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KUWAIT TACKLES ANOTHER OIL SPILL OFF SOUTH COAST

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QATAR TO BUY JET FIGHTERS FROM UK

DOHA: Qatar has signed an agreement to buy 24 Typhoon fighter jets from Britain, a second major defense deal signed by Doha during its lengthening diplomatic dispute with its neighbors. Qatari Defense Secretary Khalid Bin Mohammed Al-Attiyah and his British counterpart Michael Fallon signed a "statement of intent" for the UK to sell the planes, according to statements released by London and on social media.

"This will be the first major defense contract with Qatar, one of the UK's strategic partners," Fallon said. "This is an important moment in our defense relationship and the basis for even closer defense co-operation between our two countries," he said. The British ambassador to Doha, Ajay Sharma, took to Twitter to announce the deal, which he called a "major step" in defense relations between the countries.

There was no immediate comment from Qatar. The agreement to supply the planes brings to a close a lengthy negotiating period. Fallon said a deal was "on the table" back in March 2016. It follows a separate major purchase from Washington.

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KUWAIT: A man walks along the coastline in Kuwait City. Kuwait is dealing with another crude oil spill off its southern coast, state news agency reported yesterday, the latest in a series of unexplained leaks in recent months. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

DUBAI: Major oil exporter Kuwait is dealing with another crude oil spill off its southern coast, state news agency KUNA said yesterday, the latest in a series of unexplained leaks in the Gulf Arab state in recent months. KUNA said the latest spill has been detected in the Ras Al-Zour area, where Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) is building the Middle East's largest oil refinery with a capacity of 615,000 barrels per day at a cost of \$11.5 billion in contracts. Kuwait's Environment Public Authority is monitoring the spill and is working with Kuwait Oil Company and marine authorities to control it, KUNA said, adding the size of the leak was still being assessed.

OPEC member Kuwait reported a leak in the same area last month. That was followed by another spill at Abu Fatira, about 15 miles south of the capital Kuwait City, spanning one nautical mile. There was also a limited spill from a pipeline at Kuwait's northern Al-Ratqa field in July. Kuwait's Oil Minister said last month that neighboring Saudi Arabia and Iran had said they had not detected any oil spillage in their waters from the marine leaks.

In another development, Kuwait Petroleum International Company (KPI) has signed a contract to provide Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) with oils worth KD 4.2 million (\$13.9 million). The contract will equip KNPC with its needs of various types of oils, it said in a statement. KNPC CEO Mohammad Ghazi Al-Mutairi, who signed the deal on behalf of his company said that, during this three-year contract, KPI will offer KNPC with five million liters of oils.

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KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received on Sunday His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah at his residency in the United States. — KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Chairman of Kuwait's Supreme Judicial Council and the Cassation Court, and President of the Constitutional Court, Justice Yousef Jassem Al-Mutawaa.



His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Majed Bin Ajmi Al-Dowais and his sons. — KUNA photos

CROWN PRINCE RECEIVES TOP JUDGE

KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at Seif Palace, Chairman of Kuwait's Supreme Judicial Council and the Cassation Court, and President of the

Constitutional Court, Justice Yousef Jassem Al-Mutawaa.

Earlier yesterday, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf also met Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz Al-Saud Al-Sabah, Head of the National Security Bureau, Sheikh

Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, as well as Majed Bin Ajmi Al-Dowais and his sons. Director of protocols and ceremonials at His Highness' Diwan Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah attended the meeting. — KUNA

TWO-STATE SOLUTION VERY DIFFICULT UNDER NETANYAHU GOVT: EXPERT AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY SEEKS COOPERATION WITH KUWAIT

KUWAIT: It would be very difficult to see the success of a Palestinian-Israeli two-state solution under the current Israeli government of Benjamin Netanyahu, according to a political expert. "(Without) any commitment at all... until that government changes, it is very difficult to see any change in the dynamic," said international policymaker and former Australian foreign minister Gareth Evans.

Evans, who is known for his role in global conflict prevention and international relations, said the Palestinians were in a "pretty desolate" situation. "The biggest problem for the Palestinians is that nobody is focusing on the issue the way they used to," he suggested. That is why Evans said it is "very important that Arab countries collectively continue to articulate their support for a two-state solution."

He laughed off the notion that Israel, as a self-proclaimed 'Jewish state', would govern according to democratic values, saying it would instead be an "apartheid state." Evans, who earlier this year urged his government to recognize Palestinian statehood, said that the position of 120-plus countries in this regard provides "credibility and leverage" to that goal.

Meanwhile, he said it was "absolutely crucial" for there to be a united front amongst Palestinian factions. With Hamas saying it would abandon plans to form its own government and resume original plans for elections,



Chancellor of Australian National University (ANU) Gareth Evans

hopes were that a rapprochement with Fatah would "bear fruit," he said. Evans described himself as an "active supporter" of Palestinian affairs, having previously held meetings with former Palestinian officials, including former Hamas Politburo chief Khaled Mishal.

The former Australian politician has headed the Brussels-based International Crisis Group and has served on a number of major international commissions and panels on matters related to state sovereignty and nuclear non-proliferation. He has also written extensively on international relations and

legal, constitutional and political affairs. Currently the Chancellor of the Australian National University (ANU), Evans arrived in Kuwait on Sunday and held talks with Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, on numerous regional developments, including Palestinian affairs.

Academic cooperation

Separately, Evans revealed that Australia's top-ranked research university hopes to cooperate with Kuwait in creating a lectureship focused on Arab culture and civilization as part of its center focused on Arab and Islamic studies, adding that the move would "give an opportunity to showcase Kuwait."

ANU's Arab and Islamic Centre, which he described as "the biggest of its kind in the southern hemisphere," teaches history, international relations, politics and culture to about 1,000 undergraduates a year.

It includes two programs for Turkish and Persian culture and civilization, but does not yet have one dedicated to Arabic. Cooperation between Kuwait and ANU could also involve lectureships, student and staff exchanges or the creation, for example of an annual lecture named after Kuwait. "It would be an opportunity to discuss serious dialogue and understand major Middle East-related issues," he said. — KUNA



NEW YORK: Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah participated in the annual ministerial meeting of the International Peace Institute (IPI). — KUNA

FM PARTICIPATES IN IPI MINISTERIAL MEETING

NEW YORK: Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah participated, in New York on Sunday evening, in the annual ministerial meeting of the International Peace Institute (IPI). Participants in the meeting discussed issues related to the Middle East region, as well as regional and international development.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled participated in the meeting, held on sidelines of UN General Assembly session, at the invitation of the UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan and the deputy prime minister of Luxembourg Jean Asselborn. The meeting was hosted by IPI president Terje Rod-Larsen. — KUNA

UNDERSECRETARY, CHINESE ENVOY DISCUSS COOPERATION

KUWAIT: Undersecretary of Ministry of Interior (MoI) Lieutenant General Mahmoud Al-Dosari discussed cooperation with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Wang Di yesterday. In a press release, Security Media of the (MOI) said the two sides discussed cooperation in security fields to benefit from Chinese techniques to fight terrorism, drugs and cybercrimes.

Lt Gen Dosari praised the strong historic relations between both countries in all ways, including security, hoping for more cooperation between both. He thanked the Chinese ambassador for his visit and wished him a good stay in Kuwait. Meanwhile, ambassador Wang Di confirmed the deep relation between the two countries and expressed his appreciation for Kuwait's care for the Chinese community, also praising its international humanitarian role. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Undersecretary of Ministry of Interior Lieutenant General Mahmoud Al-Dosari meets with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Wang Di. — KUNA



NEW DELHI: The Kuwaiti Army's Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Khoder meets with Indian Minister of Defense Nirmala Sitharaman. — KUNA

KUWAIT, INDIA EYE CLOSER MILITARY TIES

NEW DELHI: The Kuwaiti Army's Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Khoder held talks yesterday with Indian Minister of Defense Nirmala Sitharaman, focusing on plans to boost cooperation between both nations. Khoder, who is on a visit to the world's second most populous

country, discussed with the Indian official issues of common concern, read a statement by the Kuwaiti ministry of defense. The encounter, which brought together a number of Kuwaiti and Indian military officials, also tackled issues germane to joint military drills between the two allies. — KUNA

KUWAIT URGES MORE IN-DEPTH INT'L FOCUS ON SYRIAN CHILDREN'S SUFFERING

GENEVA: Kuwait yesterday urged the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to look more closely and effectively into the situation of the children of Syria, which is deteriorating day by day. The remarks were made by the permanent representative at the UN and international organizations Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim at talks with members of the UN fact-finding mission in Syria.

Speaking of the mission's report, he said it generates "sorrow" due to the many continuing instances of breaches to the basic rights of Syrians. Kuwait called on all sides involved in the conflict to stop these breaches, and the international community to work towards a settlement that ends the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria.

On this, Ghunaim particularly lamented the indiscriminate killing of civilians, particularly children, the elderly and women. Regarding children, he said that around 7.5 million within Syria have witnessed nothing but war, while another 2.4 million currently reside in refugee camps. He also revealed that some 54 percent of the 179 people killed in the Khan Sheikhoun chemical attack were children.

Schools are not protected as they should be under international law, he warned, as they are continuously tar-



Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim

geted by airstrikes representing a stark breach of children's rights. This has forced families to refuse sending their children to school in fear they might be targeted.

Kuwait hopes that the future Syrian generation may be able to rebuild their nation and keep up with the global pace of sustainable development. This is why Kuwait has put in huge efforts, in cooperation with neighboring countries to Syria, to offer financial support of children's education and healthcare. — KUNA

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RENT LAWS

By Attorney Fajer Ahmed

Moving to a new country is difficult. It is a bold step to take, and although a lot of information is available online, it can still be an overwhelming experience to find a job, and to move to a new country. It seems that it is difficult in Kuwait to understand rental laws, especially since they are available only in Arabic. I think important laws should easily be accessible, as well as their bylaws. Although the laws are very fair to the tenants, a lot of people are not informed of what they are and what to do in such situations.

Contract renewal

Q: I have been living in an apartment for 18 months, but only had a one year contract. Does that mean that my contract automatically renewed itself for a year? And if so, does that mean I cannot leave till the remaining six months are over?

A: If the term of your rent contract ends, yet you continue to occupy the space and pay the rent in a timely manner, then your contract is renewed for the period of your rent payment. For example, if you pay monthly, then your contract is renewed month by month even though you initially had a one year contract. To put it in simple terms, anything beyond the initial term of your contract is renewed according to what you are paying for.

Raising rents

Q: My question to you pertains to the raising of rents by landlords. What

is the criteria that landlords use to raise the rents? Is there any law stipulating the maximum percentage that a landlord can raise the rent to, or does the law leave it to his discretion?

A: Well, if the landlord is raising the rent (after five years of you occupying the space, as mentioned above), then he can only raise it if it is 50 percent less than the market price and can only raise it up to the average market price. How do you calculate the average market price? You see how much a place with the same standards as your building in the same location is going for. That might not be so easy to determine as places differ all the time.

Rejected

Q: My landlord does not want to accept my rent. We have had no issues for the last year or so, but suddenly we had new neighbors move in, and although my dog is very quiet, they have been complaining about my dog, and ever since my harris (janitor) is refusing to receive the rent. What can I do about it?

A: If your landlord is not receiving your rent then please pay your rent at court. I know this may sound weird to some people or it may be confusing on where to go. I must say though it is not as easy as it sounds; some paper work needs to be done beforehand.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or you require a consultation, please email me at ask@fajertlawyer.com.



KUWAIT: Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Defense (second from right) chairs the Cabinet's meeting yesterday. — KUNA

CABINET HOLDS WEEKLY SESSION AT SEIF PALACE

KUWAIT: The Cabinet held its weekly session at Seif Palace yesterday under chairmanship of Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Defense. Following the session, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah stated that the meeting kicked off with congratulations to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince and the Kuwaiti people on forthcoming advent of the new Al-Hijri Year.

The Cabinet expressed congratulations to Saudi Arabia on the National Day and the ministers began their weekly task by examining recommendations by the economic affairs committee on due debts for a number of government departments and the measures to be taken to settle these debts. The Cabinet asked the departments to inform the Ministry of Finance about measures to be taken to get the due funds paid for the state-along with a timetable of payments in two weeks from now.

The ministers were briefed about recommendations by the committee about a report tackling measures for backing up economic and financial reforms, along with a scheme for implementing the initiatives mentioned in the document, as well as a second report by the Direct Investment Authority including the authority's activities and projects. The Cabinet was also briefed about recommendations by the committee for public services regarding a report delivered by the technical committee tasked with following up on the fourth state structural scheme (2040).

The Cabinet charged the municipal general director to coordinating with various departments to complete preparing the structural plan

in a manner that would depict the state visions and goals at the political, economic, social and environmental levels, on usage of lands. The Cabinet must receive a report in this respect in maximum one month. Moreover, the Cabinet was informed about a recommendation by the legal committee about a decree regarding a memo of cooperation between the municipality and the Japanese ministry of environment with respect of waste. The decree was approved and referred to His Highness the Amir.

The ministers were also briefed about a recommendation by the commission tasked with two draft laws on final documents of the international communication conference (Dubai 2012) and final documents of the radio international conference (Geneva 2012). The two decrees were blessed and referred to His Highness the Amir.

The Cabinet also condemned a spate of terror-

ist attacks that took place in various parts of the world, all of which it said run counter to humanitarian and religious values. Scores of Egyptian policemen were left dead or injured in an attack on a convoy in the restive Sinai Peninsula, which the Kuwaiti Cabinet deplored and underscored its support of measures taken by Egypt to uphold its security and stability. It denounced in equal measure an incident in London on September 15, where an improvised bomb went off on the London subway during rush hour, killing tens of people and wounding a dozen others.

Similarly, the Kuwaiti executive body spoke out against coordinated attacks in southern Iraq recently, which collectively claimed more than 80 lives. Meanwhile, the Cabinet sent well wishes to new Singaporean President Halimah Yacob, the first woman to hold the ceremonial position in the history of the city-state. — KUNA

KUWAIT COMPLIES WITH UN RESOLUTIONS ON NORTH KOREA

KUWAIT: Kuwait's decision to cut North Korea diplomatic presence in the country follows a UN Security Council plan to stiffen sanctions on Pyongyang over its missile and nuclear tests, said a source at the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Among the measures taken by Kuwait include a ban on visas for North Korean citizens, halting flights to and from Pyongyang, in addition to severing trade with the isolated country and slashing its diplomatic staff,

the source added. "Amid escalating tension in the Korean peninsula and North Korea's continued defiance of UN resolutions, Kuwait has taken the initiative to relegate North Korea's diplomatic representation to the position of charge d'affaires," the source noted. "Kuwait is concerned over the status quo in the Korean peninsula and urges all sides to maintain composure and work towards a diplomatic solution that would avert destruction and warfare," it said. — KUNA

OIL MINISTER MUST BE GRILLED: HAJRAF

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: MP Mubarak Al-Hajraf said that Minister of Oil, Minister of Electricity and Water Essam Al-Marzouq must be grilled at the beginning of the coming parliamentary term, saying that there is evidence that a parliamentary inquiry filed by MP Omar Al-Tabtabae was rephrased to mislead lawmakers on the details of some senior oil officials' alleged profiteering at the expense of public funds.

Hajraf also called for referring all officials who took part in rephrasing the inquiry's answer to investigations, and suspending them from work till the investigations are over. He also called for an immediate meeting for the Supreme Petroleum Council to cancel the 'packages' system of annual bonuses and rewards. In addition, Hajraf warned His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah that nominating any of the said officials as CEO for Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) would only mean that he himself adopts such ill practices.

Meanwhile, MP Rakan Al-Nisf criticized Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh

Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah for being late in taking legal action after the conclusion of an investigation in violations reportedly committed by Central Tenders Committee (CTC). Nisf stressed that judicial investigations indicted a number of CTC members with charges of profiteering from their positions, which calls for their immediate suspension.

Private universities

The Private Universities Supreme Council's Secretary General Dr Habib Abul said that 22,071 students have received degrees from private universities since the secretariat was established. He added that 20 private educational institutions have been licensed and that around 4,000 students were granted domestic scholarships. In a letter addressed to the Ministry of Education's Assistant Undersecretary for Educational Facilities and Planning Dr Khaled Al-Rasheed, Abul said that the secretariat had been established according to law number 34/2000 with the aim of achieving higher education goals by linking them to the society's needs through human resource development programs.

UNIFORMED MAN SHOT DEAD INSIDE APARTMENT

By Hanan Al-Saadoun and agencies

KUWAIT: An investigation is underway to reveal the circumstances behind the death of a uniformed man working for criminal investigations who was found dead inside his Nahda apartment yesterday. The man reportedly died of a gunshot wound to the head, according to the police report, and detectives are working on uncovering the mysteries surrounding the case.

Fatal crash

Two Asian men died and 11 others were wounded in an accident reported at Al-Artal Road recently. Wafra firefighters and paramedics rushed to the scene after the accident was reported, then worked on freeing the workers who were trapped inside their wrecked vehicle. An investigation was opened to determine the cause of the accident.

Man leaps to death

An Egyptian man died after he fell from the top of a chalet in Khairan. Police and paramedics went to the chalet and found out that the man had sustained fractures and extensive injuries. The victim succumbed to his injuries upon arrival at hospital. No foul play is suspected.

Shots fired

Ahmadi detectives are looking for two unknown persons who entered the farm of a

VIP with a firearm. The farm's guard said that he saw two persons enter the place, and when they spotted him back, they fired several rounds to scare him before escaping. He gave police descriptions of the two.

Psychiatric hospital

Police sent a man who did not have an ID to the psychiatric hospital, as he stopped cars in Jabriya area and scream saying "I am your Grand Lord". The man attempted to resist arrest, but was controlled and transferred in an ambulance.

Drugs found

An accident between two cars resulted in the discovery of drugs. When the parties got out of their cars to speak to police after the accident, one of them was carrying a small teddy bear, which raised police's suspicions given the man's age. All were asked to go to the police station. Police asked the man about the teddy bear, so he tried to escape. Police chased him and found drugs inside the bear ready for sale.

Revenge

A woman whose boyfriend dumped her took revenge by destroying his luxurious car. The two were in a relationship for months, but the man was fed-up with his girlfriend's excessive jealousy, so he decided to leave her. The girl became angry and threatened to harm him, then damaged his car. The man lodged a complaint against her.



KUWAIT: Hawally Municipality carried out a cleaning campaign that covered the area from Marina beach, all the way to the Scientific Center with the participation of central emergency teams and the national campaign for the protection of Kuwait Bay. — By Hanan Al-Saadoun

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In Brief

AMIR CONGRATULATES FENCER

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the Kuwaiti fencer Tariq Al-Qallaf on the occasion of being honored by the Arab Youth Council for Integrated Development. His Highness the Amir expressed sincere compliments to Al-Qallaf, wishing him more progress and achievements in all regional and int'l sport competitions. —KUNA



CABLES SUPPLY CONTRACT SIGNED

KUWAIT: Oil Minister and Minister of Electricity and Water Essam Al-Marzouq signed yesterday a contract worth KD 16 million (\$53 million) for the supply and extension of ground and optical fiber cables across Kuwait. The ground cables, with a capability of 132 kV, would connect the main switching stations with power of (132/11 kV) to the electrical grid. The project aims to strengthen the electrical network in Salwa and Al-Dhajej and connect electricity to the central prison and Al-Naseem housing projects. —KUNA



DOLLAR UNCHANGED AT KD 0.301

KUWAIT: The US Dollar's exchange rate remained at KD 0.301, as well as the euro remained unchanged at KD 0.359, the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) said yesterday. Meanwhile, the rate of the pound Sterling stood at KD 0.409 as did the Swiss franc to KD 0.313. The Japanese yen stood still at KD 0.002. — KUNA



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of the day



KUWAIT: People walk along the sea front as the sun sets over Kuwait City on September 16, 2017. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

KFAED LENDS SWAZILAND \$113 MILLION

KUWAIT: The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) has signed a loan agreement worth KD four million (\$113.6 million) with Swaziland to fund an irrigation project in the mountainous region of Lemombo, Matata. KFAED said in a statement yesterday

that the funded project is designed to expand a local irrigation network to enhance crops, lower poverty and boost farmers' income. The fund indicated that the loan was allotted for Swaziland in line with an initiative declared by His Highness the Amir, in 2013, for providing soft

loans for development schemes in Africa. KFAED had lent Swaziland a total of KD 15 million (\$4 million). The lending accord was signed in the Kingdom by its finance minister Martin Gobizandla Dlamini, and KFAED Deputy General Director Hamad Al-Omar. —KUNA

KUWAIT EYES NEW MARKETS TO EXPORT NATIONAL PRODUCTS

DUBAI: Kuwait's Public Authority for Industry (PAI) is currently pondering new regional and international markets for exporting Kuwaiti products to these markets, a PAI's official said yesterday. Mohammad Al-Ajmi, PAI's assistant undersecretary and general director for industrial experts, has affirmed in a statement that the authority supports Kuwaiti industrial companies and help them export their products. He was speaking on fringes of the 18th edition of the Hotel Show Dubai, including a pavilion

displaying products of Kuwaiti factories and plants, namely carpets and food. Many deals were made between the Kuwaiti companies and foreign counterparts during the fair. Nasser Al-Mutairi, PAI's promotion manager, affirmed meanwhile that the fair constitutes a good opportunity to advertise the national products and industries. Elaborating, he said the Kuwaiti industrial sector is capable of boosting the national economy and creating job opportunities for Kuwaiti graduates. —KUNA



KUWAIT: The National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) honored outstanding high school graduates for the 2016/2017 academic year during a ceremony held recently and attended by senior NBK officials.



