pop stars have long leaned to the left, the tilt toward Clinton is unprecedented in a modern election, with Trump virtually shunned by the music world. Trump spent the last days of his campaign repeatedly denouncing pop superstar Beyonce and her rap mogul husband Jay Z, who played for Clinton on Friday in Ohio. Trump hit back by claiming to have drawn bigger crowds. He took aim at language by Jay Z, who like many rappers frequently uses profanity and did not edit his lyrics for the Clinton rally. "Isn't it amazing that... Jay Z and Beyonce use filthy language in the songs, using words that if I ever said those words, it would be the reinstitution of the electric chair, right?" Trump told a rally in Florida.

Despite Trump's concern about profanity, one of his few musical backers, hard rocker Ted Nugent, also used unprintable words when he introduced the Republican at a rally Sunday in Michigan. Nugent, who has previously called for the death of Clinton and Obama, grabbed his crotch on stage and quipped, "I've got your blue state right here, black and blue," referring to the color associated with

the Democratic Party. Nugent, a gun enthusiast, returned to introduce Trump late Monday and devoted his remarks to mocking animal rights activists.

Focus on turnout

Trump, who has described undocumented Mexican immigrants as "rapists" and boasted of forcing himself on women, has faced complaints from a long list of stars including the Rolling Stones and Adele for playing their songs at rallies. Trump, a former reality television host, nonetheless has several backers in Hollywood, notably Clint Eastwood. Celebrity entertainers invariably ensure large crowds at a point in the campaign when weak turnout would be optically disastrous.



Musician Lady Gaga performs during a campaign rally with Democratic presidential nominee former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at North Carolina State University yesterday in Raleigh, North Carolina. — AFP photos

Myanmar gets first glimpse of most famous director's film

Myanmar's only internationally recognized director, Mida Z, has shown his work in his home country for the first time, calling the screening a "historical moment" for a nation emerging from decades of military oppression. "The Road to Mandalay", a tragic love story about two Myanmar workers who travel illegally to Thailand in search of a better life, was shown to a packed cinema in Yangon on Monday night. Mida Z, who at age 33 has collected numerous international awards and been nominated for an Oscar, said he felt nervous showing the film to his compatriots.

Born in Myanmar's Shan state, he moved to Taiwan when he was 16 but has frequently returned to Myanmar to shoot films often in secret from the former junta. "Maybe it's just one screening but for me it's very important-a historical moment," the rising star told AFP yesterday. "For more than 50 years we didn't have a chance to screen a film which expressed, explained a situation linked to our real situation." Myanmar's film industry, once the most vibrant in the region, shrivelled under heavy censorship enforced by its former military rulers who banned everything from ghost stories to blue jeans on the screen.

Rules have eased since the junta ceded power in 2011 and hopes are high that the new democratically elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi will scrap lingering controls. But politics, religion and sex-plus criticism of the still-powerful army remain taboo subjects in Myanmar and censors blocked several images in this year's MEMORY! Film Festival in Yangon. In the final scene in

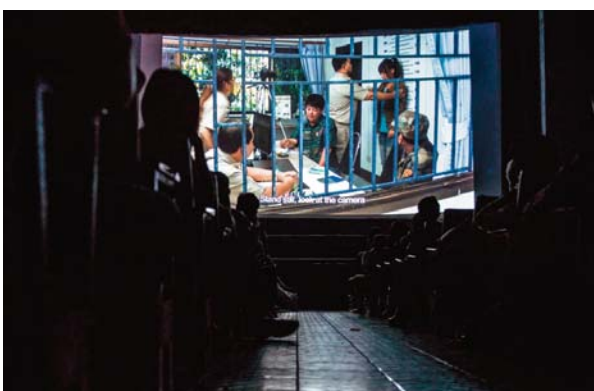
"The Road to Mandalay", an image of a Buddha splattered with blood was physically covered up by censors manning the projector during Monday's festival screening. Similarly, "The Burmese Harp", a 1956 film about the retreat of Japanese forces from Myanmar during World War II, had the portrayal of a beggar "hidden" from viewers at the festival.