KNPC DENIES LAYING OFF KUWAITI STAFF

KUWAIT: Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) yesterday said it neither dismissed staff nor revoked any contract. Reports about purported layoff of Kuwaiti personnel following recent shutdown of Al-Shuaiba refinery were false, said Bassem

Al-Issa, the KNPC official spokesman said. Status of the Kuwaiti staff at Al-Shuaiba refinery was on top of the company priorities, he said, explaining that the Kuwaiti personnel were transferred to other facilities with the same employment conditions. — KUNA



KUWAIT: The Interior Ministry's relations and general traffic departments launched a campaign to distribute gifts to students and spread traffic and security awareness on the advent of the new academic year. —Photos by Hanan Al-Saadoun



Engineer Mohammad Bou Shehri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Electricity and Water (center) is honored during the event. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, State Minister for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh (center) visits a pavilion at an exhibition held as part of the event.

GOVTS DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN GCC: MINISTER

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: Governments are the main driver of economic growth in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, where they contribute with more than 70 percent of the gross domestic product, a Kuwaiti minister said yesterday.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah made that statement during a speech while attending the 'Consulting Services for Government Projects Forum,' organized by Nouf Expo at Crowne Plaza Hotel under the patronage of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

The event, entitled 'towards professionalism and transparency in consultancy services,' is held through an invitation of the Federation of Engineering Offices and the Kuwaiti Advisory Role in cooperation with the Central Agency For Public Tenders and the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development and transparency in consultancy services.

Under the patronage of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and in the presence of Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, Nouf Expo organized the 'Consulting services for government projects Forum' under the title 'Towards professionalism and transparency in consultancy services.'

Sheikh Mohammed explained that the forum sheds light on imbalances, and devises mechanisms to overcome them through greater transparency and good governance, which leads to economic repercussions in the national product.

The Kuwaiti government made headways in cutting the red tape in several departments through leveraging the e-government system in order to facilitate the transactions



General Manager of Nouf Expo Yusuf Khalid Al-Marzouq speaks during the event.

of citizens and residents, Sheikh Mohammed added. He praised the achievements of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, as well as local municipalities in reducing the measures, in addition to efforts made by state institutions in this regard.

The minister further explained that the idea of organizing this forum is to gather all governmental and non-governmental bodies to share experiences and ideas in the hope that this initiative will continue in the coming years.

Overcoming obstacles

In the meantime, Minister of the Social Affairs and Labor, State Minister for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh said that the government is working to overcome obstacles facing the development plan, and work also to facilitate the documentary circle. About the most important developed projects to start soon in Kuwait, Sabeeh said: "The biggest project in this respect is the development of south Saad Al-Abdullah city in partnership with South Korea."

On the other hand, Sabeeh emphasized also that Kuwait and its people will always be at the government's top of the priorities and interests, and that the forum concentrates now on the efforts of the main active institutions to implement the state's plan, and to take the necessary measures with respect to tenders of its projects.

Commercial center

"This forum is the first consulting service platform for government projects, where the public and private sectors can cooperate to achieve the vision of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in transforming Kuwait into a financial and commercial center to attract investments," said General Manager of Nouf Expo Yusuf Khalid Al-Marzouq.

He added that the forum is accompanied by a technical exhibition that provides an important platform for specialized engineering and consultancy offices to present solutions for engineering designs, project management and advanced technologies in these fields.

The forum is going to discuss the 'Kuwait 2035' vision and how to upgrade the advisory services to be the basis on which the projects of the plan are built in all stages professionally. Marzouq said, "We aim to enhance the opportunity to learn about the latest international technologies and the latest innovations and scientific solutions devel-



KUWAIT: Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah delivers a speech during the forum.

oped to help governments of the provide engineering and consultancy services to their people," he noted.

The three-day forum gathers representatives of 18 consultancy providers and government agencies from Kuwait and other countries in the region. Nouf Expo ensures that all conferences and forums that it organizes deal with the issues and activities that affect the growth and development of societies that would bring about development and prosperity. It focuses its services on the conferences, forums, exhibitions, and associated media services.



The Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center.

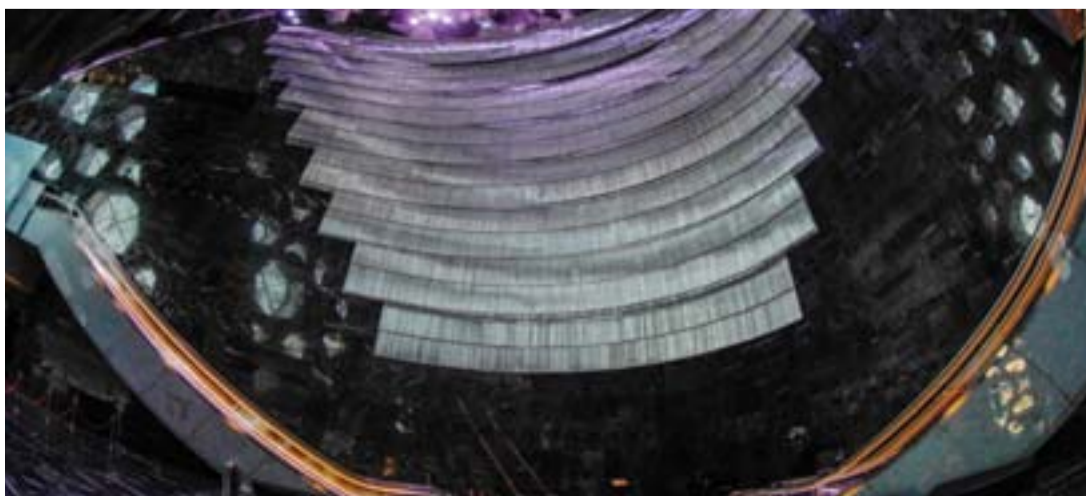


The National Theater at Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center.

JABER AL-AHMAD CENTER KICKS OFF MASSIVE SIX-MONTH CULTURAL FESTIVAL



A performance made during the opening of the Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center.



An LED screen in Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center.

KUWAIT: Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center chose the late Amir's quote 'From Kuwait We Start' as the theme of its first festival season, which kicks off today. The center intends to showcase the Kuwaiti cultural scene's cream of the crop to suit the venue, which won several international awards for its architectural beauty, the center's director-general for events Faisal Khaja said yesterday. The festival, which will continue until April 2018, will include theatrical, musical and debate-related activities.

The event will host local, Arab and international performers, Khaja said, including the center's proud achievement - an over 50-strong orchestra with a 70 percent Kuwaiti majority led by maestro Mohammad Baqer.

The activities will not be limited to the building's indoor theatres, but will stretch to its surrounding courtyards. Exhibitions at the event will focus on local heritage, with a touch of modernity, he said. These include 'Exhibition 1927,' which celebrates 90 years since the release of the first Kuwaiti music single on vinyl.

Several original recordings, produced that year, will be on display by singers Abdullah Al-Fedhala, Abdullatif Al-Kuwaiti, Saleh, Dawood Ezra Al-Kuwaiti and Saleh Abdulrazzaq. Baqer also revealed a special exhibition dedicated to the late iconic Kuwaiti actor Abdulhussain Abdelredha, including several rare works of the Gulf legend. The event's schedule for the first half of the season, until December, is currently posted on the center's website. — KUNA

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After poll boost, German populists AfD attack Islam

US FLIES POWERFUL WARPLANES AMID TENSIONS WITH N KOREA



NEW YORK: UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres (third left), US President Donald Trump (center) and other participants wait for a meeting on United Nations Reform at the UN headquarters. — AFP

TRUMP URGES UN TO REFORM IN DEBUT SPEECH
BLISTERING CRITICISM FROM CAMPAIGN REMAINS IN RHETORIC

UNITED NATIONS: US President Donald Trump made his debut at the United Nations yesterday, using his first moments at the world body to urge the 193-nation organization to reduce bureaucracy and costs while more clearly defining its mission around the world. But while Trump chastised the United Nations - an organization he sharply criticized as a candidate for president for its spiraling costs - he said the United States would "pledge to be partners in your work" in order to make the UN "a more effective force" for peace across the globe.

"In recent years, the United Nations has not reached its full potential due to bureaucracy and mismanagement," said Trump, who rebuked the United Nations for a ballooning budget. "We are not seeing the results in line with this investment." The president pushed the UN to focus "more on people and less on bureaucracy" and to change "business as usual and not be beholden to ways of the past which were not working" while also suggesting that the United States was paying more than its fair share to keep the New York-based world body operational.

But he also complimented the steps the United Nations

had taken in the early stages of the reform process and made no threats to withdraw his nation's support. His measured tone stood in stark contrast to his last maiden appearance at a global body, when he stood at NATO's new Brussels headquarters in May and scolded the member nations for not paying enough and refusing to explicitly back its mutual defense pact.

Weak and incompetent

While running for office, Trump labeled the UN as weak and incompetent, and not a friend of either the United States or Israel. But he has softened his tone since taking office, telling ambassadors from UN Security Council member countries at a White House meeting this year that the UN has "tremendous potential." Trump more recently has praised a pair of unanimous council votes to tighten sanctions on North Korea over its continued nuclear weapon and ballistic missile tests.

Trump's big moment comes today, when he delivers his first address to a session of the UN General Assembly. The annual gathering of world leaders will open amid serious

concerns about Trump's priorities, including his policy of "America First," his support for the UN and a series of global crises. It will be the first time world leaders will be in the same room and able to take the measure of Trump.

The president yesterday praised UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who also spoke at the reform meeting and said he shared Trump's vision for a less wasteful UN to "live up to its full potential." The US has asked member nations to sign a declaration on UN reforms, and more than 120 have done so. The president also kicked off his maiden speech at the world body by making a reference to the Trump-branded apartment tower across First Ave. from the UN.

'New day'

Nikki Haley, the US ambassador to the UN, said Trump's criticisms were accurate at the time, but that it is now a "new day" at the UN. An organization that "talked a lot but didn't have a lot of action" has given way to a "United Nations that's action-oriented," she said, noting the Security Council votes on North Korea this month. Guterres

has proposed a massive package of changes, and Haley said the UN is "totally moving toward reform."

Trump also planned to hold separate talks yesterday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and French President Emmanuel Macron. US national security adviser HR McMaster said the conversations would be wide-ranging, but that "Iran's destabilizing behavior" would be a major focus of Trump's discussions with both leaders. Breakthroughs on a Middle East peace agreement are not expected. Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser on the issue, recently returned from a trip to the Middle East.

The United States is the largest contributor to the UN budget, reflecting its position as the world's largest economy. It pays 25 percent of the UN's regular operating budget and over 28 percent of the separate peacekeeping budget - a level of spending that Trump has complained is unfair. The Trump administration is conducting a review of the UN's 16 far-flung peacekeeping operations, which cost nearly \$8 billion a year. Cutting their costs and making them more effective is a top priority for Haley. — AP

SNAPCHAT SCRUBS AL-JAZEERA FROM APP IN SAUDI ARABIA

DUBAI: Global image messaging service Snapchat has scrubbed Qatari broadcaster Al Jazeera from its app in Saudi Arabia at the request of Saudi authorities, the company said yesterday. "We make an effort to comply with local laws in the countries where we operate," a spokesman for parent company Snap Inc. said. The request to block Al-Jazeera's Snapchat presence in the kingdom was made before the weekend, the company said.



According to Snap Inc, the Saudi ministry of culture and information found Al-Jazeera's Discover Publisher Story channel to be in violation of local laws. Saudi Arabia and its allies the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt have been boycotting Qatar since June 5 in the region's worst diplomatic crisis in years. They sealed the emirate's only land border, ordered its citizens to leave and closed their airspace and waters to Qatari flights and shipping. They also demanded that it close broadcasting giant Al-Jazeera.

Until now, Al-Jazeera's Snapchat channel can still be viewed in the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt. Saudi Arabia, with its bulging youth population, is among the world's top users of social media per capita. The internet represents a limited space for freedom of expression in the conservative kingdom. — AFP

UN URGED TO PUNISH MYANMAR ARMY FOR ROHINGYA 'ATROCITIES'

YANGON: Pressure grew on Myanmar yesterday as a rights group urged world leaders to impose sanctions on its military, which is accused of driving out more than 410,000 Rohingya Muslims in an orchestrated "ethnic cleansing" campaign. The call from Human Rights Watch came as the UN General Assembly prepared to convene in New York, with the crisis in Myanmar one of the most pressing topics. It also came on the eve of a highly-anticipated national address by Myanmar's civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi — her first on the Rakhine crisis.

The exodus of Rohingya refugees from mainly Buddhist Myanmar to neighboring Bangladesh has sparked a humanitarian emergency. Aid groups are struggling to provide relief to a daily stream of new arrivals, more than half of whom are children. Myanmar has suggested it will not take back all who had fled across the border, accusing those refugees of having links to the Rohingya militants whose raids on police posts in August triggered the army backlash.

Any clear moves to block the refugees' return will likely anger Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who will press the General Assembly to raise global pressure Myanmar to take back all the Rohingya massing in shanty towns and camps near the border. Human Rights Watch also called for the "safe and voluntary return" of the displaced as it urge governments around the globe to punish Myanmar's army with sanctions for the "ongoing atrocities" against the Rohingya.

"The United Nations Security Council and concerned countries should impose targeted sanctions and an arms embargo on the Burmese military to end its ethnic cleansing campaign against Rohingya Muslims," the

group said in a statement. Myanmar's military was hit with Western sanctions during its 50-year rule of the country. But most have been lifted in recent years as the generals have allowed a partial transition to democracy. "Burma's senior military commanders are more likely to heed the calls of the international community if they are suffering real economic consequences," said John Sifton, HRW's Asia advocacy director.

Suu Kyi's 'last chance'

Nobel peace laureate Suu Kyi has shocked the international community with her near-silence on the plight of the Rohingya and her failure to condemn the actions of the army, with whom she has a delicate power-sharing arrangement.

Speaking to the BBC over the weekend, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called Suu Kyi's upcoming address a "last chance" to stop the unfolding humanitarian calamity. But analysts say it will be difficult for her to tamp both global outrage and combustible religious tensions at home, where there is broad support among the mainly Buddhist populace for the army's crackdown. "I'm worried that there is almost no possibility given the political climate in Myanmar for balancing the expectations of most of the country and the expectations of the international community," Richard Horsey, an independent analyst based in Myanmar said.

The sharp divide was on display yesterday as protests broke out in Dhaka — where 20,000 Islamist hardliners marched in solidarity with the Rohingya — and in Yangon, where a much smaller group of 300 gathered to blast global interference in the conflict. The ultra-nation-

lists in Yangon braved a downpour as they waved Myanmar flags and banners describing the UN and global NGOs as "supporting organizations for the terrorists".

While the world has watched the refugee crisis unfold with horror, there is little sympathy for the Rohingya inside Myanmar. Many Buddhists revile the Muslim minority and have long denied the existence of the Rohingya as an ethnic group, insisting they are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. Suu Kyi's government has so far defended the military campaign as a legitimate crackdown on the Rohingya militants, who first emerged as a fighting force last October.

On Sunday Myanmar's Information Committee accused those who fled to Bangladesh — more than a third of the Rohingya population — of working in cahoots with the Rohingya militants, a rag-tag group of fighters armed with mostly rudimentary weapons. "Those who fled the villages made their way to the other country for fear of being arrested as they got involved in the violent attacks," the statement said. "Legal protection will be given to the villages whose residents did not flee," it added.

The violence has gutted large swaths of northern Rakhine in just over three weeks, with fires visible almost daily across the border from the Bangladesh camps. Some 30,000 ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and Hindus have also been displaced by unrest in northern Rakhine, where foreign aid has been severely curtailed. Yesterday, Doctors Without Borders repeated calls for "unfettered access" to the conflict zone, saying hundreds of thousands of people are thought to be languishing "without any meaningful form of humanitarian assistance". — AFP

SYRIAN TROOPS CLOSER TO BESIEGING IS AFTER CROSSING EUPHRATES RIVER

MOSCOW: Syrian government troops came closer yesterday to encircling the Islamic State group in a pocket of Deir Ezzor city after crossing the adjacent Euphrates River, Moscow and a monitoring group said. Russian-backed Syrian forces are trying to tighten the noose around IS jihadists still inside the eastern city, which lies on the western banks of the Euphrates. The army has sealed off the city from three sides, but IS still controlled eastern districts along the river, which both jihadists and civilians had used as an escape route.

Yesterday, elite Syrian troops crossed the river, Russia's defense ministry said. "Today, Syrian government forces, reinforced by a unit of the 4th Armored Division and with the support of Russian aviation, crossed the Euphrates River in the Deir Ezzor region," the ministry said in a statement. It said "shock troops" had already captured several villages on the river's eastern banks from IS and were pushing further east.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights told AFP that Syrian

commandos and reconnaissance units had crossed the river using a floating bridge. "This paves the way for completely besieging the city," said Observatory head Rami Abdel Rahman. The Euphrates slices diagonally across the province of Deir Ezzor, an oil-rich region that borders Iraq.

Until yesterday, Syrian troops had been fighting only west of the Euphrates, while the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces waged a rival offensive against IS to the river's east. The SDF

has captured more than 500 square kilometers from IS in northeastern parts of the province, according to the US-led coalition, which is providing air cover.

To prevent the two operations from clashing, the coalition, the SDF, Syria's government and Russia have agreed on a "de-confliction line" in northeast Syria. That line runs from the neighboring province of Raqa southeast along the Euphrates River to Deir Ezzor. It was tested on Saturday after the US-led coalition and the SDF accused Russian warplanes

of bombing SDF fighters east of the Euphrates, a claim Moscow has denied. General Joe Dunford, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he spoke to his Russian counterpart General Valery Gerasimov on Sunday. "We have been engaged at every level to re-establish de-confliction at the Euphrates river," he said. Russian jets were pursuing IS fighters who had fled across the Euphrates when their jets struck close enough to injure SDF troops nearby, according to Dunford. —AFP

YEMEN'S CHOLERA CRISIS ESCALATES

GENEVA: The World Health Organization yesterday urged Yemen to approve cholera vaccinations it has offered to help contain an epidemic that could affect nearly a million people by year's end. Yemen, where a multinational conflict has caused a humanitarian crisis, had asked the UN health agency earlier this year for doses of the vaccine, said Dominique Legros, the agency's cholera specialist.

The WHO sent a million doses in June only to see the Yemeni government change its mind, leading the United Nations to reassign the vaccines to Somalia and Sudan, Legros told reporters in Geneva. Asked about Yemen's reversal, Legros said only that discussions with the countries about vaccinations could be

"complicated", noting the lack of familiarity with them in affected communities, especially in the case of newer vaccines like the one for cholera. "We are still in negotiation with the government in Yemen to make sure we can also use (vaccines) to help control" the outbreak, he said.

Last week, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said the rampant cholera crisis in Yemen had reached "colossal proportions", warning that it could affect 850,000 people by the end of the year. More than 2,000 people have perished from the disease, according to the WHO. The epidemic has put further strain on a ravaged health system in Yemen, where less than half of healthcare facilities are functioning as the conflict drags on. — AFP



ST LOUIS: People run after vandalizing as demonstrators march in response to a not guilty verdict in the trial of former St. Louis police officer Jason Stockley. — AP

PROTESTS RESUME AFTER 80 ARRESTS IN ST LOUIS UNREST

THIRD DAY OF PROTEST ROCKS CITY

ST LOUIS: A racially mixed crowd of demonstrators locked arms and marched quietly through downtown St. Louis yesterday morning to protest the acquittal of a white former police officer in the killing of a black suspect, following another night of unrest and more than 80 arrests. The latest action follows three days of peaceful protests and three nights of violence in the city that has been rocked since Friday, when a judge announced he found Jason Stockley not guilty in the 2011 death of Anthony Lamar Smith.

Hundreds of riot police mobilized downtown late Sunday, arresting more than 80 people and seizing weapons amid reports of property damage and vandalism. The arrests came after demonstrators ignored orders to disperse, police said. "I'm proud to tell you the city of St. Louis is safe and the police owned tonight," Interim Police Chief Lawrence O'Toole said at a news conference early yesterday.

Earlier Sunday, more than 1,000 people had gathered at police headquarters then marched without trouble through downtown St. Louis, the posh Central West End, and the trendy Delmar Loop area of nearby University City. Protesters also marched through two shopping malls in a wealthy area of St. Louis County.

'This is our city'

By nightfall, most had gone home. The 100 or so people who remained grew increasingly agitated as they marched back toward downtown. Along the way, they knocked over planters, broke windows at a few shops and hotels, and scattered plastic chairs at an outdoor venue.

Similar pattern

The recent St. Louis protests follow a pattern seen since the August 2014 killing of Michael Brown in nearby Ferguson: The majority of demonstrators, though angry, are law-abiding. But as the night wears on, a subsection emerges,

a different crowd more willing to confront police, sometimes to the point of clashes.

Protest organizer Anthony Bell said he understands why some act out: While change can come through peaceful protests, such as those led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., years of oppression has caused some to turn violent. "I do not say the (violent) demonstrators are wrong, but I believe peaceful demonstrations are the best," Bell said.

Many protesters believe police provoked demonstrators by showing up in riot gear and armored vehicles; police said they had no choice but to protect themselves once protesters started throwing things at them. Stockley shot Smith after high-speed chase as officers tried to arrest Smith and his partner in a suspected drug deal. Stockley, 36, testified he felt endangered because he saw Smith holding a silver revolver when Smith backed his car toward the officers and sped away.

Prosecutors said Stockley planted a gun in Smith's car after the shooting. The officer's DNA was on the weapon but Smith's wasn't. Dashcam video from Stockley's cruiser recorded him saying he was "going to kill this (expletive)." Less than a minute later, he shot Smith five times. Stockley's lawyer dismissed the comment as "human emotions" during a dangerous pursuit. St. Louis Circuit Judge Timothy Wilson, who said prosecutors didn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Stockley murdered Smith, said the statement could be ambiguous. Stockley left the police department and moved to Houston three years ago. —AP

11-YEAR-OLD BOY GETS A SURPRISE WHITE HOUSE LAWN-MOWING GIG

WASHINGTON: An 11-year-old boy in khaki shorts and a red polo shirt got the lawn-mowing gig of a lifetime Friday when President Donald Trump put him to work in the Rose Garden. Frank Giaccio, who goes by the initials FX, was so focused on doing his job that he didn't even notice when Trump emerged from the White House to check out his work.

FX, who lives in the Washington suburb of Falls Church, Virginia, kept right on pushing the mower in a long, straight row as Trump walked alongside him. When the boy finally paused, the president called him the "future of the country right here" and asked what he wants to be when he grows up. "A Navy seal!" Trump exclaimed. "Well, he'll make it."

Standing with FX and his father, Trump added: "We'll bring them into the Oval Office. Maybe he'll be president." Just how did FX make it to the Rose Garden? The White House said FX had written to Trump to say he admires the president's business acumen and runs his own neighborhood lawn-care business. "It's probably the biggest day of my life so far," FX said afterward.

He added that his day was "jam-packed"

with media interviews, watering plants, mowing the lawn and visiting the Oval Office with his dad. "It was a lot bigger than I thought," he said. FX said he normally charges \$8 per lawn but decided to mow the White House lawn free of charge. According to a letter that White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders read to reporters, the boy wrote that it would be his "honor to mow the White House lawn." He also enclosed a menu of his services, which include weed-whacking.

For this job, FX donned goggles and ear plugs and pushed a mower belonging to the National Park Service. He got to keep the black gardening gloves he used as a souvenir. "My dad didn't think I was going to meet the president at all - I was just going to mow the Rose Garden. But the president came by and said hi," FX said. Trump later tweeted: "THANK YOU for doing a GREAT job this morning! @NatlParkService gives you an A+!" The tweet included video highlights of FX's White House visit - complete with a photo of him posing with his elbows on the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office next to Trump. —AP



WASHINGTON DC: Frank Giaccio, 11, of Falls Church, Va, left, is accompanied by President Donald Trump as he mows the lawn of the Rose Garden, Friday, Sept 15, 2017, at the White House. —AP

TOP COURT SUSPENDS KURDISH INDEPENDENCE VOTE

BAGHDAD: Iraq's top court yesterday temporarily suspended the northern Kurdish region's referendum on independence that's due next week, a decision that put further pressure on the Iraqi Kurds to call off the controversial vote. The Supreme Court in Baghdad released a statement, saying it "issued a national order to suspend the referendum procedures ... until the resolution of the cases regarding the constitutionality of said decision."

It was not immediately clear if the local government in the semi-autonomous Kurdish region would abide by the court's ruling. The vote was due on Sept 25 in the three provinces that make up the region, as well as disputed territories claimed by both the Kurdish region and Baghdad. The central government in Baghdad, regional leaders and the United States - a key ally of Iraq's Kurds - have all called on the Iraqi Kurdish region to hold off on the vote, fearing it could contribute to instability as Iraqi forces continue to battle the Islamic State group.

The Kurdish region has repeatedly ignored calls from Baghdad that the vote is unconstitutional. Iraqi Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview on Saturday that Iraq is prepared to intervene militarily if the Kurdish region's referendum results in violence. If the Iraqi population is "threatened by the use of force outside the law, then we will intervene militarily," Al-Abadi said.

Threatening violence

The leaders of the Iraqi Kurdish region have said they hope the referendum will push Baghdad to come to the negotiating table and create a path for independence. However, Al-Abadi said such negotiations

would likely be complicated by the referendum vote. Masoud Barzani, the president of the Kurdish region, has threatened violence if Iraqi troops or Shiite militias attempt to move into disputed territories that are now under the control of Kurdish fighters known as peshmerga, specifically the oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

Iraq's Kurds have long held a dream of statehood. They were brutally oppressed under Saddam Hussein, whose military in

the 1980s killed at least 50,000 of them, many with chemical weapons. Iraq's Kurds established a regional government in 1992 after the US enforced a no-fly zone across the north following the Gulf War. After the 2003 US-led invasion ousted Saddam, the region secured constitutional recognition of its autonomy, but remained part of the Iraqi state.

In related developments yesterday, Turkey's military said it kicked off a previous-

ly unannounced drill near its border with Iraq - a clear show of force ahead of the Iraqi Kurdish vote. The exercises started yesterday near the town of Silopi, close to the Habur border gate between Turkey and the Iraqi Kurdish region. Turkey has a large Kurdish minority and is battling Kurdish insurgents. It's opposed to the Iraqi Kurdish moves for independence and has also urged Iraqi Kurdish leaders to cancel the vote. The military did not provide details on the drill. —AP



BEIRUT: In this Sunday, Sept 17, 2017 file photo, Kurds wave Kurdish flags during a rally to support an independence referendum in Iraq, at Martyrs Square. — AP

MALAYSIA SCRAPS BEER FESTIVAL FOLLOWING ISLAMISTS' OBJECTIONS

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian authorities scrapped an annual beer festival yesterday after an Islamist party objected to the event that had been planned for the first weekend of October in the country's capital. Though there are plenty of beer drinkers among the sizable Chinese and Indian minorities, protests against events deemed to be "western" and un-Islamic - such as concerts and festivals involving alcohol - are common in Muslim-majority Malaysia and are usually led by the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS).

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) said in a short statement yesterday that it has rejected the application for a permit by the organizers of the "Better Beer Festival 2017" to host the event, which would have entered its sixth year. "If the organizers continue with the event without DBKL's approval, action will be taken in accordance to existing laws," city hall said. Mybeer (M) Sdn Bhd, the company organizing the event, said in a separate statement that they were informed by DBKL officials that the decision was made "due to the political sensitivity surrounding the event."

A member of PAS' central committee, Riduan Mohd Nor, said in a statement on Sept. 10 that there is no guarantee that such events would not lead to criminal acts, rape and free sex. Opponents of the beer festival also launched a campaign on Facebook to block the event. Around 6,000 people had been expected to attend the two-day festival, which would have featured craft beers from at least 11 countries, according to Facebook posts by the organizers and local news reports. —euters

US DIPLOMAT: CLOSING CUBA EMBASSY IS UNDER REVIEW

NEW YORK: The Trump administration is considering closing down the recently reopened US Embassy in Havana following a string of unexplained incidents harming the health of American diplomats in Cuba, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson says. Tillerson's comments were the strongest indication to date that the United States might mount a major diplomatic response, potentially jeopardizing the historic restart of relations between the US and Cuba. The two former foes reopened embassies in Washington and Havana in 2015 after a half-century of estrangement.

"We have it under evaluation," Tillerson said of a possible embassy closure. "It's a very serious issue with respect to the harm that certain individuals have suffered. We've brought some of those people home. It's under review."

Of the 21 medically confirmed US individuals affected - diplomats and their families - some have permanent hearing loss or concussions, while others suffered nausea, headaches and ear-ringing. Some are struggling with concentration or common word recall, The Associated Press has reported.

Some victims felt vibrations or heard loud sounds mysteriously audible in only parts of rooms, leading investigators to consider a potential "sonic attack." Others heard nothing but later developed symptoms. Tillerson once called the events "health attacks," but the State Department has since used the term "incidents" while emphasizing the US still doesn't know what has occurred. Cuba has denied any involvement or responsibility but stressed that it's eager to help the US resolve the matter.

Demoralizing blow

The US has said the tally of Americans affected could grow as more cases are potentially detected. The last reported incident was on Aug 21, according to a US official briefed on the matter. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and requested anonymity. A decision to shutter the embassy, even temporarily, would deal a demoralizing blow to the delicate detente that President Barack Obama and Cuban leader Raul Castro announced in late 2014. The next year, embassies were reopened and restrictions on travel and commerce eased - signs of a warming relationship that displeased some hard-liners in Cuba's government. President Donald Trump has reversed some of the changes, but left many in place.

Tillerson spoke on CBS' "Face the Nation" as world leaders and top diplomats descended on New York for annual UN General Assembly meetings. President Donald Trump will give his first speech on the major global platform this week. Cuba is also represented at the UN, but it's not expected Trump will meet with any Cuban leaders or officials during his visit. The US hasn't identified either a culprit or a device. Investigators have explored the possibility of sonic waves, an electromagnetic weapon, or an advanced spying operation gone awry, US officials briefed on the probe told the AP. The US hasn't ruled out that a third country or a rogue faction of Cuba's security services might be involved.

In Washington, lawmakers in Congress have been raising alarm over

the incidents, with some calling for the embassy to be closed. On Friday, five Republican senators wrote Tillerson urging him to not only shutter the embassy, but also kick all Cuban diplomats out of the United States - a move with dramatic diplomatic implications.

"Cuba's neglect of its duty to protect our diplomats and their families cannot go unchallenged," said the lawmakers, who included Sen Tom Cotton of Arkansas, who led the effort, and Sen Marco Rubio of Florida, a prominent Cuban-American and critic of the US detente. The incidents have frightened Havana's tight-knit diplomatic community, raising concerns about the potential scope. At least one other country, France, has tested embassy staff for potential sonic-induced injuries, the AP has reported. —AP

TRUMP'S CHILDHOOD HOME TURNS INTO A SHOWCASE FOR REFUGEES

'WE WANTED TO SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO TRUMP'



NEW YORK: In this Saturday, Sept 16, 2017 photo, Abdi Iftin, left, of Somalia, Uyen Nguyen, second from left, of Vietnam, Eiman Ali, right, of Somalia born in Yemen, and Ghassan Al-Chahada, of Syria pose for a photo outside President Donald Trump's boyhood home in the Jamaica Estates neighborhood of the Queens borough. —AP

NEW YORK: President Donald Trump's childhood home in New York had some new occupants over the weekend - refugees who shared their stories as a way to draw attention to the refugee crisis as the United Nations General Assembly convenes this week with Trump in attendance. The three-story Tudor-style home in Queens that Trump's father, Fred, built in 1940 is now a rental available on Airbnb that anyone can stay in for \$725 a night. It was auctioned off to an unidentified buyer in March for \$2.14 million, its second time going up for auction.

The international anti-poverty organization Oxfam rented it Saturday and invited four refugees to talk with journalists. The Republican president's administration issued travel bans on people from six Muslim-majority countries and all refugees. After various court challenges, the Supreme Court last week allowed the restrictive policy on refugees to remain temporarily. The justices will hear arguments on the bans Oct. 10.

"We wanted to send a strong message to Trump and world leaders that they must do more to welcome refugees," said Shannon Scribner, acting director for the humanitarian department of Oxfam America. Trump lived in the house on a tree-lined street of single-family dwellings until he was about 4, when his family moved to another home his father had built nearby.

In an upstairs bedroom, Eiman Ali, 22, looked around at the dark wood floors and a copy of the book "Trump: The Art of the Deal" on a nearby table and wondered about the home's previous resident. "Knowing Donald Trump was here at the age of four makes me think about where I was at the age of four," said Ali, her smiling face framed by a dark gray hijab. "We're all kids who are raised to be productive citizens, who have all these dreams and hopes."

Eye-opening and hurtful

Ali was three when she arrived in the United States from Yemen, where her parents had fled when war broke out in their native Somalia. Ali said she remembered Trump as an entertaining character on "The Celebrity Apprentice," but has since changed her opinion. "To have someone so outspoken against my community become the president of the United States was very eye-opening and hurtful because I have invested a lot in this country," she said.

Down the hall, Ghassan Al-Chahada, 41, a Syrian refugee who arrived in the United States with his wife and three children in 2012, sat in a room with bunk beds and a sign on the wall that said it likely was Trump's childhood bedroom. "Before the conflict began in Syria we had dreams of coming to America," Al-Chahada said. "For us, it was a dream come true." Al-Chahada said his life changed when Trump signed the ban that barred people from Syria and five other countries, from entering the United States.

"I had hopes I would get my green card and be able to visit my country," Al-Chahada said. "But since Trump was elected I don't dare, I don't dare leave this country and not be able to come back." He looked out the window into the front yard and thought about what he would say to the president. "I would advise him to remember, to think about how he felt when he slept in this bedroom," Al-Chahada said. "If he can stay in tune with who he was as a child, the compassion children have and the mercy, I would say he's a great person." —AP



BERLIN: Top candidates of Germany's anti-Islam, anti-immigration AfD (Alternative fuer Deutschland) party for upcoming general elections Alice Weidel (L) and Alexander Gauland leave after giving a press conference. — AFP

AFTER POLL BOOST, GERMAN POPULISTS AfD ATTACK ISLAM

BERLIN: Germany's right-wing populist AfD party ramped up attacks yesterday against immigration and Islam as its poll ratings jumped in the final stretch of election campaigning, while Chancellor Angela Merkel's party dipped. The Muslim religion "does not belong in Germany," said a top candidate of the Alternative for Germany, Alexander Gauland, who argued that its "political doctrine is not compatible with a free country."

"Islamist rhetoric and violence and terror have roots in the Koran and in the teachings of Islam," he told reporters. Gauland and the other top AfD candidate, Alice Weidel, have stirred controversy before Sunday's general election. Gauland has argued Germany should be proud of its veterans of two world wars. And Weidel has reportedly employed an asylum seeker without paying tax, a claim she has denied.

Latest polls show the AfD at 10-12 percent, up from eight-10 percent, potentially making it Germany's third-strongest party. But Merkel's CDU and its Bavarian allies CSU slipped two points to 36 percent, close to the all-time low of 35 percent when the Social Democrats (SPD) led by Gerhard Schroeder defeated them in 1998.

Merkel's conservative alliance however still commanded a huge lead over the SPD of her top rival Martin Schulz, which slipped to 23 percent. The trend suggests the AfD will not only be the first right-wing nationalist party to enter the German parliament since 1945 but, depending on what coalition emerges, could also lead the opposition in the Bundestag. Weidel's ambitions do not stop there. She told the Frankfurter Rundschau daily on Saturday that "the aim of all parties is not to be the opposition, but to govern." "All our lawmakers should gain professionalism very quickly during the first term, so that by 2021 we are able to govern."

'Bikinis, not burkas'

Founded as an anti-euro party, the AfD recorded a surge in support after it began capitalizing on unease in Germany over the arrival of more than a million asylum seekers since 2015. Its members now sit in 13 of 16 state assemblies and, eyeing the national parliament, have plastered towns and cities with posters carrying the slogans "Burkas? We prefer bikinis" or "New Germans? We make them ourselves!" Its supporters have loudly disrupted Merkel's rallies, where they loudly jeer, boo and whistle in a bid to drown her out.

One such protester who shouted "traitor" at Merkel on Saturday in her Baltic coast constituency Stralsund-said he was voting AfD because "the issues they raise relate to me." "Merkel said 12 years ago that there must be controlled immigration," but now "we have uncontrolled immigration, terror attacks," he told AFP. "For me, she is not electable, and untenable for the people," said the man, who identified himself only as a truck driver born in Stralsund.

As alarm has grown over the AfD's rise, Schulz, who has described the party as "far-right" and its leaders as "racists," warned however against ostracizing its supporters. "We must fight against the leaders of the party, but we must not attack their sympathizers," said the SPD candidate. "We must listen to the people who are attracted to the AfD. There's no doubt about it."

They must be won back. A leader of the far-left Linke party, Katja Kipping, also urged voters to close ranks and stop the AfD from becoming the biggest opposition force in Germany. "Those who want to stop a right-wing opposition leader must rely on the left," she told national news agency DPA. — AFP

UK POLICE QUIZ TWO EX-FOSTER CHILDREN OVER SUBWAY BOMB

LONDON: The two suspects detained over last week's London subway bombing are an 18-year-old refugee from Iraq and a 21-year-old believed to be from Syria, both of whom were fostered by a British couple, according to a local official and media reports.

The 18-year-old was detained Saturday at the southeast England port of Dover, a departure point for ferries to France. The 21-year-old was held later the same day in Hounslow in west London. Photos published by the Sun newspaper showed a man being detained outside a fast-food restaurant in Hounslow, which was searched by police.

Both men are being held under the Terrorism Act and are being questioned at a London police station about Friday's attack. Thirty people were injured when an improvised explosive device partly exploded aboard a crowded London Underground train at Parsons Green station during the morning rush hour. None of the injuries was life-threatening, and experts said it appears the main charge of the bomb didn't detonate.

Honored by Queen

After the rush-hour bombing, British officials raised the country's terror threat level to the highest level, "critical," meaning an attack may be imminent. They lowered it Sunday to "severe," and police said the investigation was making rapid progress. Police searched three addresses, including the house in suburban Sunbury, outside London, of Penelope and Ronald Jones. The couple has been honored by Queen Elizabeth II for fostering more than 200 children, including refugees from Middle Eastern conflicts.

Ian Harvey, who heads local Spelthorne Borough Council, said he believed the 18-year-old was an Iraqi orphan who moved to

the UK when he was 15 after his parents died and had lived in the Sunbury house. He said the 21-year-old was also a former foster child of the Joneses. Stephen Griffiths, who lives across the street, said police had visited the house several times, most recently two or three weeks ago.