'Critical step'

Severine Wemaere, a co-founder of the festival, said its organisers have had to contend with nebulous censorship rules since it started two years ago. "The censorship rules exist and have not changed since 2014," she said, describing tortuous negotiations over how long images of naked flesh can be shown on screen. But the screening of "The Road to Mandalay" nevertheless marked significant progress, she added, calling it a "critical step" on Myanmar's path to becoming a fully free country. While few among Myanmar's domestic filmmakers have yet nerved themselves to start addressing sensitive topics, already there are signs that this has started to change. Actors, producers and directors have been calling for the censorship board to be turned into a ratings committee whose only function is to warn of racy or violent content. There are also plans to double the number of cinemas in the country to 100 over the next two years in a bid to inject cash into an industry where most movies go straight to DVD. —AFP



Director Mida Z (left) stands next to an interpreter as he speaks after the screening of 'The Road to Mandalay' during the Memory International Film Heritage Festival screening at Wizaya cinema in Yangon. — AFP photos



In this photograph 'The Road to Mandalay' by director Mida Z is screened during the Memory International Film Heritage Festival at Wizaya cinema in Yangon.



This image released by Disney shows Benedict Cumberbatch in a scene from Marvel's 'Doctor Strange'. — AP

'Doctor Strange' works magic on N American box office

Surgeon-turned-sorcerer "Doctor Strange" cast his spell on North American audiences, debuting at the top of the box office in the latest triumph for Marvel Studios, industry data showed Monday. The movie, which stars Benedict Cumberbatch as world-famous neurosurgeon Stephen Strange-whose life changes forever after a horrific car accident robs him of use of his hands-raked in \$85.1 million, box office tracker Exhibitor Relations said.

Rachel McAdams, Benedict Wong, Mads Mikkelsen and Tilda Swinton star alongside Cumberbatch, as his character explores his mystical powers. The 14th film in Disney's "Marvel Cinematic Universe," "Strange" follows recent studio successes including "Captain America: Civil War," which made more than \$1 billion worldwide, as well as other crowd pleasers such as the "Thor," "Iron Man" and "The Avengers" franchises. Debuting in second place was DreamWorks' animated "Trolls," based on the classic plastic dolls known for their multi-colored hair.

Featuring the voices of Justin Timberlake and Anna Kendrick, the film made \$46.6 million in its first weekend in theaters. Third place went to Mel Gibson's directorial come-

back "Hacksaw Ridge," also in its debut weekend, which raked in \$15.2 million. The movie tells the true story of World War II army medic Desmond Doss, a conscientious objector who went on to receive the Medal of Honor despite refusing to carry a weapon. "Boo! A Madea Halloween"-the latest installment in Tyler Perry's Madea comedy franchise, fell to fourth place with \$7.7 million, down three spots from its former perch at the top of the box office. And "Inferno," the third installment of Sony's "Da Vinci Code" franchise, directed by Ron Howard, earned \$6.2 million in the second weekend since its release. Rounding out the top 10 films were:

- "The Accountant" (\$5.9 million)
- "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" (\$5.5 million)
- "Ouija: Origin of Evil" (\$3.9 million)
- "The Girl on the Train" (\$2.7 million)
- "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" (\$2.1 million)—AFP

Bucket list trip to

Bora Bora:

It's not just for celebrities



Kayakers head out on the water from Le Meridien resort in Bora Bora.

—AP photos



A view of the beach, lagoon and bungalows at Le Meridien resort in Bora Bora.



A couple strolls along the sidewalk next to the beach at Le Meridien resort in Bora Bora.

By Jennifer Mcdermott

Somehow I convinced my husband that the fifth wedding anniversary is the Tahitian anniversary. The traditional gift, actually, is wood. For years, I had dreamed of going to Bora Bora in French Polynesia. The lagoon's glimmering turquoise, jade and cobalt blue waters, the overwater bungalows, the seclusion- for me, it was the ultimate bucket list destination.

Some of the world's most famous celebrities vacation in Bora Bora. Jennifer Aniston honeymooned there. Pictures of Justin Bieber swimming naked in Bora Bora circulated far and wide online last year. Usain Bolt celebrated his Olympic victories there in September. That doesn't mean normal couples can't go too - if they can afford it, of course. Our trip for a week, including flights and our hotel stay (with breakfast), cost just under \$10,000.

My husband and I spent a week lounging on the deck of our bungalow at Le Meridien Bora Bora. We woke early to catch brilliant orange and pink sunrises. We got up close and personal with sea creatures, from moray eels and trumpetfish to sea turtles, sharks and stingrays. We discovered that the saying heard in pearl shops, "You don't choose the pearl, the pearl chooses you" is surprisingly true. Most of all, we tried to relax and take it all in.