"The police were there multiple times over the span of about a month - a few times a week," he said. "You always think foster kids are going to have a bit of trouble, but you don't think terrorism," he added. Footage obtained by broadcaster ITV shows a man near the Sunbury address Friday morning carrying a bag from Lidl supermarket. Images posted on social media following the attack appeared to show wires protruding from a flaming bucket contained in a Lidl bag on the floor of the train carriage.

Commuters returned to Parsons Green station Monday for the first morning rush hour since the bombing. Police asked the traveling public to be vigilant and said there would be more armed police on the transit network for the time being. Most of the injured in Friday's explosion aboard a District Line train suffered flash burns while some were injured in the panicked rush to leave.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but British officials say there is no proof yet that it was involved. Four other violent attacks in Britain this year have killed 36 people. Three were the work of attackers motivated by Islamic extremism, and one by anti-Muslim hatred. In the deadliest attack, a suicide bomber struck a packed concert hall in Manchester in northern England, killing 22 people. The other attacks, near Parliament, on London Bridge and near a mosque in Finsbury Park in north London, involved vehicles and, in two cases, knives. — AP



SUNBURY: A police officer stands by a cordon on Cavendish Road. —AP

LOCKED IN POWER STRUGGLE, CONGO ARMY, MILITIA MASSACRE HUNDREDS

JOHANNESBURG: Congolese army commanders orchestrated a wave of massacres that killed hundreds of people between 2014-2016 as they vied for influence with anti-government insurgents in northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo, a new report said yesterday. The report by the Congo Research Group (CRG) at New York University is the most comprehensive to date on the killings of more than 800 people and the first to offer a definite theory of the perpetrators' motives.

It is based on 249 interviews with perpetrators, eyewitnesses and victims as well as internal UN reports and arrest records that document participation in the killings. Millions died in eastern Congo between 1996-2003 in regional conflicts and dozens of militia groups continue to operate there. But the massacres around the town of Beni were the most macabre and mysterious in recent memory. CRG cited multiple witnesses saying that army commanders, including the former top general in the zone, supported and in some cases organized the killings. During some massacres, sources told CRG, soldiers secured the perimeter so that vic-

tims could not escape. Congo government spokesman Lambert Mende said a number of high-ranking officers had been convicted for their roles in the massacres but criticized CRG for "trying to revive an old affair." The general named in the report, Muhindo Akili Mundos, has repeatedly denied any personal responsibility. The report recommends a parliamentary investigation and UN Security Council sanctions against individuals involved in the violence around Beni. Several senior Congolese militia leaders, including a former vice president in a power-sharing government, have been convicted by the International Criminal Court in The Hague for crimes committed during wars in Congo and in neighboring Central African Republic.

Massacres

According to the report, the first massacres were orchestrated in 2013 by former leaders of the Popular Congolese Army (APC), the armed wing of a rebellion from Congo's 1998-2003 war, who were trying to prepare a new insurrection and undermine confidence in the central government. These rebels often worked in collaboration

with militiamen from the Allied Democratic Forces, a Ugandan Islamist group active in the area. Congo's government and UN peacekeeping missions blamed almost all the killings on the ADF.

However, when the large-scale massacres began - one of which claimed as many as 200 lives - in October 2014, army commanders in the zone co-opted many of the networks of local militia in an effort to weaken their rivals, the report said. "Government forces discovered pre-existing plans for killings and responded by co-opting these groups and continuing the massacres," it said. "For these officers, controlling the armed groups in the region was more important - and perhaps more feasible - than bringing an end to the violence."

The new report did not take a position on whether local commanders received orders to conduct the massacres from Congo's central government but said "it would have been difficult for Kinshasa to be unaware of their undertakings." Large-scale killings around Beni have mostly abated this year but Congolese and UN forces continue to clash with rebel groups in the area. —Reuters

INDIA CALLS ROHINGYA A THREAT TO SUPPORT DEPORTATION CASE

NEW DELHI: The Indian government told the country's top court yesterday that the Muslim Rohingya who have fled Myanmar are a serious security threat as it sought to justify moves to deport up to 40,000 of the refugees. Mukesh Mittal, a senior home ministry official, said the Supreme Court must let the government to take a decision in Indian interests because of Rohingya links to extremist groups.

The case is being heard as Bangladesh struggles with more than 410,000 Rohingya who have flooded across the border since August 25 when the military in Buddhist-dominated Myanmar launched a crackdown on the minority Muslim group. Countries across the region fear they will feel the fallout from the crisis.

"Some of the Rohingyas with militant background are also found to be very

active in Jammu, Delhi, Hyderabad and Mewat and have been identified as having a very serious and potential threat to the national security of India," Mittal said in a written submission to the Supreme Court. The statement highlighted the "serious potential" for an "eruption of violence against the Buddhists who are Indian citizens who stay on Indian soil". It also said the government had intelligence indicating links between Rohingya refugees and Islamic State and other extremist groups. Rohingya community leaders have denied any link with Islamist extremism.

The statement came in response to a petition filed at the Supreme Court challenging a government decision to deport the Rohingyas, many of whom have been in India for the past decade. Many experts

have questioned where India could send the Rohingyas. Human Rights Watch urged India, the world's biggest democracy, to follow the international principle of non-refoulement which prohibits sending back refugees to a place where their lives are in danger.

Stateless and homeless

"India should not be behaving like the abusive Myanmar government," said HRW's South Asia director Meenakshi Ganguly. "There should be no collective punishment. If there is credible evidence of militancy against individuals, that should be brought before the court," she said. The United Nations says there are 16,000 registered Rohingyas in India, but many more are undocumented. The government puts the figure at 40,000.

About 7,000 of them live in shanties in India's Jammu region in the Himalayas where they say they have faced hostility from the majority Hindu community there. The government of Hindu nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi said last month it had asked state authorities to identify and deport Rohingyas living in their territory. It says the Rohingyas cannot use the 1951 Refugee Convention or the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees since India was not a signatory to either.

Lawyer Prashant Bhushan, representing the Rohingyas at the Supreme Court hearing, said the Indian constitution "provides equal rights and liberty to every person" including non-citizens. Myanmar claims the community are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and denies them citizenship. The stateless Rohingyas have

been fleeing Myanmar for decades. The latest exodus began after Rohingyas militants attacked police posts in Rakhine state on August 25 triggering a military backlash. The UN has said the army action could amount to ethnic cleansing.

Mohammad Salimullah, one of the two Rohingyas petitioners, said the authorities in New Delhi had always been helpful so he was hopeful the court would support the refugees. "In the five or six years that we have been here, we have never felt that we are foreigners here nor have we ever felt any kind of fear," Salimullah told AFP ahead of the case. While Bangladesh has been the main destination for Rohingyas over the years, some have ended up in India and Nepal. There are also some in Pakistan. The hearing will continue next month. — AFP

PHILIPPINES: 3 MARAWI SIEGE LEADERS DEAD, 2 STILL FIGHTING

MANILA: The Philippine military chief said yesterday that three leaders of Islamic State-linked militants who besieged a southern city have been killed in months of fighting but two others, including one of Asia's most wanted terror suspects, were still alive and leading a final stand.

Military chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Ano said about 10 foreign militants, mostly Malaysians and Indonesians, were still fighting together with a few dozen local militants in a lakeside community in Marawi city after a series of battle setbacks. Ano and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana presented in a news conference a Catholic priest, Father Teresito Soganub, who they said was rescued along with a teacher by troops late Saturday after a mosque used as snipers' post and bomb-making area by the militants fell after a five-hour battle.

"Pray for me for my healing and recovery," said the 51-year-old Soganub, who appeared remarkably healthy with a long, white beard. He smiled and waved at photographers and TV cameras before being ushered out of a military hall without taking any questions. The priest survived in militant custody through more than three months of daily airstrikes, artillery bombardment and gunfire and, according to Ano, refused to go along with a plan to escape by other hostages. "No, allow me to die here. I have already accepted my fate," Ano quoted Soganub as telling fellow hostages, who once considered making a dash to freedom out of desperation.

Asian terror suspect

At least 45 hostages remain in the custody of a few dozen remaining gunmen

and efforts to rescue them are underway, he said. Citing captured and surrendered militants, Ano said the military strongly believed Abdullah Maute and two of his brothers who allegedly led the May 23 insurrection in Marawi had been killed. He said a fourth sibling, Omarkhayam Maute, and a top Asian terror suspect, Isnilon Hapilon, are still fighting in the devastated Islamic city.

Troops would not allow Hapilon, who is on a US list of most-wanted terror suspects, to escape from Marawi alive, Ano said. The military says at least 869 people, including 673 militants and 149 troops and police, have been killed since the siege began in Marawi, regarded as a center of Islamic faith in the southern third of the largely Roman Catholic nation. Marawi's central business district and outlying communities now resemble a wasteland of disfigured buildings and houses.

The siege has sparked fears that the Islamic State group may gain a foothold in Southeast Asia by influencing and providing funds to local militants as it suffers battle defeats in Syria and Iraq. The United States and Australia have deployed surveillance aircraft to help Filipino troops battling the Marawi attackers.

Lorenzana gave assurances that Philippine forces would not allow Islamic State-linked militants to take control of any part of the country. "We will not allow any of them to get a foothold of even an inch of our sovereign territory," Lorenzana said. "Every soldier, airman, sailor, marine, policeman, and coast guard will be true to that commitment up to the point of offering the ultimate sacrifice." — AP



This handout photo taken on September 18, 2017 and provided by the South Korean Defence Ministry in Seoul shows a US Air Force B-1B Lancer bomber (R), US F-35B stealth jet fighters (bottom) and South Korean F-15K fighter jets (top) flying over South Korea during a joint military drill aimed to counter North Korea's latest nuclear and missile tests. —AFP

US FLIES POWERFUL WARPLANES AMID TENSIONS WITH N KOREA

US AND SOUTH KOREAN PLANES PRACTICE ATTACKS

SEOUL: The US military flew advanced bombers and stealth jets over the Korean Peninsula and near Japan in drills with South Korean and Japanese warplanes yesterday, three days after North Korea fired a missile over Japan. The United States often sends powerful military aircraft in a show of force in times of heightened animosities with North Korea. The North launched its latest missile as it protested against tough new UN sanctions over its sixth nuclear test on Sept 3.

Yesterday's flyovers over the Korean Peninsula involved two B-1Bs and four F-35Bs from the US military and four F-15K fighter jets from South Korea, according to the South Korean and US militaries. The US and South Korean planes practiced attacks by releasing live weapons at a firing range in South Korea, the US Pacific Command said in a statement.

The US warplanes also conducted formation training with Japanese fighter jets over waters near the southern island of Kyushu, according to the Pacific Command. Since Kim Jong Un took power in North Korea in late 2011, his nation has tested weapons at a torrid pace. The country flight-tested two intercontinental ballistic missiles in July. Its nuclear test in September was its most powerful to date.

Many experts say it's only a matter of time until Kim achieves his stated objective of pos-

sessing reliable nuclear-tipped missiles capable of striking anywhere in the mainland US State media on Saturday quoted Kim as saying that North Korea's final goal "is to establish the equilibrium of real force with the US and make the US rulers dare not talk about military option" for the North.

Alarmed by North Korea's advancing weapons programs, many conservatives in South Korea have called for the reintroduction of US tactical nuclear weapons in the South. But the liberal-leaning government of President Moon Jae-in said it has no intention of requesting that the US bring back such weapons. South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-moo told lawmakers yesterday that it is "not proper" to reintroduce US nuclear weapons. He previously said the idea should be "deeply considered" by the allies, inflaming already-heated debate on the issue.

China's responsibility theory

Meanwhile, China's Communist Party newspaper yesterday criticized the United States for demanding that Beijing put more pressure on North Korea to rein in its weapons programs. "The so-called 'China's responsibility theory' is essentially moral kidnapping," the People's Daily said in a commentary. It also noted that sanctions should not harm "legitimate economic and

trade exchanges between North Korea and the outside world" and the lives of everyday people.

China accounts for about 90 percent of North Korea's trade and sends largely free crude oil shipments to the North. Beijing has been increasingly frustrated with North Korea's nuclear drive, but it still doesn't want the North to collapse and cause a wave of refugees to cross the border into China and American troops to move into North Korea. China's foreign ministry said yesterday that military threats being made by North Korea and the US were counterproductive.

"Some related parties keep sending threatening messages both in words and deeds that include warnings of military actions to each other," ministry spokesman Lu Kang told reporters at a regular briefing. "But actually, these kinds of actions didn't help solving the problem but further complicate the situation, which do no good to the resolution of the peninsular issue." Instead, he said, the international community should strictly implement the sanctions imposed on North Korea by the UN Security Council. German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel also said in comments reported yesterday by the Bild daily that the world should wait for the sanctions to bite, but that "visions and courageous steps" such as direct negotiations with North Korea are also needed. —AP



MANILA: Rescued Roman Catholic priest Father Teresito Soganub, center, waves to the media as he is presented in a news conference. Philippine troops have rescued Soganub and another civilian who were among dozens of people abducted in May when hundreds of militants aligned with the Islamic State group laid siege on southern Marawi city, officials said. —AP

NEPAL HOLDS FINAL PHASE OF LANDMARK ELECTION

KATHMANDU: Polls opened in Nepal yesterday for the final phase of local polls, the first in nearly two decades and a key step in the country's post-war transition to a federal democracy. Most of the country has already voted in the landmark polls but the vote was repeatedly delayed in one province of Nepal's southern plains, which was the epicenter of deadly ethnic protests two years ago.

Protests kicked off after a new constitution was passed in 2015 — nearly a decade after the end of the brutal Maoist insurgency with ethnic minority groups saying the charter left them politically marginalized. Simmering tensions have remained and a political party representing the Madhesi ethnic minority, who live in the lowlands that border India, had refused to take part in polls unless an amendment to the constitution was passed.

They later softened their stance and Monday's vote is being held with their participation and without any changes to the charter. "The big parties have always pushed our agendas away and now the Madhesi party has also betrayed us by going to elections without amending the constitution," said resident of the southern city of Janakpur, Saroj Mishra.

Mishra took part in the 2015 anti-charter protests and said he would not vote yesterday. The government has deployed troops and sealed the border with India, fearing violence in Monday's third phase of voting, which covers around 2.6 million people. The local polls are part of the final step in the peace deal that ended a 10-year civil war in 2006, and pave the way for provincial and general elections later this year.

Since the end of the decade-long war, the country has suffered persistent instability, cycling through nine governments in a decade. The last local representatives were elected in 1997 and their mandates lapsed when their five-year terms expired at the height of the brutal Maoist insurgency. Observers are split on whether the large national parties or local ethnically-affiliated parties will perform strongest in the final round of the local polls.

The nationalistic Communist Party Nepal-Union Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) — currently the second largest bloc in parliament — largely swept the first two rounds of voting. But anger over the marginalization of ethnic minorities continues to rally some voters in Nepal's south. The province voting Monday was hardest hit by deadly monsoon flooding last month — the worst in 15 years, according to the United Nations — which killed over 150 in Nepal and more than 1,200 across South Asia. —AFP



BIRGUNJ: Nepali voters queue before casting their ballots during the third phase of the Nepalese local elections at a polling station. —AFP

UNEASE GROWS AS INDIA CURBS INTERNET TO KEEP THE PEACE

MUMBAI: First he tried messaging friends, but WhatsApp was down. Then, the credit card readers at his clothing store weren't working. Ride-sharing apps were offline too. Harsh Madhok, who runs a clothing business in Jaipur, a city of three million people, had read about internet shutdowns elsewhere in India. Now he was in the middle of one in his city in central India, as authorities tried to damp down unrest following a traffic incident that led to clashes between police and locals.

"It's very frustrating," said Madhok, 45, of the Sept. 9 shutdown. "These things leave you feeling like you don't know what's going on." Under the rule of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's Hindu nationalist leader, internet shutdowns have escalated sharply in the world's largest democracy. According to a database maintained by the Software Freedom Law Centre, an online advocacy group in New Delhi, government officials ordered shutdowns 42 times between January and August in 2017. That compares with six times in all of 2014, when Modi first came to power.

This year the shutdowns were spread over 11 states, compared to just one in 2012. The disconnections, which state governments have said are necessary for maintaining public order, typically happen without official explanation. They have followed farmer agitations, protests

by a minority community calling for government jobs, and public violence sparked by a Facebook post.

Frequent shutdowns

The frequency of the shutdowns has raised concerns that internal security is being used as a justification to clamp down on freedom of expression. That refrain has been heard more frequently since Modi's party, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), won elections in 2014 with an emphasis on security. "If citizens are using the internet to mobilize themselves, then how is shutting down the internet any different from suppressing dissent?" an editorial in Mint asked in July.

Until this year, shutdowns were implemented under colonial-era curfew laws that were used as the basis for rules requiring internet service providers to shut off connections at the request of any government agency. In early August, the Ministry of Communications issued new explicit rules that formalized the power of states and the central government to block the internet.

"These rules are among the first of their kind in a democracy," said Raman Jit Singh Chima, policy director of Access Now, a US-based organization that works on technology policy and digital rights worldwide. —Reuters

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TRUMP'S 'UNHELPFUL' LONDON BOMBING TWEET



MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS ON HOOK FOR WATER PLAN

By Ellen Knickmeyer and Scott Smith

Water districts and households across California could be compelled to help pay for Gov Jerry Brown's plans to build two giant tunnels to ferry water to cities and farms mainly in central and Southern California, under newly disclosed plans to shore up funding for the struggling \$16 billion project. The tougher state funding demands pivot from longstanding state and federal assurances that only local water districts that actively seek to take part in the mega-project would have to pay for the twin tunnels, the most ambitious re-engineering of California's complex north-to-south water system in more than a half-century.

The Associated Press obtained new documents from the state's largest agricultural water agency and confirmed the expanded funding demands in phone and email interviews with state and local water officials. With no major water district yet signing on voluntarily to help pay for the project amid uncertainty about its costs and benefits, state and local promoters of the tunnels now contend that dozens of local water agencies representing millions of Californians are obligated to help foot the bill under their existing contracts.

While rumors of that arrangement have swirled privately, "this is the first acknowledgement that we've heard" from the state that those water agencies would be on the hook, said Paul Gosselin, director of Northern California's Butte County water district. His agency would get no water from the tunnels and has been seeking written state and federal guarantees that its customers would not have to pay for them. He's gotten no such assurances.

"Any of these funding mechanisms has been in a black box - none of it's been described to us, the contractors, or the public," Gosselin said. Brown's administration intends to exclude from the newly revealed funding obligation a half-dozen Northern California water districts, like Gosselin's, that would get no water from the tunnels, although just how hasn't been worked out, said Lisa Lien-Mager, spokeswoman for the state Natural Resources Agency.

The two tunnels - each 35 miles long and the width of a three-lane highway - would tap into Northern California's Sacramento River to provide more reliable supplies for points south. Brown says the tunnels would modernize the existing water delivery system built under his father, then-Gov Pat Brown. The younger Brown is pushing to see his water project launched before he leaves office next year.

But it's been beset by controversy. Opponents say the tunnels could further threaten struggling native species and drain Northern California dry. Federal auditors also said last week that authorities improperly used \$50 million in taxpayer money for the project. The state's newly revealed funding plan hinges on its contention that the tunnels would be an update, not a new project. As such, state and local water officials said Friday, the 29 water districts throughout California that get water from the existing state system of aqueducts, reservoirs and pumps would be obli-

gated to help bear the costs of the new tunnels.

If districts that already get their water from the system decide not to be part of the project, "it would be up to them" to find another water contractor to take on their share of the project's costs, said Lisa Lien-Mager, spokeswoman for California's Natural Resources Agency. Asked if California intended to cut off state water deliveries to those districts that refuse to help pay for the tunnels, Lien-Mager said only "opting out would not affect their existing contracts, but their actual water supplies from the SWP could become less reliable in the future." That message has begun trickling out as water agencies around the state decide whether to raise rates to pay for the tunnels.