Luxury resorts

Bora Bora, located about 160 miles (260 kilometers) northwest of Tahiti, was formed by volcanic eruptions millions of years ago. Mount Otemanu, a remnant of the volcano, rises nearly 2,400 feet (730 meters) on the island and serves as the backdrop of many photos. About 9,000 people live in Bora Bora. The temperature is a relatively consistent 80 F (27 C). The island is set in a lagoon and surrounded by a string of motus, or small islets, where luxury resorts are located. The colors are stunning. A friend said my photo looked like a watercolor painting. We flew to Los Angeles, where many US flights to Tahiti converge. From Los Angeles, it's about an eight-hour overnight flight to Papeete, Tahiti. It's less than an hour by plane from there to Bora Bora. Then it's a short boat ride to the main city, Vaitape, or to one of the luxury resorts. We didn't need vaccinations or a visa.

Our overwater bungalow faced outward to the lagoon, which we requested when booking. Others are turned in, toward the resort. It featured a glass floor for fish watching and a spiral staircase for climbing into the lagoon.

We splurged on massages early in the week, before our pale skin turned a reddish hue, and we fed baby sea turtles at the Turtle Center established at Le Meridien. We took the hotel's boat to The St Regis Bora Bora Resort to dine at the exclusive Lagoon restaurant by acclaimed French chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten and to check out the lavish bungalows with private swimming pools over the lagoon. We tried paddle boarding. Then we tried snorkeling to find the sunglasses we lost while paddle boarding. Adventurous couples buzzed around the island on jet skis.

Feeling adventurous ourselves, we signed up for a snorkeling trip to swim with stingrays and sharks. There are so many stingrays there, you feel their slick, rubbery bodies hitting your legs. One is an older, docile stingray the guides call "grandma."

Our guide from Teiva Tours lifted grandma and kissed it- on the mouth!

Misdirected chomp

But when the guides started "chumming" the waters with fish parts to draw blacktip sharks, we climbed back into the boat. The sharks were much more interested in the fish than in us, but we weren't taking any chances of a misdirected chomp. In deeper waters, we snorkeled at the surface as 9-foot (3-meter) lemon sharks glided along the bottom. We also spent a day in Vaitape. There's a center where locals sell their crafts, a small marketplace to stock up on sunscreen, juice and inexpensive French drink, and a cafe. The mountainside is home to cannons left behind by US forces during World War II.



A moray eel and a variety of fish are pictured at the Turtle Center at Le Meridien resort in Bora Bora.

The main thing we did though, was shop for Tahitian pearls. We were leaving one of the stores when I caught a glimpse of a pair of green pearl earrings. I walked away but no other pearl could compare, so we returned at the end of the day to buy the pearl that chose me. There's a must-visit spot along the coastline, about 3 miles (5 kilometers) from the city center: Bloody Mary's, a funky restaurant known for its seafood and celebrity visits. I enjoyed the restaurant's signature plate of teriyaki wahoo and the house drink, a Bloody Mary of course, while my husband loved trying meka, a broadbill swordfish found in the South Pacific. By the entrance there's a long list of famous people who have dined there. At the hotel, we ended the week as we began. We lounged on the deck, telling each other how unbelievable it was that we got to see such beauty in person and check Bora Bora off the bucket list. — AP



A view of the lagoon and bungalows at Le Meridien resort in Bora Bora.

For 1st time, CoverGirl ads

feature woman wearing a hijab

CoverGirl is featuring a woman wearing a hijab in its advertising for the first time in the makeup line's history. Beauty blogger Nura Afia is featured wearing the traditional Muslim head covering in an ad campaign for a new line of mascara that also includes singer Katy Perry and actress Sofia Vergara.

Afia says in a statement released by CoverGirl that she never thought she would see Muslim women represent-

ed on this scale after "growing up and being insecure about wearing the hijab." CoverGirl says the television and digital ad campaign is the only one in which it currently plans to feature Afia. Afia has more than 215,000 subscribers to a YouTube channel on which she gives beauty and makeup tips. — AP





A crater on Mount Egon is seen on the island of Flores in Indonesia.



A local captain guides his boat near Pangabatang Island in Indonesia.

Island-hopping in **Indonesia**: Visiting a few from thousands

By Kristi Eaton

With more than 13,000 islands, Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago. Only about 6,000 of the islands are inhabited, but that still leaves a lot of options for island-hopping. Most travelers know about Bali, the surf-and-sand island of "Eat, Pray, Love" fame, and Java, home to Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, and 60 percent of the country's population.

But I recently traveled with friends to two lesser-known - though still tourist-friendly - islands, and from there, a few even smaller islands, that gave glimpses of local culture while offering heart-stirring views of serene aqua water, dazzling waterfalls and thrilling volcano peaks.

Lombok

Next door to world-famous Bali, Lombok offers many of the same attractions as its better-known neighbor: waterfalls, white-sand beaches, snorkeling and scuba diving, but with a fraction of the tourists. Here are some of its top destinations: Senggigi. Located on the northwest part of Lombok, Senggigi is the main tourist area lined with hotels, restaurants, souvenir shops, massage parlors and more. The town of Senggigi is where visitors can set up tours or find guides to take them to different parts of the island.

Sendang Gile and Tiu Kelep waterfalls: Icy, cold and slippery, these waterfalls are probably some of the most awe-inspiring sights on the island. We hired a guide to lead us to them. Authentic handicrafts: Banyumulek is a village known for its world-class pottery. We visited a family of three generations creating pieces of various sizes. Farther inland, Sukarara is a community where visitors can learn about the process of traditional hand-weaving and attempt to give it a try themselves. Pottery is available for purchase at Banyumulek, and sarongs, wall hangings, blankets and scarves are available for purchase at Sukarara.

Gili islands: A string of three tiny islands off the northern coast of Lombok, the Gili islands are popular for their laidback feel and lack of traffic. We headed to Gili Air because it was the closest, hiring a private speedboat and driver and spending a few hours walking around the island and jumping in and out of the water. Don't forget to get your picture taken at one of the well-known water swings.

Flores

Known mainly for being the jumping-off point to Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the island of Flores is much larger than you may think. I made the mistake of thinking we could fly into the city of Maumere - the largest town on the island - and take local transport to the western

side of the island and head on to the Komodo area. I was wrong. It turned out to be at least a 12-hour drive, and with just a few days on Flores, we decided to stick around Maumere instead of being rushed. But we were not disappointed. One interesting aspect of visiting Flores was the Christian influence here. Indonesia is the world's largest majority-Muslim country, but here Christian churches and a large cross can be seen along the coast. Flores means flowers in Portuguese; it was a colonial outpost for Portugal in the 16th century.



A woman cuts fish at the local market in Maumere on the island of Flores in Indonesia. — AP photos

Other attractions here

Local market: An authentic slice of life here, with vendors selling fruit, livestock and chatting with each other and customers.

Pangabatang Island: We decided on the fly to try to visit Pangabatang Island, an uninhabited island about an hour off the coast of Flores. With the help of some friendly locals, we flagged down a bemo, a public transport van, found out one of the women on board was married to a boat captain, and headed to meet him at the fishing village of Nangahale. He spoke no English, but I was able to communicate with my rudimentary Indonesian language skills, and we hopped on his rickety boat. We sat in stunned silence snapping photos of some of the most scenic water views we'd ever seen. Once at Pangabatang, we suntanned, jumped in and out of the sea, and, of course, took selfies. One note of warning: Ferry sink-

ings and boat accidents are not uncommon - including a glass-bottomed boat that capsized off Bali in early November, killing three people including a Japanese tourist. So use your judgment on boat rides, especially if traveling with kids.

Mount Egon: Hiking Mount Egon takes several hours and lots of stamina. It's very steep with lots of loose gravel. We hired a guide to take us up to the summit, where a volcanic crater and outstanding views made the trek worth it.

Tips

Learn a little bit of the language, Bahasa Indonesia, and it



Pottery for sale at Banyumulek on the island of Lombok in Indonesia is seen.

will help tremendously. Being on time is relative. A 7 am meeting time with your guide may actually mean 8 a.m. Sip some coffee and wait. There are three time zones across Indonesia. Keep this in mind when booking flights. Approximately 13,000 Indonesian rupiah equals US \$1.

Getting there

Several direct flights go from the Indonesian capital city of Jakarta and from Bali to Lombok each day.

Getting to Flores is more complicated and takes longer. From Jakarta, flights can connect through Bali or even Kupang. Be ready for small planes, small airports and adventure. Slow ferries between the islands are also an option. — AP



Photo courtesy of Kristi Eaton shows visitors as they pose in the water at Tiu Kelep, one of most awe-inspiring views on the island of Lombok in Indonesia.

John photography collection goes on display in London



Tate members of staff pose in the room corners next to a series of Irving Penn corner portraits at the press view of "The Radical Eye: Modernist Photography from the Sir Elton John Collection" exhibition at the Tate Modern gallery in London, yesterday. British musician Elton John's collection of international modernist photography from the 1920s to 50s includes almost 200 prints and opens to the public today. — AP photos



A Tate member of staff poses next to American photographer Dorothea Lange's "Migrant Mother", from 1936.



A large promotional poster of Man Ray's "Glass Tears" stands in the entrance at the press view of "The Radical Eye: Modernist Photography from the Sir Elton John Collection" exhibition at the Tate Modern gallery in London.