"That's what we're being informed - our contract ends if we don't participate," said Richard Santos, a board member of the Santa Clara Valley water district, which supplies water to Silicon Valley. If it plays out that way, Santos said, he will fight. "If they say they'll cut off our allocations if we don't participate, then let the courts take it on," he said. The funding arrangements also are described in documents released Thursday by Westlands Water District, which covers 1,000 square miles of the farm-rich Central Valley. With

lobbyists and strong ties to Washington, the rural water district is one of the most politically influential in a state where water is the most fought-over resource.

Westlands says in a new report to its board that the tunnels' costs "will be allocated to all state water contractors in proportion ... to their contract amount," meaning how much water they currently get from the state. A staff recommendation that the Westlands board could vote on Tuesday calls for Westlands to sign on to the mega-project - on two conditions. One, which is spelled out in the meeting documents, says water agencies that get their supply from a separate, federally run water project in California should also be compelled to help foot the bill for the tunnels.

The second is that California not impose "unreasonable" restrictions on the amount of water Westlands can take from the Sacramento River. Without stronger assurances on more water for the Central Valley, the richest US agricultural region, the higher water costs from the project may not be worth it, Westlands board members said. "It really upsets me or makes me sad," said Sarah Woolf, a farmer and Westlands board member. "I could very well vote against something that infrastructure-wise I know we need." —AP



CALIFORNIA: A sign calling attention to the loss of jobs blamed on the lack of water is displayed near Lemoore, Calif. —AP

HOW TRUMP'S ADVISERS SCHOoled HIM ON GLOBALISM

By Matthew Lee and Jonathan Lemire

On a sweltering Washington summer day, President Donald Trump's motorcade pulled up to the Pentagon for a meeting largely billed as a briefing on the Afghanistan conflict and the fight against the Islamic State group. There, in the windowless meeting room known as "The Tank", Trump was to be briefed on the state of America's longest-running war as he and his top aides plotted ways ahead. But, according to current and former US officials familiar with the meeting, it was, in reality, about much more.

Trump's national security team had become alarmed by the president's frequent questioning about the value of a robust American presence around the world. When briefed on the diplomatic, military and intelligence posts, the new president would often cast doubt on the need for all the resources. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson organized the July 20 session to lay out the case for maintaining far-flung outposts - and to present it, using charts and maps, in a way the businessman-turned-politician would appreciate.

The session was, in effect, American Power 101 and the student was the man working the levers. It was part of the ongoing education of a president who arrived at the White House with no experience in the military or government and brought with him advisers deeply skeptical of what they labeled the "globalist" worldview. In coordinated efforts and quiet conversations, some of Trump's aides have worked for months to counter that view, hoping the president can be persuaded to maintain if not expand - the American footprint and influence abroad.

The result of the meeting and other similar entreaties may start to become clear this week, as Trump heads to New York for his first address to the United Nations General Assembly. The annual gathering of world leaders will open amid serious concerns about Trump's priorities, his support for the body he is addressing and a series of spiraling global crises. Trump, who seized as his mantra "America First" and at times unnerved world leaders with his unpredictability, is expected to offer warmth to the United States' allies and warnings to its adversaries, particularly North Korea and Iran.

The president's envoy to the global body

suggested a presidential message that would focus on the basics on America's role in the world. "I personally think he slaps the right people, he hugs the right people, and he comes out with the US being very strong in the end," Ambassador Nikki Haley said. In the weeks since the briefing in the Tank, Trump has split with top adviser Steve Bannon, the engine of many of his nationalist, isolationist policies. He threatened war with North Korea and agreed to send more US troops to Afghanistan, abandoning his promise to withdraw quickly.

Announcing the plan, Trump acknowledged the influence of his advisers. "My original instinct was to pull out - and, historically, I like following my instincts," he said. "But all my life I've heard that decisions are much different when you sit behind the desk in the Oval Office; in other words, when you're President of the United States. So I studied Afghanistan in great detail and from every conceivable angle."

On July 20, Trump, Bannon, then-White House chief of staff Reince Priebus, senior adviser Jared Kushner and others stepped from the presidential motorcade and filed down a corridor adorned with formal portraits of former joint chiefs chairmen and

into Room 2E924, identified by a small, unobtrusive plaque as "The Tank," to join Vice President Mike Pence, Mattis and Tillerson as well as a host of briefers.

Armed with charts, maps and diagrams, those briefers spent the next roughly 90 minutes explaining to Trump the critical importance of forward worldwide deployments of US military, intelligence and diplomatic assets, according to two current officials and one former official familiar with the meeting. While the war in Afghanistan and against the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq were major topics, the stationing of U.S. personnel in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America were also covered, said the officials who were not authorized to discuss details of the highly classified briefing and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The officials said the purpose was to answer one of Trump's most persistent questions of his national security aides: Why does the US government need "so many people" abroad? As such, it was a comprehensive look at military bases, embassies and consulates, CIA stations and other intelligence posts, presented by experts sitting around a large conference table and in chairs lining the walls. —AP

TRUMP AND HALEY TO SHARE US SPOTLIGHT AT UN GATHERING

By Michelle Nichols

When President Donald Trump takes the world stage at the United Nations for the first time this week, he will share the spotlight with his envoy Nikki Haley, who has emerged as the surprising public face of US foreign policy. Haley, the 45-year-old former South Carolina governor, has proven to be a high-profile member of Trump's administration, at times overshadowing Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, the former chief executive of Exxon Mobil Corp, despite her lack of previous foreign policy experience, diplomats say.

"For the US, Nikki Haley is remarkable. It's hard to find in the Trump administration. It's someone who is very approachable and politically very assertive," said a senior European diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity. "I see her potentially taking over from Tillerson at some point. It's clear her long-term objective is the presidency," the diplomat said. Haley dismisses speculation she could replace Tillerson, the country's top diplomat, who has at times publicly differed with Trump during the president's eight months in the White House.

On Sunday, she told CNN that Tillerson is "not going anywhere and I continue to work well with him." Trump's speech on Tuesday at the UN General Assembly will be his highest profile opportunity to explain his foreign policy vision couched in his America First agenda. Haley arrived at the 193-member world body in January pledging to "take names" of allies who did not have Washington's back. Trump administration officials say the president, happy with her performance, views her as both tough and smart. He speaks regularly with Haley, his fellow Republican, one US administration official said.

Her bluntness raises eyebrows

Twice in five weeks she persuaded the 15-member UN Security Council to unanimously boost sanctions on North Korea. Her blunt language has raised eyebrows among diplomats. At the same time she has been careful not to steal the limelight from Trump, a wealthy businessman and former reality television star. "I personally think he slaps the right people, he hugs the right people, and he comes out with the US being very strong in the end," Haley told White House reporters on Friday.

European Council on Foreign Relations UN expert Richard Gowan said Haley's success could make Trump nervous and that it would be a "bad deal for her" if she was asked to replace Tillerson as secretary of state. "She would lose the independence she enjoys in New York and (it would) tie her more closely to the president's agenda. But it is an offer that she could not refuse. It's an irony that the one way Trump can hurt Haley is to promote her," he said.

Haley credits Trump with any US achievements at the United Nations. After the Security Council toughened sanctions on North Korea this month, she praised his "strong relationship" with his Chinese counterpart for the result. When he dismissed the Sept 11 UN resolution, which had been weakened by China and Russia, as "just another very small step, not a big deal," Haley jumped to his defense and dismissed any suggestion they were not on the same page. "If we have to go further, this is going to look small compared to what we do," she said at the time.

Made her mark

Haley has made her mark also by fighting what she describes as UN anti-Israel bias, pushing for UN reform amid Trump's call to slash US funding, accusing Iran of meddling in the Middle East and challenging Russia over Ukraine and its support for Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad. A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that during a National Security Council meeting on Iran this month, Trump specifically asked Haley's opinion about what strategy to pursue.

"She gave her opinion, and he liked her point of view," the official said. "She wasn't afraid to speak up." A senior Iranian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "This lady for some reason is very angry with Iran." Before her selection as ambassador, Haley made national headlines when as governor she led a successful effort to remove the Confederate battle flag, viewed by many as a racist emblem, from the grounds of the South Carolina state capitol after the killing of nine black churchgoers in her state.

During the 2016 presidential campaign Haley sparred with Trump, backing one of his rivals before he became the Republican candidate. —Reuters

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DARAA, Syria: Syrian schoolchildren walk past destroyed buildings in a rebel-held area of the southern city of Daraa. — AFP

IDAHO BRINGS STARGAZERS TO FIRST DARK SKY RESERVE IN US

BOISE: Tourists heading to central Idaho will be in the dark if local officials get their way. The first International Dark Sky Reserve in the United States would fill a chunk of the state's sparsely populated region that contains night skies so pristine that interstellar dust clouds are visible in the Milky Way.

"We know the night sky has inspired people for many thousands of years," said John Barentine, program manager at the Tucson, Arizona-based International Dark-Sky Association. "When they are in a space where they can see it, it's often a very profound experience." Supporters say excess artificial light causes sleeping problems for people and disrupts nocturnal wildlife and that a dark sky can solve those problems, boost home values and draw tourists.

Opposition to dark sky measures elsewhere in the U.S. have come from the outdoor advertising industry and those against additional government regulations.

Researchers say 80 percent of North Americans live in areas where light pollution blots out the night sky. Central Idaho contains one of the few places in the contiguous United States large enough and dark enough to attain reserve status, Barentine said. Only 11 such reserves exist in the world.

Leaders in the cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley, the tiny mountain town of Stanley, other local and federal officials, and a conservation group have been working for several years to apply this fall to designate 1,400 square miles as a reserve. A final decision by the association would come about 10 weeks after the application is submitted. The association also designates International Dark Sky Parks, with nearly 40 in the US Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve in central Idaho, known as a prime destination among avid stargazers, became one earlier this year.

"There is some astro tourism," said Ketchum Mayor

Nina Jonas, a point driven home last month when thousands descended on the town in the path of the total solar eclipse. Ketchum officials have applied to become an International Dark Sky Community and join Flagstaff, Arizona, Dripping Springs, Texas, and Beverly Shores, Indiana. The Idaho city approved a dark sky ordinance requiring residents to install shields on exterior light fixtures to block light from going upward and mandating holiday lighting by businesses and residents be turned off at night.

Becoming a dark sky community could help with the larger reserve status and even lift property values in the already pricey area by keeping the night sky visible. Nearby Sun Valley, a ski resort city, also has a dark sky ordinance, as does Hailey about 12 miles to the south. "It's nice to look up and see something greater than ourselves," Jonas said.

The Idaho Conservation League has joined the effort,

noting light pollution can adversely affect nocturnal wildlife and people's sleep rhythms. "Out of all the types of pollution that ICL is engaged in, I see this as one we can combat in an easier way," said Dani Mazzota, whose group is coordinating efforts among federal and local entities. That includes an intensive effort by volunteers taking darkness readings throughout the region.

Those readings, combined with satellite measurements, will be some of the information used by the International Dark Sky-Association in its decision. International Dark Sky Reserves have two main components, Barentine said. The first is a core area dark enough to meet the association's standards. The second is a buffer area with communities that demonstrate support in protecting the core by limiting light pollution. The proposed Idaho reserve is mainly land managed by the US Forest Service and contains the wilderness of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. — AP

SAUDI TRAINS FIRST WOMEN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia will train women to work as air traffic controllers, state media reported, as the conservative Islamic kingdom seeks to create more jobs for women as part of a reform push to wean the economy off oil. Its Vision 2030 plan aims to increase employment and diversify revenue sources as low oil prices have hit the finances of the world's top exporter.

Some of the planned changes, like increasing the number of women in the overall workforce to 28 percent from 23 percent and quadrupling their presence in senior civil service roles to 5 percent, would transform a society where employment has traditionally been the preserve of men. State-owned Saudi Air Navigation Services (SANS) announced on Sunday that it was offering theoretical and practical training to 80 women per year to prepare them for work in the air traffic control sector.

"The applicants began taking admissions exams on Sunday for the Saudi Academy of Civil Aviation and will

undergo a number of editorial tests," state news agency SPA said in a report late on Sunday. Applicants must have a high school diploma with high marks and be between 18 and 25 years old, it said. Saudi Arabia is the only country where women are forbidden to drive, making it harder for them to get to work. Most employed women work for the kingdom's vast public sector, primarily in health and education, but authorities say they seek to encourage more hiring by private firms as part of the 2030 plan.

Regulations bar women from certain professions, while rules on gender mixing in shops and businesses further limit job opportunities. Until 2012, even lingerie shops were mostly staffed by men. Female employment has been a battleground for years between social conservatives and reformers, but the balance has tipped towards change since Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman took on wide-ranging powers role two years ago. — Reuters

KUWAIT TACKLES ANOTHER OIL SPILL OFF SOUTH...

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He went on to praise the quality of the sister company's oils. Meanwhile, KPI CEO Bekheet Al-Rasheedi, who also signed the deal, expressed his happiness over the

cooperation between both companies. Al-Rasheedi vowed that his company would offer a product which conforms to the highest international standards. KNPC and KPI are affiliated to state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC). — Agencies

QATAR TO BUY JET FIGHTERS FROM UK

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In June this year it was announced that Qatar had agreed to buy F-15 jets from the US in a \$12 billion (10 billion euros) deal. And in 2016, Qatar agreed to buy 24 Dassault Rafale fighter jets from France in a deal worth a reported 6.7 billion euros.

But the timing of the UK and US deals was particularly crucial for Doha. On June 5 - ten days before the US

contract was announced - regional kingpin Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt cut ties with Qatar, accusing it of backing extremism and fostering ties with their Shiite rival Iran. Qatar denies the charges, claiming the dispute is an attack on its sovereignty. Analysts say the diplomatic crisis shows no sign of ending. The deal also comes as Britain seeks to explore further trade deals outside Europe after voting to leave the European Union. — AFP

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DEMBELE TRAVELS TO FINLAND TO UNDERGO TENDON SURGERY

BARCELONA: Ousmane Dembele has traveled to Finland to undergo surgery to repair a ruptured left thigh tendon. Barcelona said yesterday the newly signed forward will undergo the procedure with a specialist today. He was photographed on a wheelchair as he made his way to the airport in the Catalan city yesterday. Dembele was injured Saturday during Barcelona's 2-1 win at Getafe in the Spanish league. The club says the 20-year-old Frenchman is expected to be sidelined for three to four months. Barcelona signed Dembele from Borussia Dortmund in a deal that could reach nearly 150 million euros (\$180 million), the biggest ever in the history of the Catalan club. Dembele replaced Neymar after the Brazil forward moved to Paris Saint-Germain in a world-record transfer worth more than 220 million euros (\$262 million). Dembele was making only his third appearance with Barcelona, which leads the Spanish league after four matches. — AP



MCLAREN CAN BE RESISTANT TO CHANGE, SAYS HONDA BOSS

LONDON: Honda's motorsport head has portrayed former champions McLaren as 'systematic' and set in their ways as the Formula One partners prepare to separate at the end of the season. McLaren are ninth of 10 teams in the constructors' championship and have directed much of the blame at Honda, whose engine has suffered embarrassing failures and is no match for rivals. "Working with McLaren, I've realized that they are a very big company which is very systematic," Masashi Yamamoto said in an interview published on the Honda website (en.hondaracingf1.com). "It's obviously very strong because of that but at the same time they can find it hard to adapt to change." He gave no specific examples. Similar comments have been made in the past about Honda, who announced with McLaren last Friday that their partnership was ending. McLaren, the sport's second most successful team in terms of race wins, will be teaming up with Renault in 2018 while Honda are joining Red Bull-owned Toro Rosso. — Reuters

WEST HAM MANAGER BILIC BACKS FIT-AGAIN CARROLL TO FIRE

LONDON: Striker Andy Carroll will get sharper as the season goes on and can play a crucial role for West Ham United in the latter half of the season, manager Slaven Bilic has said. Carroll has featured only twice in the Premier League this season after four months out with a hip injury. He fired three of West Ham's six shots on goal in Saturday's 0-0 draw at West Bromwich Albion. Bilic, under pressure after a tough start to the league campaign that has seen West Ham lose three out of five games, backed Carroll to swell the team's poor tally of four goals. "This was his second game and he looks fit and he looks competitive and the quality will come through the games," Bilic told the club's website (www.whufc.com). "It's a big boost for us and long may it continue... It is very important for him to get the games under his belt. He looks good now, touch wood." — Reuters



PALMER WANTS SIX OF THE BEST TO BOOST HIS F1 HOPES

LONDON: Departing Renault driver Jolyon Palmer says he wants to end the Formula One season on a high after a breakthrough race in Singapore. The Briton finished sixth under the floodlights for his first points of the campaign only two days after his team announced that Spaniard Carlos Sainz would be taking his place in 2018.

Some still suspect Sainz could be in the car before the end of the year but Palmer was adamant he would be staying until the last race in Abu Dhabi. "The result this weekend is finally a bit of good luck. This result could have come earlier in Baku, Silverstone or Spa. I hope we can build from this in the next six races," he told Sky Sports television.

"At the moment the news about Renault is quite fresh. From my side I want to go out with six of the best races. I want to stay in F1 and there are other options. I want to do myself proud in these six races." Palmer has limited options, with former champions Williams now the main focus for several drivers hoping to stay in the sport or return. The four top teams have all confirmed their lineups while Red Bull-owned Toro Rosso are expected to replace Sainz

with France's 2016 GP2 champion Pierre Gasly, who is already contracted to them. McLaren have Fernando Alonso yet to resign, but are confident of continuing with an unchanged lineup, while Sauber are forging closer ties with Ferrari and seem set to take current Formula Two leader Charles Leclerc.

That leaves Williams, and specifically the seat of Brazilian veteran Felipe Massa who almost retired at the end of last season. Poland's Robert Kubica, seeking to return after a 2011 rally accident that seemed to have ended his Formula One career, has emerged as one potential candidate and is being assisted by retired 2016 world champion Nico Rosberg.

Whether Palmer has a hope remains to be seen but he hoped at least his luck had turned, with German team mate Nico Hulkenberg suffering reliability problems instead. "I've had a tough year, we've had reliability issues but I've made mistakes as well," he said.

"The media were always questioning about my future. It's made it a bit harder but I've learnt to switch off and just focus on the driving." — Reuters



SONOMA: Josef Newgarden, right, stands and celebrates after being presented the Astor Cup for winning the IndyCar championship Sunday, in Sonoma, Calif. Looking on at center is team owner Roger Penske. — AP

MOTOR RACING

GAMBLE ON NEWGARDEN LEADS TO 15TH TITLE FOR ROGER PENSKE

SONOMA: Roger Penske's drivers had just finished 1-2-3 in the IndyCar standings, and shaking up his lineup didn't seem to be a priority. But with Josef Newgarden available in free agency, The Captain made a cutthroat move and bounced Indianapolis 500 winner Juan Pablo Montoya out of his ride to sign the up-and-coming American. Almost a year to the day later, the shrewd move resulted in a 15th IndyCar championship for Team Penske. Newgarden closed out the best year of his career - his first with Penske - as the top driver in IndyCar. His nearly flawless performance Sunday at Sonoma Raceway made Newgarden only the second American in 11 years to win the IndyCar title, joining 2012 champion Ryan Hunter-Reay. "When we saw he was available ... I think we saw the opportunity," Penske said. "I don't think in business you always have the perfect time for something."

Newgarden, a Tennessee native, is just 26 and the youngest driver to win the championship since Sam Hornish Jr. won it at 23 in 2002. Hornish went on to win a title driving for Penske, in 2006, and he's the only other recent American champion.

Penske may have seen that potential when the team pursued Newgarden, but it was doubtful anyone expected a career season in his first stint driving Penske equipment.

"It obviously wasn't an easy decision when we decided that Josef was available, and Montoya had done a really good job for us along the way, and we needed to make a decision if we were going to build for the future or what we were going to do," team Penske team president Tim Cindric. "We sat down and talked to Juan, and he said, 'Look, I don't like it, but if I was in your shoes I'd do the same thing. He's the guy that I would pick.'"

"Honestly, we didn't really know what to expect other than we knew how competitive he was and knew that he'd won in everything that he had really raced in and felt like we needed to continue to build for the future. If we weren't racing with him, we were probably going to race against him soon."