Singer Elton John's private collection of modernist photography goes on display at London's Tate Modern this week in an exhibition of pictures from the 1920s-1950s. "The Radical Eye: Modernist photography from the Sir Elton John

Collection" has around 150 rare vintage prints on display, including pictures by American visual artist Man Ray and photographer Dorothea Lange. The exhibition opens on Thursday and runs until May. — Reuters



A Tate member of staff poses in front of a wall of photographs at the press view of "The Radical Eye: Modernist Photography from the Sir Elton John Collection" exhibition.

Lifestyle

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For 1st time, CoverGirl
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Artists dance wearing colorful life-sized horse suits by renowned American artist Nick Cave during a dress rehearsal for his upcoming shows in Sydney yesterday. The works called HEARD-SYD features over 60 dancers and musicians in two shows on November 10 and 12 marking the first time Cave has presented a major work in Australia. — AFP

Jailhouse dogs check in at Portugal prison



A prison guard at the high security prison of Monsanto walks past a prisoner watching dogs at the prison's dog kennel.



A prisoner of the high security prison establishment of Monsanto cuddles a dog at the prison's dog kennel.



A prisoner at the high security prison of Monsanto holds a dog at the prison's dog kennel.

Gloria is a regular at Portugal's most infamous prison, but it isn't crime that keeps her coming back. The golden Barbadão da Terceira is just one of the canine guests at a most unusual dog kennel run by inmates. Owner Rui Silva checked in his pet, a shaggy Portuguese breed, for a weekend stay in the maximum security jail in Lisbon. "It did not really phase me," the 48-year-old TV broadcast technician said about leaving his pet at the Monsanto prison, where Portugal's most notorious criminals are housed.

"I asked if they took good care of the animals, they said yes. That's what matters." The inmates welcome the pets at the so-called Dog House in a modest reception area adorned by photos of former four-legged guests. They verify vaccination records and receive instructions from pet owners. During the stay, they oversee feeding and bathing, walk the dogs and administer medication. "It's a lot of responsibility," said Ricardo, an inmate serving a sentence for drug trafficking, as a pit bull licked his hand through the fence of its pen. "What I really like is having contact with the public," the 34-year-old former bar owner said. Giving inmates the chance to reboot relational skills and gain job experience is the goal of this unique project in Portugal.

'Time goes by faster'

The kennel, a white and yellow building, is located just outside the barbed-wire fence that surrounds the prison, a former military fort perched atop the highest point of Lisbon among pine and oak trees, with a panoramic view of the capital. Its 68 dog pens usually fill up during peak vacation periods in summer and at Christmas, as well as over long weekends. Two to five prisoners work at the kennel, depending on how busy it is. They receive a monthly stipend of around 80 euros (\$90) for their work. "It is totally different than being inside, time goes by faster," said Ricardo, who was dressed in a red tracksuit and grey sweatshirt, as he pointed in the direction of the jail.

Married and with a young daughter on the outside, he said he was thinking of setting up his own kennel after he is released from jail at the end of the year. The prison initially began the kennel for its staff but in 2000 it opened the facility to the general public. The kennel charges 10 euros (\$11) per day per dog, or just 9.50 euros if the owner brings the pet's own food.

'Reduces aggression'

Prison officials stress the kennel is not a business, but rather a tool to help rehabilitate prisoners and prepare them

to return to society by giving them job skills. "Looking after animals develops emotional ties which the inmates then project onto other people and society in general," Monsanto prison director Ana Cristina Carrolo Pereira Teixeira said. And many of its regular customers like Silva, who first left his Gloria at the kennel several years ago, support those goals. "Its being part of a prison maybe makes me want to use it even more, to help out," he said. But not all prisoners at Monsanto, used to house the nation's most dangerous convicts, make the cut for kennel care. Among the roughly 160 inmates currently held is an explosives expert with the Basque separatist group ETA who was arrested in Portugal in 2010, and the killer of two young policemen in a Lisbon suburb in 2005.



A picture taken from the rooftop of the high security prison establishment of Monsanto shows the prison kennel facilities outside the walls of the main building in Lisbon.

Those who can work at the kennel are selected from the approximately 20 prisoners who have been assigned to a less restrictive regime due to good behavior. "We try to pick ideal people for this role and that like being here," the kennel's veterinarian, Pedro Miguel Canavilhas de Melo, said. Teixeira, the prison director, said she believes the inmates "are better people when they leave here in the way they relate to others because of their relationship with the animals." "I think it calms inmates, their relationship with animals reduces aggression," she added. — AFP



A prisoner at the high security prison of Monsanto touches a dog at the prison's dog kennel.



A prison guard at the high security prison of Monsanto walks past a dog at the prison's dog kennel.