Newgarden had to hold off his three Penske teammates - as well as four-time champion Scott Dixon - to take the title. Penske driver Simon Pagenaud used pit strategy to win the caution-free race, but Newgarden finished second to take the title by 13 points.

Of the five drivers mathematically eligible to win the title in the finale, four came from Penske. Pagenaud won the race in a last-gasp effort to defend the IndyCar title he won last year for Penske. Although his strategy was different from his teammates', it put Pagenaud out front after his final stop. Newgarden tried to catch him, was briefly aggressive as he attempted to reclaim the lead, then had to back off and think about the bigger picture.

"I was using my natural instincts. I was trying to get Pagenaud there because that's what I normally do, I try to win the race whenever possible," Newgarden said. "I tried to get him, but I also tried not to do anything dumb for the team. This has been a team effort."

Will Power finished third in the race, Dixon was fourth and Helio Castroneves fifth in what might have been his final full season in IndyCar. Castroneves, in his 20th season, is likely being

moved to Penske's sports car program next year. "Let's see what's going to happen," Castroneves said. "Right now let's celebrate the championship. I feel like I am part of it." It was an uphill fight for Dixon, in a Honda for Chip Ganassi Racing, and he didn't have the same pace as the Penske cars all weekend. That meant Dixon would have to rely on an aggressive strategy to have a shot, but Newgarden and the Penske drivers were far too quick in their Chevrolets.

When Dixon tried to pit off sequence, he felt

Castroneves copied the strategy in an effort to help Newgarden. "He was just a massive road block," Dixon said about Castroneves. "It was circumstance. Once we got clear track, we were able to hunt them down."

The final standings went Newgarden, Pagenaud, Dixon, Castroneves and Power. Chevrolet drivers have won every championship but one since the engine-supplier returned to IndyCar in 2012, and the brand has beaten Honda every year for the manufacturer championship. — AP

TRUEX OPENS NASCAR'S PLAYOFFS WITH WIN AT CHICAGOLAND

JOLIET, Ill: Martin Truex Jr. stretched his arms to his side and waited for a shower of green slime, the colored goop traditionally poured over the heads of game-show contestants and A-list celebrities. Add NASCAR race winner to the list. "It's a lot funner to watch people get slimed than it is to get slimed," a smiling and sticky Truex said. "But it's definitely worth it to get that after the race." Truex might have left the rest of the field green with envy that he was again the driver celebrating in victory lane. Truex backed up his regular-season dominance with a victory Sunday in NASCAR's playoff opener at Chicagoland Speedway that solidified himself as the driver to beat over the final nine races as he chases his first Cup championship.

He raced to his fifth victory of the season and earned an automatic berth in the second round of the playoffs, piling on more points in his bid to compete for the title in the finale at Homestead. A driver with three Cup wins in his first 10 seasons, Truex has nine over the last two years for Furniture Row Racing.

"I think we all realize it's just a unique time in history, in all our lives, that this has come together," team owner Barney Visser said. Truex was in cruise control over the final 55 laps and built a nearly 7-second lead over Chase Elliott to win at Chicagoland for the second straight season. Truex's car flunked inspection following the win last season and the No. 78 Toyota ran into more issues Sunday - the car needed four tries through pre-race inspection before it was cleared and Truex later overcame an early pit-road penalty. By the end, there was no doubt the path to the NASCAR championship goes through the 37-year-old Truex.

Elliott was second, followed by playoff drivers Kevin Harvick, Denny Hamlin and Kyle Larson. Truex again seemed right at home on the 1.5-mile track. Truex had wins this season on 1.5-mile tracks at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Kansas Speedway and Kentucky Speedway. Truex had a win snatched from him last week at Richmond because of a late caution and he ended up crashing. He and his team looked downright miserable accepting the regular season title trophy.

"After last week, he was like, I want to go to Chicago and lap the field twice," crew chief Cole Pearn said. "I think he was pretty motivated this whole weekend." Truex insisted he forgot about the debacle at Richmond the moment he boarded the plane home. As the closing laps ticked off a week later, Truex said he refused to think another potential win would roll off the rails. "I don't really care a

whole lot about statements. I'm just having fun," Truex said. "It's important to come here and not let the pressure get to you, and I think we did a good job with that."

Truex's longtime girlfriend, Sherry Pollex, was by his side in victory lane, even as she battles a recurrence of ovarian cancer. "I'm a lot better driver these days because of her and what she's been through," he said. "We've learned a lot about life together. We continue to face every challenge head on and not scared." Pollex was smart enough to step aside from the slime. The Furniture Row Racing crew was bathed in the ooze and champagne during a raucous victory lane celebration. Truex entered the playoffs at the No. 1 seed with four wins, 18 stage wins and he totaled a whopping 53 bonus points that he can keep through the first three playoff rounds. Truex leads the standings by 27 points over Larson. Here are other items of note from Chicagoland.

BUSCH'S RUN

Kyle Busch led 85 laps from the pole and won the first stage as he positioned the No. 18 Toyota as the car to beat. Busch was forced to pit because of a loose tire, then his Joe Gibbs Racing crew was penalized for going over the wall too soon, which would drop him back to 30th. He ended the second stage a lap down and finished 15th.

Busch, the 2015 Cup champion, had won his 12th stage win of the season. Busch's pit crew was swapped for teammate Daniel Suarez's crew for the start of the playoffs. "Just poor execution all around," crew chief Adam Stevens said. "Made a lot of mistakes on pit road and when you make back-to-back mistakes, it's tough to recover from it."

PLAYOFF DRIVERS

Brad Keselowski was sixth, Jimmie Johnson was eighth, Matt Kenseth ninth, Jamie McMurray 10th, Ryan Blaney 11th, Austin Dillon 16th, Kurt Busch 19th, Kasey Kahne 21st, Ryan Newman 23rd and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 25th.

BLOWN OUT

Chicagoland was site of the playoff opener for the final time. NASCAR will kick off the 10-race postseason next year at Las Vegas. Two races remain before the playoff field is cut to 12. The NASCAR postseason shifts to New Hampshire Motor Speedway, the final fall race for the track. Hamlin won the summer race at New Hampshire and Harvick won the September race last season. — AP



JOLIET: Martin Truex Jr, driver of the #78 Furniture Row/Denver Mattress Toyota, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Tales of the Turtles 400 at Chicagoland Speedway on Sunday in Joliet, Illinois. — AFP

AUSTRALIA WILL BOUNCE BACK, SAYS SHATTERED CAPTAIN HEWITT

MELBOURNE: Shattered Australia captain Lleyton Hewitt has said his young Davis Cup team will be better for their heart-breaking semi-final loss to Belgium and backed them to bounce back quickly from the disappointment.

Chasing their first appearance in the final since winning the 2003 title, Australia led 2-1 heading into the final singles in Brussels on Sunday but Nick Kyrgios and Jordan Thompson met

their match against David Goffin and Steve Darcis.

Hewitt said he could not fault the effort of his players in front of a parochial home crowd on clay courts, their least-preferred surface, but as a member of the team that beat Spain in the 2003 title-decider, he was still crushed by the defeat.

"You come here to get the result. It's a bit raw at the moment," the two-time

grand slam champion told reporters. "Everyone gave 100 per cent. We left it all out there. But that doesn't make it hurt any less.

"It's disappointing, but I've told the boys, if it hurts it's because it means something. "These boys take a lot of pride wearing the green and gold and will bounce back." With Bernard Tomic overlooked for the tie amid a deep form slump, Hewitt sprung a couple of selec-

tion surprises over the weekend, neither of which paid off.

After including the in-form Thanasi Kokkinakis in his squad, Hewitt ignored the young talent and plumped for 183rd-ranked John Millman, who lost the opening singles to Goffin on Friday. Millman played well in defeat to Goffin but was discarded in favour of 69th-ranked Jordan Thompson who duly lost to Darcis on Sunday.

"It was always going to be the case for a long time (to play Thompson on Sunday), so nothing in our plans changed," Hewitt said, defending the decision. "A lot of these boys haven't played in Davis Cup ties away from home," added Hewitt. "It is different. It's tough. Especially in semis and finals. They'll be better for the run." Belgium will play away to France in the decider in November. —Reuters

JERRY KELLY WINS 2ND PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS TITLE IN FOUR WEEKS

VICTORIA: Jerry Kelly avoided the late trouble that derailed Lee Janzen and David McKenzie to win the Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship on Sunday for his second PGA Tour Champions victory in four weeks. Kelly closed with a 3-under 68 in chilly, rainy conditions for a one-stroke victory over Janzen on Bear Mountain's Mountain Course. The three-time PGA Tour winner won the Boeing Classic outside Seattle last month for his first senior title.

"You always want that validation after you win the first one," Kelly said. "And to get it so soon, again, very surprised, but I'm just going to keep working hard." Janzen also shot 68, but dropped three late strokes to give away the lead. After making three birdies in a row, he bogeyed the par-4 15th and made a double bogey on the par-4 17th. On 17, the two-time U.S. Open champion drove into a bush, chipped back to the fairway and three-putted after his ball ran to the back of the green.

"Where that pin was, it's so difficult to get it near the hole and I just made a huge error by hitting on the wrong line," Janzen said. "Unfortunately, I just didn't know any better. ... It would have saved myself one shot, maybe two, and that's the difference."

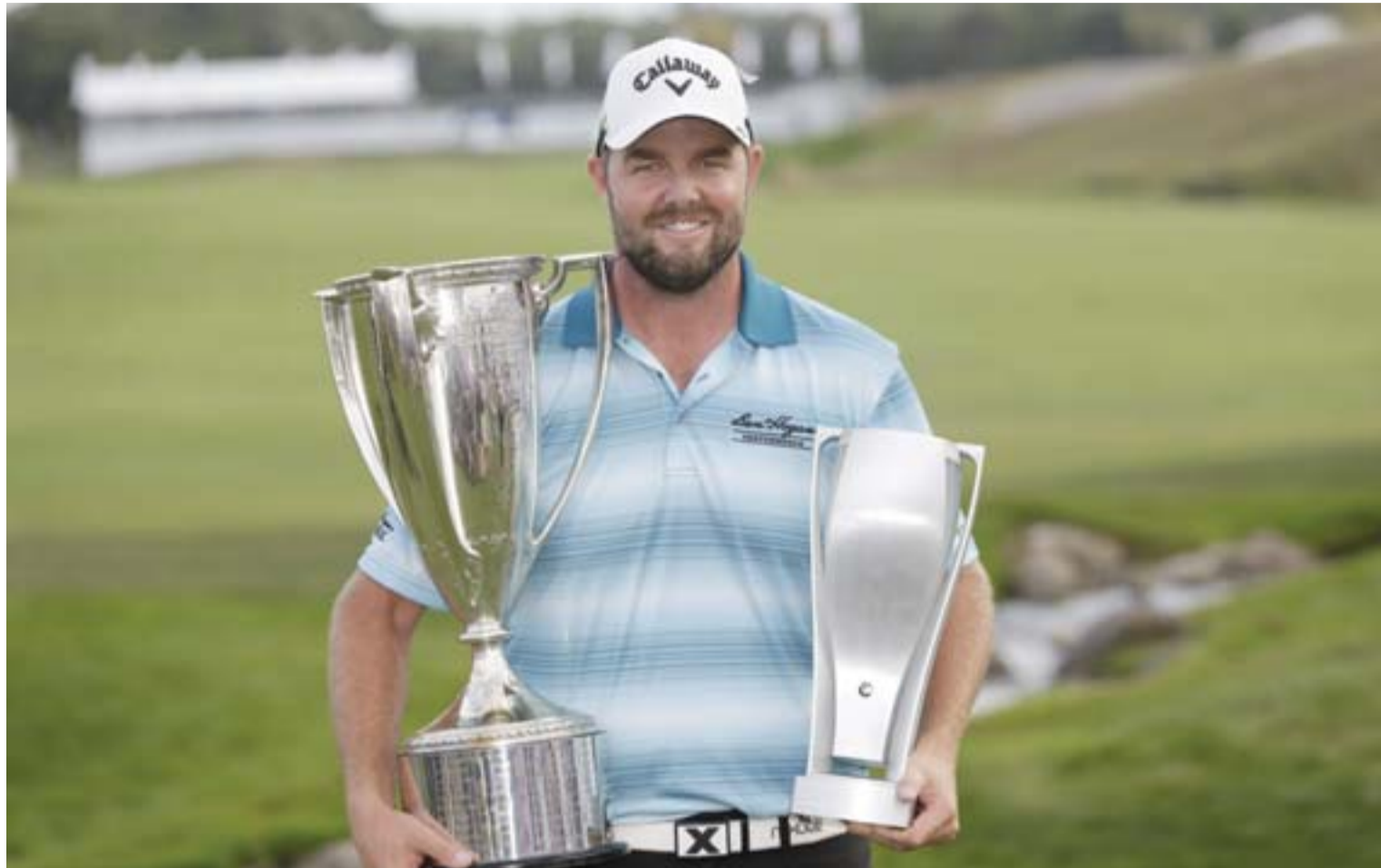
The 50-year-old Kelly rebounded from a bogey on the par-5 13th with a birdie on the 15th - making the putt after being stung by a bee - and finished with three straight pars.

"It was really thinking your way around

and I made a couple good saves and a couple good birdies at the end," Kelly said. "It was more of a survival day." Kelly finished at 14-under 199. He began the round a stroke behind leaders McKenzie and Jerry Smith.

"The funny thing is I switched irons and won in Seattle and played well the week after in Calgary, and it's just continued on here," Kelly said. "Some of those changes, things click and next thing you know you're playing with confidence and get some wins." Janzen missed a chance for his second senior title after winning eight times on the PGA Tour. "When I look back at a tournament, I'm more concerned with my mental preparation and execution and where I went wrong," Janzen said. "My psyche's not damaged over that. Stupid things happen on the golf course all the time. It's not the first time I've hit a bad shot with a chance to win a tournament, so I'm not worried. I'm getting to go to Pebble Beach, one of my favorite places in the world, and I'm really encouraged because my game stunk a week ago."

McKenzie, the Australian trying to become the first qualifier to win since 2012, dropped back with double bogeys on the par-3 14th and the 17th. He birdied the par-5 18th for a 71 that left him tied for third at 12 under with Tommy Armour III (67). Charles Schwab Cup points leader Bernhard Langer (68) and Esteban Toledo (67) followed at 11 under. Smith had a 75 to finish six strokes back. — AP



LAKE FOREST: Marc Leishman smiles as he poses with the Wadley Cup, left, and the BMW Championship trophy after winning the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club, Sunday, in Lake Forest, Ill. — AP

GOLF

LEISHMAN WINS BMW CHAMPIONSHIP AND SETS SIGHT ON \$10 MILLION

LAKE FOREST: Australia's Marc Leishman put the finishing touches on his best year in golf and already was looking ahead to make it even better. With his wire-to-wire, five-shot victory in the BMW Championship - his first tournament after losing a two-shot lead on the back nine at the TPC Boston - Leishman now is in range to capture the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million bonus this week at East Lake in the Tour Championship.

All he has to do is win. Leishman not only won for the second time this year, he has the No. 4 seed this week for the FedEx Cup finale. While everyone in the 30-man field has a mathematical chance of claiming golf's richest prize, the top five seeds only have to win to capture the cup.

The way Leishman has been playing, it doesn't seem out of reach. At his side were two trophies - one from the BMW Championship, the other from the Western Golf Association, which has run this tournament since 1899. "I had my sights set high for the FedEx Cup and trying to get into the top 5 and with these sitting here," he said, pausing to glance at the silver trophies, "if I have another good week, who knows what might happen?"

So after 46 tournaments, the FedEx Cup comes down to one week. British Open champion Jordan Spieth, PGA champion Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson, Leishman and Jon Rahm of Spain are the top five seeds. For some players, they were just happy to be there. Xander Schauffele started the year by missing six of 11 cuts and finishing inside the top 25 just once - he tied for 24th at the Wells Fargo Championship in early May. Back then, he was only thinking about keeping his card in his rookie season.

He tied for fifth at the US Open. He won The Greenbrier Classic. He was in position to achieve a lofty goal - East Lake - at No. 32 in the FedEx Cup until he began the final round with 10 pars and two bogeys. "I told my caddie, 'I really don't want the year to end, we're having so much fun,'" he said.

And then golf got really fun. Schauffele birdied the next two holes, drove the 15th green and made a 30-foot eagle putt, birdied the 16th and then added a final birdie on the 18th for a 4-under 67 that moved him into the top 30.

"Once you reach goals, you make new ones," he said. "And I've been making a lot of new ones." Patrick Cantlay, another PGA Tour rookie, had been out of golf for three years with a back injury he feared might end his career, along with the emotional scars of seeing his best friend and caddie, Chris Roth, struck and killed by a car as they walked to dinner.

He picked a light schedule this year to ease his way back into golf, and to cope with an ankle injury from so much play. In just 11 tournaments, he made it to the Tour Championship, and it wasn't easy. Cantlay was outside the top 30 coming to the par-5 18th and needed a birdie when he reached the green in two. But his 50-foot eagle putt came up 10 feet short. He calmly rolled that in to barely moved into the top 30.

Along with playing the Tour Championship, Cantlay is assured a spot in the Masters, US Open, British Open and most likely the PGA Championship. "I figured a birdie would be close," he said. "I didn't know it would for sure get me in, but I knew it was really close and I definitely needed it."

Tony Finau was behind the 18th green in three, and if he failed to get up-and-down, he would fall out of the top 30 after one of his best rounds of the year. He chipped in for birdie and is on his way to East Lake for the first time. The fourth player to move into the top 30 was

McIlroy, who ended his injury-filled season in America at No. 58 in the FedEx Cup, extending a strange trend. Only two FedEx Cup champions, Spieth and Brandt Snedeker, made it back to the Tour Championship.

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UNsung HERO KOKOSKOV STILL HUMBLE AFTER SLOVENIA FEAT

LJUBLJANA: Slovenia's historic triumph at the European basketball championship left their coach Igor Kokoskov as the unsung hero after the Alpine country's impressive 93-85 win over Serbia in a rip-roaring final in Istanbul.

Miami heat guard Goran Dragic, who poured in 35 points on Sunday, grabbed all the headlines after what he said was his final international game but the Slovenians have as much to thank Serb exile Kokoskov.

The 45-year-old spent a solitary year in the 1990s as a senior head coach in his country at nondescript second-tier side OKK Belgrade before building a career as an assistant at six different NBA outfits, most recently the Utah Jazz. Overlooked by Serbia's ruling basketball echelons, Kokoskov learnt his trade across the Atlantic and applied it with such devastating effect against his compatriots, as the Slovenians capped a magnificent tournament with a 9-0 record.

They blew away 2015 champions Spain 92-72 in the semis before overpowering Serbia and Slovenia's popular Ekipa sports website (www.ekipa24.si) paid tribute to Kokoskov. "Graceful and humble in victory as he's always been, Kokoskov is a man of few words who came through with sheer hard work and deserves all the accolades as the

greatest hero and creator of Slovenia's basketball success," it said.

Having started as an assistant at the Los Angeles Clippers 2000-2003, Kokoskov spent the next five years at the Detroit Pistons before spells at the Phoenix Suns, Cleveland Cavaliers and Orladno Magic.

Kokoskov took on a dual role as he transformed also-rans Georgia into a respectable side during his 2008-2015 spell at the former Soviet republic before he took over as Slovenia's head coach last year.

Having arrived to the 24-nation Eurobasket 2017 as no more than one of many dark horses, the Slovenians romped to their first basketball podium finish as an independent nation and a first gold medal in any team sport.

Kokoskov heaped praise on his staff, the officials and players, who won the hearts of neutral fans with entertaining and free-flowing basketball instilled into the side by their American-styled coach.

"We had an incredible tournament and a memorable final which we will savour for the rest of our lives," he told Ekipa. "This is a fantastic achievement for Slovenian sport and the credit goes to everyone; the players the basketball association and also my assistants who did such a great job." — Reuters



ISTANBUL: Slovenia's players celebrate with their trophy after defeating Serbia at the end of the FIBA Eurobasket 2017 men's Final basketball match between Slovenia and Serbia at Sinan Erdem Sport Arena in Istanbul on Sunday. —AFP

BASKETBALL

SPARKS, LYNX TO MEET IN WNBA FINALS REMATCH

PHOENIX: Candace Parker's driving layup with 2.9 seconds to play gave the Los Angeles Sparks an 89-87 win and three-game sweep of the Phoenix Mercury in the WNBA semifinals Sunday. Parker finished with 21 points and 11 assists.

Brittney Griner missed a shot as time expired and the Sparks celebrated with shouts and embraces in front of their bench. Odyssey Sims scored 22 points on 9-of-12 shooting. Chelsea Gray added 14 points for the defending champion Sparks, who advanced to their second straight WNBA Finals and fifth overall. They will face Minnesota in a rematch of last year's championship, after the Lynx completed a sweep of Washington earlier Sunday. Diana Taurasi had tied the game at 87 with a 3-pointer from the wing with 10.8 seconds left.

LYNX 81, MYSTICS 70

Maya Moore scored 21 points, Sylvia Fowles added 17 points and 14 rebounds, and the Lynx completed a sweep of the Mystics in the best-of-three WNBA semifinals. Seimone Augustus added 18 points as Minnesota secured its third consecutive finals appearance and sixth in seven seasons. The Lynx will attempt to win their fourth WNBA title in seven years. Elena Delle Donne scored 15 points to lead the Mystics, who exit the playoffs after reaching the semifinals for the first time since 2002. Tierra Ruffin-Pratt added 14 points and Kristi Tolliver had 13 for Washington, which forced the Lynx into a series-high 13 turnovers. But the Mystics scored only 31 second-half points in their sixth loss in as many games against Minnesota in 2017, including regular season and playoffs. —AP



PHOENIX: Leilani Mitchell #5 of the Phoenix Mercury drives the ball against Nneka Ogumike #30 of the Los Angeles Sparks during the first half of semifinal game three of the 2017 WNBA Playoffs at Talking Stick Resort Arena on Sunday in Phoenix, Arizona. The Sparks defeated the Mercury 89-87. — AFP

FORMER TEST SPINNER BOB HOLLAND DEAD

SYDNEY: Former Test leg spinner Bob Holland, who was the third-oldest player to be picked for Australia when he made his debut aged 38, has died aged 70. Holland's son Craig told reporters on Sunday his father had died from brain cancer, which was diagnosed in March.

Holland attended a function in his honor on Friday, hosted by former test captain Mark Taylor. He died two days later, surrounded by family. Craig Holland said "he had the best time of his life on Friday where he spent time with a lot of his mates at his dinner. He showed no pain on the night and stayed till the end of the show."

Holland made his first class debut for New South Wales at 32 and his test debut six years later, playing 11 Tests and taking 34 wickets. He was the oldest man to make his Test debut for Australia since Don Blackie and Bert Ironmonger were selected in 1928 aged 46. Holland played his first test against the West Indies at Brisbane's

Gabba ground in 1984 and was best known for his 10-wicket haul at the Sydney Cricket Ground during that series.

Holland took 10-144 to bowl Australia to an innings victory against an exalted West Indies team which had not been beaten in 28 previous tests and which included players such as Viv Richards, Clive Lloyd, Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge, Richie Richardson, Malcolm Marshall, Michael Holding and Joel Garner.

He also took 10 wickets - 10-174 - against New Zealand at the SCG and 5-86 during England's second innings at Lord's in the 1985 Ashes, guiding Australia to its only win of that series. "There was no doubt he was one of the game's great gentlemen," Mark Taylor told Sky Sports Radio. "But he was also a competitor. Loved to bowl, loved to take on a batsman."

Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland said "Bob's cricketing journey was a remarkable one." —AP

GOLDEN KNIGHTS ROUT CANUCKS 9-4 IN FIRST PRESEASON GAME

VANCOUVER: By the time the Elvis Presley impersonator singing tunes between whistles had left the building, the NHL's newest franchise was already well on its way to victory in its first exhibition game.

Tyler Wong scored three times and added an assist to help the expansion Vegas Golden Knights rout the Vancouver Canucks 9-4 on Sunday. Wong scored the first exhibition goal in club history. "It's a huge honor," Wong said. "The city's very excited to get a team. To be a part of excitement like that is something special. It's a pretty cool moment for all of us."

The Golden Knights dressed a roster of mostly prospects and fringe

NHLers, leaving behind the likes of forwards James Neal, Jonathan Marchessault, David Perron and Cody Eakin, defensemen Brayden McNabb and Deryk Engelland, and goalie Marc-Andre Fleury. In the spirit of Vegas' debut, the Elvis impersonator sang classics like "Viva Las Vegas" and "Burning Love" during some of the TV timeouts at Rogers Arena for some added Sin City flair to what was, for the most part, a sloppy game.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity being able to be part of an expansion team," said Golden Knights forward Cody Glass, the sixth pick in the draft this summer. "I'm just trying to take it all in."

Vegas coach Gerard Gallant was happy with the way his youngsters performed, but like his players, also took the opportunity to soak in the moment. "We had two rookie games last week, but this is the first real NHL game," Gallant said. "The first time stepping on the ice was real good and you do feel good about it."

Tomas Hyka scored twice, Tomas Nosek had a goal and two assists, and Nick Suzuki added a goal and an assist. Paul Thompson and Alex Tuch also scored, Brad Hunt chipped in with three assists, and Glass had two assists.

Wearing their road white uniforms with grey, gold and red trim, along

with black pants and white and gold gloves, the Golden Knights survived a 5-on-3 power play for 1:44 early in the first period

before Wong opened the scoring. The winger collected a chipped feed from Glass on a power play, cut down the right and beat goalie Richard Bachman with a short-side backhand at 4:58. "The puck was finding me in good spots," said Wong, who had 43 goals and 46 assists in 72 games last season in junior with the Lethbridge Hurricanes last season and signed as an undrafted free agent. "I was able to bury them."

Brook Boeser scored twice and had an assist for Vancouver. Philip Holm

and Jordan Subban also scored. Almost all of the Canucks' veterans were on a charter plane on their way to China for games against the Los Angeles Kings in Beijing and Shanghai. Trent Cull, the head coach of the Canucks' AHL affiliate in Utica, New York, was behind the bench, with Travis Green and his assistants on their way to China.

The Golden Knights will play three more times on the road before their first preseason home game Sept. 26 against Los Angeles. "I hope (Vegas fans) don't expect that every night," Gallant said. "It's a lot of fun in our market and I am sure they are going to enjoy that, but it's an exhibition game." —AP



CHICAGO: Chicago Cubs center fielder Albert Almora Jr. misses a single hit by St Louis Cardinals' Jose Martinez during the fourth inning of a baseball game Sunday, in Chicago. — AP

BASEBALL

VERLANDER STARS AS ASTROS CLINCH AL WEST

HOUSTON: Justin Verlander struck out 10 batters over seven innings in his first home start for Houston while Derek Fisher and Marwin Gonzalez homered in a big fifth inning as the Astros clinched the American League West with a 7-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Sunday for their first division title since 2001. George Springer and Carlos Correa also homered for the Astros, who won their first division title since 2001 and seventh overall. The Astros become the first team in Major League Baseball history to win titles in three divisions after previously winning the NL West and NL Central. Verlander (13-8) retired his first seven batters before Ben Gamel homered into the right-center bullpen in the third. He allowed just two singles after that to improve to 3-0 since he was acquired from Detroit on Aug. 31. Andrew Moore (1-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

TIGERS 12, WHITE SOX 0

Matthew Boyd's no-hit bid ended when Tim Anderson doubled with two outs in the ninth inning, and the Detroit left-hander closed out a one-hitter for the first shutout of his profes-

sional career. Boyd (6-10) allowed only two runners - a walk to Rob Brantly in the third and Anderson's double to the gap in right-center field with two outs in the ninth. He struck out five and threw 121 pitches - his big league high. Dylan Covey (0-6) allowed five runs, seven hits and four walks in 3 2/3 innings. Nick Castellanos, Mikie Mahtook and Jeimer Candelario homered.

RAYS 3, RED SOX 2

David Price pitched two hitless innings in his first big league game since July 22 after being sidelined by left elbow inflammation. The 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner made his first relief appearance since 2010. Jake Odorizzi (9-8) gave up one hit in six innings, a Jackie Bradley Jr. home run. Jesus Sucre hit a tiebreaking solo home run off Eduardo Rodriguez (5-6) in the sixth. Alex Colome pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 45th save. Tampa Bay remained 5 1/2 games behind the Twins.

NATIONALS 7, DODGERS 1

Stephen Strasburg ended his club-record

scoreless streak at 35 innings, but two home runs from Ryan Zimmerman helped the All-Star win his fourth consecutive start as the Washington Nationals beat the Los Angeles Dodgers. Strasburg (14-4) allowed a run in the second inning on Logan Forsythe's double, the first against the right-hander since Aug. 19. He struck out eight and combined with three relievers to toss a five-hitter. The Nationals avoided a three-game sweep against the NL frontrunners. Washington's slumbering offense came alive on Zimmerman's three-run shot in the sixth off reliever Ross Stripling (3-5). Zimmerman and pinch-hitter Adam Lind homered in the eighth. Los Angeles lost 11 in a row and 16 of 17 before ripping off four consecutive wins, including the first two games this series. The Dodgers magic number to clinch the NL West dropped to four when second-place Arizona lost at San Francisco.

PADRES 4, ROCKIES 3

Rockies closer Greg Holland dropped the ball trying to tag Matt Szczur at home on Austin Hedge's squeeze bunt in the ninth inning, allowing San Diego to finish its rally and beat Colorado. Hedges bunted back to Holland (3-6) with runners at the corners and one out, but after making a nice play to scoop up the ball, Holland lost control trying to tag a sliding Szczur. Colorado's bullpen blew its first save in three weeks and let the Rockies' lead for the second NL wild card shrink to 2 1/2 games over Milwaukee. The Brewers beat Miami on Sunday, and St. Louis, which lost to the Chicago Cubs, stayed 4 1/2 back. Kirby Yates (4-5) pitched the eighth, and Brad Hand got the last three outs for his 18th save.

ORIOLES 6, YANKEES 4

Ubaldo Jimenez (6-1) struck out 10 in just five innings, and Tim Beckham hit a three-run homer off Sonny Gray (9-11), who allowed five runs in four innings during his shortest start this season. Didi Gregorius homered for the third straight day as New York's four-game winning streak ended. The Yankees remained three games behind AL East-leading Boston and four games ahead of Minnesota for the top AL wild card. Baltimore, which had lost nine of 10, is 5 1/2 games behind the Twins. With two outs and a runner on third in the

ninth, Zach Britton intentionally walked Aaron Judge, then struck out Gary Sanchez for his 15th save.

TWINS 13, BLUE JAYS 7

Eddie Rosario homered twice, Joe Mauer hit his first grand slam at home and Minnesota overcame a 5-0 deficit with seven runs in the second inning and six in the fifth. Minnesota reopened a two-game lead over the Los Angeles Angels for the second AL wild card. Kyle Gibson (11-10) allowed five runs, three hits and five walks in six innings. Joe Biagini (3-11) gave up six runs - four earned - and five hits in 1 1/3 innings. Josh Donaldson homered twice in the first two innings.

RANGERS 4, ANGELS 2

Joey Gallo hit a home run off Garrett Richards (0-2) that landed near the top of the grass hill in center field in the second inning, a drive that would have traveled 490 feet unimpeded, according to MLB Statcast. Adrian Beltre hit a two-run double to center field in the first. Miguel Gonzalez (8-11) allowed one run and two hits in five innings, and Jake Diekman got five outs for his first save this season.

INDIANS 3, ROYALS 2

A day after Cleveland clinched the AL Central, Corey Kluber (17-4) allowed three singles in seven innings. He has not given up a run in 22 innings and has lost once since July 4. Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Danny Duffy (8-9) as the Indians improved to 33-5 since Aug. 11 despite getting only three hits. Cody Allen worked out of a two-on jam in the ninth for his 28th save. Kansas City dropped five games behind the Twins.

CUBS 4, CARDINALS 3

Jason Heyward hit a tiebreaking RBI single off Matt Bowman with two outs in the seventh as Chicago overcame a 3-0 deficit to win its sixth straight game. The Cubs remained four games ahead of second-place Milwaukee as Ben Zobrist drove in two runs and Kyle Schwarber hit his 27th homer. Pedro Strop (5-4) worked a rocky seventh for the win and Wade Davis got three outs for his 31st save,

retiring Dexter Fowler on a game-ending fly-out to the warning track with a runner on first. Tyler Lyons (4-1) was the loser.

BREWERS 10, MARLINS 3

Travis Shaw, Jesus Aguilar and Manny Pina each had two hits in an eight-run fourth inning. The Brewers won two of three in a series moved from Florida following Hurricane Irma. Brandon Woodruff (2-2) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings. Dillon Peters (0-2) yielded eight runs, nine hits and three walks in 3 2/3 innings.

REDS 5, PIRATES 2

Eugenio Suarez and Scooter Gennett hit two-run homers in the sixth off Gerrit Cole (11-11) as Cincinnati completed its second three-game sweep of Pittsburgh this season. Robert Stephenson (5-5) allowed one hit in six scoreless innings, and Michael Lorenzen pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

ATHLETICS 6, PHILLIES 3

Joey Wendle hit a go-ahead grand slam off Edubray Ramos after the first two batters in the sixth reached off Henderson Alvarez (0-1), who made his first start since May 22, 2015, with Miami. Sean Manaea (11-10) gave up three runs in five innings, and five relievers combined for four hitless innings. Blake Treinen got three outs for his 11th save.

METS 5, BRAVES 1

Robert Gsellman (7-7) allowed an unearned run and three hits in seven innings, while pinch-hitter Asdrubal Cabrera had a two-run, pinch-hit homer. Atlanta (67-81) was eliminated from postseason contention and must win its remaining 14 games to avoid a losing record in four straight seasons for the first time since seven in a row from 1984 -90. Julio Teheran (11-12) gave up two runs, three hits and four walks in six innings.

GIANTS 7, DIONDBACKS 2

Pablo Sandoval homered and drove in three runs, rookie Chris Stratton (3-3) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings. Arizona had won 20 of 25 games and nine straight on the road. Taijuan Walker (9-8) Walker gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings. — AP

MLB Results/Standings

Washington 7, LA Dodgers 1; San Francisco 7, Arizona 2; Texas 4, LA Angels 2; San Diego 4, Colorado 3; Chicago Cubs 4, St. Louis 3; Milwaukee 10, Miami 3; Houston 7, Seattle 1; Minnesota 13, Toronto 7; NY Mets 5, Atlanta 1; Oakland 6, Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 2; Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2; Detroit 12, Chicago White Sox 0; Cleveland 3, Kansas City 2; Baltimore 6, NY Yankees 4.

American League Eastern Division				National League Eastern Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB				
Boston	85	64	.570	-	Washington	90	59	.604
NY Yankees	82	67	.550	3	Miami	69	80	.463
Tampa Bay	73	77	.487	12.5	Atlanta	67	81	.453
Baltimore	73	77	.487	12.5	NY Mets	65	84	.436
Toronto	70	80	.467	15.5	Philadelphia	58	91	.389
Central Division				Central Division				
Cleveland	93	57	.620	-	Chicago Cubs	83	66	.557
Minnesota	78	71	.523	14.5	Milwaukee	79	70	.530
Kansas City	73	76	.490	19.5	St. Louis	77	72	.517
Detroit	62	87	.416	30.5	Pittsburgh	68	82	.453
Chicago White Sox	60	89	.403	32.5	Cincinnati	66	84	.440
Western Division				Western Division				
Houston	91	58	.611	-	LA Dodgers	96	53	.644
LA Angels	76	73	.510	15	Arizona	87	63	.580
Seattle	74	76	.493	17.5	Colorado	82	68	.547
Texas	73	76	.490	18	San Diego	66	83	.443
Oakland	66	83	.443	25	San Francisco	58	93	.384

WOLFSBURG PART COMPANY WITH COACH WHO SAVED THEM FROM RELEGATION

BERLIN: VfL Wolfsburg parted company with coach Andries Jonker yesterday, less than four months after he helped save the Bundesliga club from relegation, and named Martin Schmidt as his replacement.

Jonker, appointed at the end of February, took charge of 19 competitive games including the two-legged relegation playoff against Eintracht Braunschweig in May which Wolfsburg won 2-0 on aggregate to secure their top-flight status.

Jonker's overall record was eight wins, four draws and seven defeats. The

Wolves, beaten 1-0 by promoted VfB Stuttgart on Saturday, have made an indifferent start to the new season, lying 14th in the table with four points from as many games.

The club said in a statement that the two parties had gone "separate ways" and that Jonker was "no longer head coach." "The decision to change coach so early in the season was not taken lightly," said general manager Tim Schumacher. "We were finally convinced by our internal advisers that we must undertake this task with a new coaching staff."

Wolfgang Hotze, spokesman for the board of directors, said the decision was not just based on the Stuttgart match but "on the noticeable stagnation in the development of our... team in recent weeks."

There was no immediate comment from the 54-year-old Jonker. Schmidt was previously in charge of Mainz 05 for 2-1/2 seasons. The 50-year-old Swiss left his post in May after Mainz escaped the relegation playoff on goal difference.

"Schmidt is the right man for the task which lies ahead of us," said Schumacher. Schmidt added: "I didn't

have to think very much before taking this job. It was only a few hours from the first contact until the signature."

Jonker, the first coaching casualty of the Bundesliga season, said after Saturday's game that his team played well in the first half but the forwards lost possession too often.

Jonker's contract was due to run until the end of the season and he became the third coach to part company with Wolfsburg in less than one year following the sacking of Dieter Hecking last October and Valeriy Israhel in February. —Reuters



Martin Schmidt

RONALDO RETURNS AS MADRID AIM TO PRESSURE LEADERS BARCELONA

MADRID: Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo will return to action against Real Betis yesterday after serving a five-match suspension, as the champions look to keep the pressure on La Liga leaders Barcelona.

Ronaldo was sent off during the Spanish Super Cup win over Barcelona on Aug. 13 and banned for five matches after pushing the referee, meaning he is yet to feature in the league this season.

The Portuguese hitman struck twice in his only appearance since the incident, a comfortable 3-0 win over Apoel Nicosia in the Champions League last Wednesday.

Youngster Borja Mayoral and Gareth Bale struck for a weakened Madrid on Sunday as they beat Real Sociedad 3-1, but as well as Ronaldo, Marcelo and Toni Kroos are expected to return after suspension and injury respectively.

Despite the impressive display against a previously unbeaten Real Sociedad, Ronaldo's return will be vital for Madrid as they look to take advantage of a soft fixture schedule over the next two months to push rivals Barcelona.

The Catalans, who face Eibar today, sit top of the table and are four points ahead of Madrid, in fourth place. Barcelona were rocked by Ousmane Dembele's injury during their 2-1 win at Getafe on Saturday, with the French winger set to miss around four months with a ruptured hamstring.

Madrid's home clash with Betis marks the start of a run of league fixtures which, on paper, they should win, including home games against Espanyol, Eibar and Las Palmas. "If we carry on like this we can do a lot of damage," said Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane after his side's win in the Basque Country. "We're back on track but we've got to keep going because there's another game on Wednesday."

Mid-table Betis have not beaten Madrid in the league at the Bernabeu in 19 years and only five times in 51 attempts.

If they are to defeat them tomorrow, they will need experienced winger Joaquin, 36, and summer signing Andres Guardado, 30, to continue their excellent form. "They are like kids in a school yard, they give it back to the guy that gives it back to them," Betis coach Quique Setien said of the midfielders. "(Guardado) is a footballer I can't describe, extraordinary. He has enormous quality and an enormous work rate. Just like Joaquin, they are reference points for the team." — Reuters



Matches on TV
(Local Timings)

SPANISH LEAGUE		
Valencia C.F. v Malaga CF	21:00	beIN SPORTS
FC Barcelona v SD Eibar	23:00	beIN SPORTS 2 FR
ITALIAN CALCIO LEAGUE		
Bologna v Internazionale	21:45	beIN SPORTS HD 4
GERMAN BUNDESLIGA		
Monchengladbach v VfB Stuttgart	19:30	beIN SPORTS
Schalke 04 v Bayern Munich	21:30	beIN SPORTS HD 5
VfL Wolfsburg v Werder Bremen	21:30	beIN SPORTS HD 7
FC Augsburg v RB Leipzig	21:30	beIN SPORTS HD 6



SAN SEBASTIAN: Real Sociedad's Ruben Pardo, center, falls over Real Madrid's Isco during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Real Madrid and Real Sociedad, at Anoeta stadium, in San Sebastian, northern Spain, Sunday. Real Madrid won the match 3-1. — AP

SOCCER

MADRID EASE PAST SOCIEDAD TO OVERCOME LEAGUE BLIP

MADRID: Real Madrid put their title defence back on track with a comfortable 3-1 win over Real Sociedad at Anoeta on Sunday, despite missing several key players. Sociedad defender Kevin Rodriguez scored at both ends and Borja Mayoral and Gareth Bale netted Madrid's other goals to help them equal the consecutive scoring record of 73 games set by Pele's Santos between 1961 and 1963.

Madrid had Cristiano Ronaldo and Marcelo suspended and Karim Benzema and Toni Kroos injured but after disappointing consecutive league draws they ended Sociedad's unbeaten start to the season and moved up to fourth place, cutting table-topping Barcelona's lead on them to four points.

Real Sociedad are third, on nine points, one ahead of Madrid and one behind Sevilla, who beat Girona 1-0 away to move second. With Madrid weakened, the 20-year-old Mayoral rewarded Zinedine Zidane's faith in him by breaking the deadlock in the 19th minute.

The striker netted his first goal for the club with a poacher's finish after Sergio Ramos tried and failed to tee himself up for an overhead kick, having scored a similar goal against Apoel Nicosia on Wednesday. "I'm very happy for Borja Mayoral and Bale, they needed that," Real right-back Dani Carvajal told Movistar. "We have a big squad and Mayoral is capable of playing and performing at the highest level, as he showed in this game."

Mayoral's strike extended Madrid's scoring streak, which began in April 2016 at Anoeta with a 1-0 win over Sociedad. "You have to congratulate the players," said Zidane, who took over at Madrid in January 2016. "It's the players who are the protagonists. They're the ones that run, they're the ones that fight. It's 73 games but today the most important thing was to win."

Madrid's joy was short-lived as 10 minutes later Sociedad levelled when Alvaro Odriozola crossed for Rodriguez, whose shot squirmed past Keylor Navas, who should have kept it out. Seven minutes later Rodriguez scored again, this time diverting Mayoral's cross into his own net after a lightning break from Madrid, moments after he had struck Navas's crossbar in a near carbon copy of his first goal. Zidane asked for more from Bale ahead of the game after fans criticised his form and the Welshman delivered in the 61st minute, breaking through on to Isco's pass and crisply dinking the ball over the onrushing Rulli.

"It was a great goal but the most important thing was to get the goal for the team, to get the win and close the gap at the top," Bale told Movistar. "I have to keep my head down and keep working hard, that's all I can do."

Las Palmas beat Athletic Bilbao 1-0 with former Chelsea striker Loic Remy scoring his first goal for the club, while Villarreal thrashed bottom of the table Alaves 3-0 at Mendizorroza, leading to the Basque side sacking coach Luis Zubeldia. — Reuters

ROONEY GETS ROAD BAN AFTER DRUNK DRIVING

STOCKPORT: Former England captain Wayne Rooney pleaded guilty to drunk driving on Monday, leading to a court imposing a two-year driving ban and ordering him to perform 100 hours of unpaid community work.

The Everton striker was stopped by police outside Manchester on Sept. 1 while driving someone else's car. Rooney was three times above the legal limit for driving with alcohol in the body, the hearing at Stockport Magistrates' Court was informed as the 31-year-old player entered his guilty plea.

"Following today's court hearing I want publicly to apologize for my unforgivable lack of judgment in driving while over the legal limit. It was completely wrong," Rooney said in a statement. "I have already said sorry to my family, my manager and chairman and everyone at Everton FC. Now I want to apologize to all the fans and everyone else who has followed and supported me throughout my career."

A breathalyzer test showed Rooney's alcohol level was 104 micrograms in 100 milliliters of breath. The driving limit in England and Wales is 35 micrograms per 100 milliliters of breath. Rooney's legal team asked District Judge John Temperley to consider not imposing a community work order because of his ongoing charitable work. However Temperley said he was "not convinced" that imposing a large fine "would have the same effect".

Rooney was also told to pay 85 pounds (\$115) of prosecution costs and a victim surcharge for the same amount. "Of course I accept the sentence of the court," Rooney said, "and hope that I can make some amends through my community service."

Rooney is the all-time leading scorer for England's national soccer team and for Manchester United. He retired from the national team last month and left United in July after 13 years to rejoin Everton. He won one Champions League and five Premier League titles while at United. — AP



STOCKPORT: British soccer player Wayne Rooney, centre, arrives at Stockport Magistrates Court in Stockport, England, yesterday. The 31-year-old Everton striker is appearing in court on alleged drink driving charges. — AP

TOP SIDES MAKE NEWCASTLE PAY FOR MISSED CHANCES

LONDON: Newcastle United came away with a 2-1 win over Stoke City despite wasting several chances in front of goal and manager Rafa Benitez has warned his players such profligacy will be punished by the Premier League's top teams.

Benitez was back in the dugout on Saturday after a recent health scare but under orders to remain calm and a goal from Christian Atsu put a smile on his face after 19 minutes.

However, his mood darkened as striker Joselu wasted three chances to increase their lead before Stoke equalised through Xherdan Shaqiri in the 57th minute. While skipper Jamaal Lascelles saved the day by scoring the

winner with 20 minutes left to give Newcastle a third straight victory, Benitez was far from pleased at his side's wastefulness.

"If we play against a top side and make the kind of mistakes we did here, we will pay for that," he said in comments published by The Telegraph. "You have to believe that you can win against certain teams. "The team is believing in themselves, but there are still a lot of things to improve. "The main thing for me is to see the team working as hard as they were working. There were a lot of positives," he added. Newcastle, who are fourth in the league, will look to make it four wins in a row on Sunday when they travel to face Brighton and Hove Albion. — Reuters

OWN GOALS EARN PSG 2-0 HOME WIN AGAINST LYON

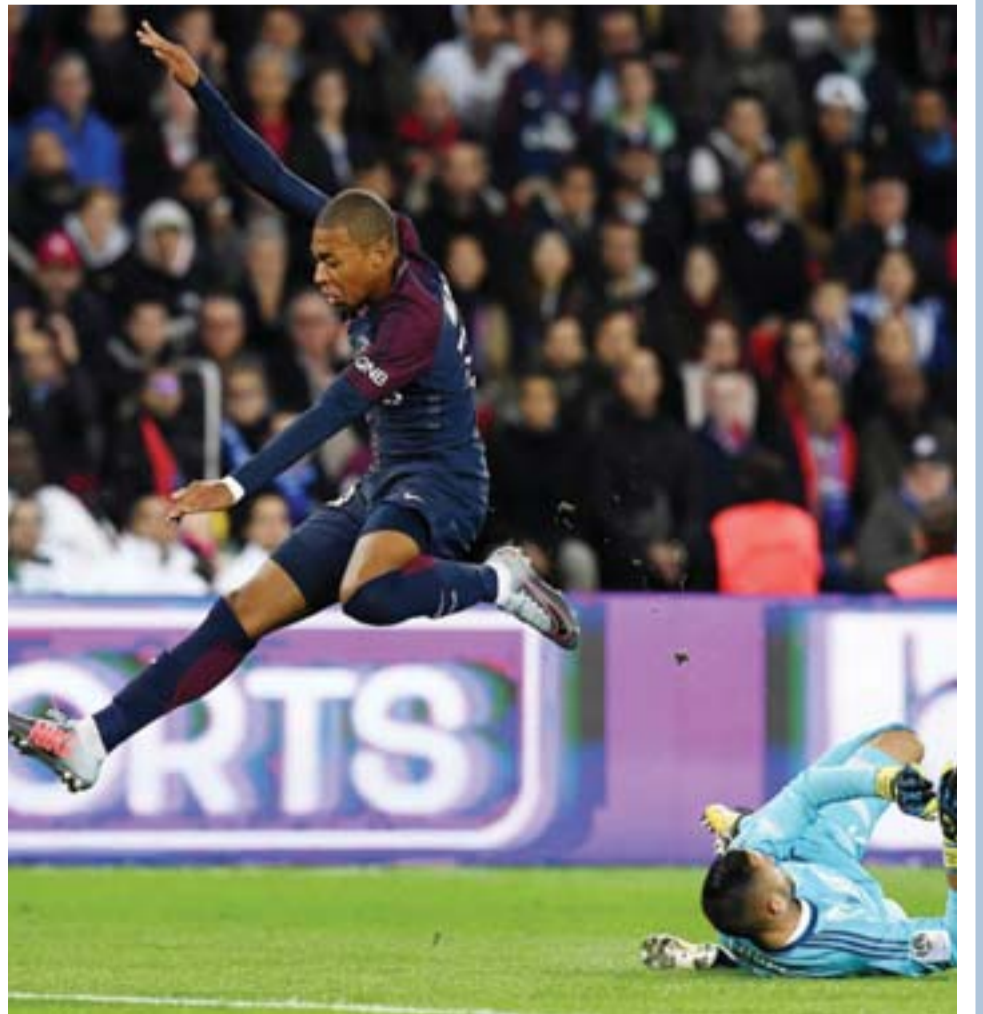
PARIS: Paris St Germain needed two own goals by Marcelo and Jeremy Morel to beat Olympique Lyonnais 2-0 at home and stretch their Ligue 1 lead to three points on Sunday. Defenders Marcelo and Morel turned strikes by Edinson Cavani and Kylian Mbappe into their own net in the 75th and 86th minutes respectively, as PSG maintained their perfect record after six league games.

PSG lead champions Monaco, who beat Strasbourg 3-0 on Saturday, by three points. Lyon slipped down to fifth on 11 points. "It was a complicated game against a good team but we showed we could do great things together," said Mbappe, who joined from Monaco this season.

"I enjoy it a lot here, I learn a lot, I still have to improve." The game marked the first time that none of the members of the 'MNC' (Mbappe, Neymar, Cavani) found the back of the net as Lyon proved a tough nut to crack.

Holding midfielder Tanguy Ndombele was a wall the PSG midfielders and forwards struggled to pierce and the capital side broke the deadlock shortly after the 20-year-old was substituted. Giovanni Lo Celso, who had just replaced the disappointing Julian Draxler, beat Kenny Tete on the left flank and found Cavani with a low cross.

The Uruguayan's back heel was deflected into his own net by Marcelo as PSG took a deserved lead. Five minutes later, PSG were awarded a penalty after Ferland Mendy brought down Mbappe. As Cavani was about to take the spot kick, Neymar came to him and appeared to ask to take it. Cavani refused and his powerful shot was deflected on to the bar by keeper Anthony Lopes. PSG rounded it off four minutes from time when Mbappe collected a nice, defence-splitting pass from Neymar and Lopes's save bounced off Morel and into the net. — Reuters



PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain's French forward Kylian M'Bappe (L) jumps over Lyon's French-Portuguese defender Anthony Lopes during the French Ligue 1 football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Lyon (OL) at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris. — AFP

Sports

Truex opens NASCAR's playoffs with win at Chicagoland



Sparks, Lynx to meet in WNBA Finals rematch



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ROONEY GETS ROAD BAN AFTER DRUNK DRIVING



SEATTLE: Seattle Seahawks free safety Earl Thomas, left, and defensive end Frank Clark (55) tackle San Francisco 49ers running back Carlos Hyde (28) in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, in Seattle. — AP

DOLPHINS RALLY TO SPOIL CHARGERS' OPENER

CARSON: Cody Parkey hit his fourth field goal from 54 yards with 1:05 to play as the Miami Dolphins rallied in the fourth quarter to spoil the Los Angeles Chargers' home opener with a 19-17 victory in the NFL on Sunday.

Packers. In the first regular-season NFL game at \$1.5 billion Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and the first sporting event with which the facility's camera lens-like roof was open, the Falcons put on a show to mark the occasion.

Kelce took a shovel pass 15 yards for the go-ahead touchdown and Kansas City held on.

Minnesota (1-1) played without quarterback Sam Bradford, who sat out with a left knee injury. Case Keenum struggled to get anything going in Bradford's absence, throwing for 167 yards on 20 of 35 passing.

RAIDERS 45, JETS 20

Marshawn Lynch ran for a touchdown in his first home game with Oakland and Derek Carr threw three TD passes to Michael Crabtree.

Kelce's touchdown catch with 6:25 left and Hunt's second TD scamper appeared to have put the game away. But Carson Wentz hit Nelson Agholor for an answering score with 14 seconds left, and Trey Burton jumped on the outside kick a few seconds later to give the Eagles one last throw to the end zone.

BUCCANEERS 29, BEARS 7

Jameis Winston threw for 204 yards and one touchdown, helping the Buccaneers return from an unscheduled bye week forced by Hurricane Irma.

PATRIOTS 36, SAINTS 20

Bouncing back with a vengeance from a season-opening loss, New England's Tom Brady threw three touchdown passes in the first quarter for the first time in his career and eclipsed 300 yards passing in the first half for only the second time.

REDSKINS 27, RAMS 20

Kirk Cousins threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Grant with 1:49 to play to give the Redskins the victory against their former assistant coach, Rams and rookie head coach Sean McVay.

CARDINALS 16, COLTS 13, OT

Carson Palmer's late rally got the Cardinals into overtime and Tyrann Mathieu's interception set up Phil Dawson for a 30-yard field goal to win it.

RAVENS 24, BROWNS 10

Baltimore relentlessly harassed two Cleveland quarterbacks, Joe Flacco ramped up his production with a pair of touchdown passes and the Ravens breezed.

SEAHAWKS 12, 49ERS 9

Russell Wilson avoided two potential sacks and found Paul Richardson in the front corner of the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown with 7:06 left. It was an offensive nightmare as both teams had combined for 14 total quarters without a touchdown this season before the Seahawks finally broke the seal on the goal line.

CHIEFS 27, EAGLES 20

Chiefs rookie Kareem Hunt reached the end zone twice, Travis

STEELERS 26, VIKINGS 9

Ben Roethlisberger threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes, Le'Veon Bell ran for 87 yards and the Steelers kept Minnesota in check.

NFL results/standings

Atlanta 34, Green Bay 23; Seattle 12, San Francisco 9; Washington 27, LA Rams 20; Denver 42, Dallas 17; Oakland 45, NY Jets 20; Miami 19, LA Chargers 17; Baltimore 24, Cleveland 10; Tampa Bay 29, Chicago 7; Pittsburgh 26, Minnesota 9; New England 36, New Orleans 20; Kansas City 27, Philadelphia 20; Tennessee 37, Jacksonville 16; Arizona 16, Indianapolis 13 (OT); Carolina 9, Buffalo 3.

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FALCONS 34, PACKERS 23

Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons picked up where they left off against the Green Bay Packers, building a big halftime on the way to a dominating victory Sunday night.

PANTHERS 9, BILLS 3

Carolina's defense allowed only three points for the second straight week, and Graham Gano converted three field goals.

The Panthers have not allowed a touchdown in two games after beating San Francisco 23-3 in Week 1. But they lost tight end Greg Olsen in the second quarter to a broken right foot. Olsen did not miss a game in his previous 10 pro seasons. — AP



EGYPT GDP GROWTH PICKS UP IN H1 2017



MUMBAI: An Indian weaver prepares a wicker basket outside her roadside shanty in Mumbai yesterday. — AFP

10,000 UK JOBS AFFECTED IN BREXIT'S FIRST WAVE

BULK OF AFFECTED JOBS IN BANKING, LED BY D-BANK: SURVEY

LONDON: Around 10,000 finance jobs will be shifted out of Britain or created overseas in the next few years if the UK is denied access to Europe's single market, according to a Reuters survey of firms employing the bulk of workers in international finance.

Frankfurt was by far the most popular destination for the new roles, the survey showed, with Paris a distant second. The results from 123 firms came from the first comprehensive public survey to ask the biggest banks, insurers, asset managers, private equity firms and exchanges in Britain about the specific details of their plans so far in case of a so-called "hard" Brexit.

Canvassing was conducted by email and telephone interviews between Aug. 21 and Sept. 15, weeks after companies submitted detailed plans on their Brexit preparations to the Bank of England as required on July 14. The Bank declined to comment on the results of that survey.

Nearly half of the companies surveyed told Reuters they would have to move staff or restructure their businesses because of Brexit, which is due to take place in March 2019. Another third said it would have no impact, and the remainder said they were still deciding on their plans or declined to comment.

The number of jobs to be moved or created

overseas was based on answers from 39 companies employing at least 350,000 people. About 1.1 million people work in Britain's financial sector.

The findings suggest that the first wave of job losses from Brexit may be at the lower end of estimates by industry lobby groups and firms, which could mean London will keep its place as the continent's top finance centre, at least in the short term.

Most respondents said bigger moves could be in store in a decade or more, however. "If it is going to happen it won't be in one big bang," said a senior executive at one of Europe's largest banks, which took part in the survey. "There will be a slow drain of jobs from London over a number of years."

The survey also suggests some financial institutions may be delaying decisions, hoping a soft Brexit can be negotiated in talks currently going on in Brussels. BoE Governor Mark Carney has specifically warned companies against that approach, saying it's important to start planning now. "They would like to think there is going to be a mutually easy way of dealing with financial services across the EU-UK border," said Andrew Gray, global head of Brexit for financial services at PwC.

"So firms are finding it hard to land on precise plans." London's future as Europe's premier

financial hub is one of the biggest issues in Brexit talks because the sector is the UK's biggest source of corporate tax revenue.

Banking hit hardest

For its survey, Reuters approached 158 of the largest and most internationally focused financial firms in Britain and received responses from all but 35. Those included the 20 investment banks that earned the most fees from investment banking in Europe, the Middle East and Africa in 2016, according to Thomson Reuters' data.

Many participants gave only partial answers to the survey questions, however, and some asked not to be named and for their data to be used only in aggregate. The number of workers employed by the 75 organizations who provided their staffing numbers added up to 484,578, the bulk of employees in the internationally focused financial sector.

The 39 who gave information on their Brexit staffing plans included many of the companies most likely to be affected by losing the EU financial "passport" mechanism because London is their base to sell services across the EU. The survey indicated 9,777 banking roles would be affected. Many of those would be shifted out of the UK, but some would be new roles in Europe, resulting



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in a period of duplication, the executives surveyed said.

Insurance companies said they planned to move or create about 98 jobs overseas and the asset management sector 311 roles, the survey showed. US and British banks would see

the biggest impact because many use London as their EU investment banking base, which has increased in importance since the 2008 global financial crisis, when banks tried to simplify their international structures into a few main hubs. — Reuters

DUBAI GIANT PORT OPERATOR TO ACQUIRE 2 MARITIME FIRMS

DUBAI: Dubai-owned giant port operator DP World announced yesterday it has agreed to acquire two maritime services companies for a total of \$405 million. The company which operates 77 marine and inland terminals around the world said it will buy Drydocks World, which operates the largest ship repair yard in the Middle East, for \$225 million.

DP World also announced in a statement the purchase for \$180 million of Maritime World, the 100-percent owner of Dubai Maritime City, a service facility. "These transactions will enhance our position as a leading maritime services provider, and we look forward to leveraging on our proven track record to accelerate growth and deliver stakeholder value," DP World chairman Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem said. With container handling as its core business, the company shipped around 85 million TEU, 20-foot equivalent containers, in 2016.

DP World also said it has decided not to renew its operating contract for PT Terminal Petikemas Surabaya in Indonesia when it expires in 2019. The port on the Indonesian island of Java has a handling capacity of 2.1 million TEU. — AFP

RYANAIR FLIES INTO PASSENGER IRE ON CANCELLED FLIGHTS

LONDON: Ryanair struck turbulence yesterday as passengers, consumer groups and a UK government minister hit out at the Irish no-frills airline for moving suddenly to cancel thousands of European flights. In a shock move, the company on Friday announced it was cancelling up to about 2,000 flights over six weeks to "improve punctuality".

Ryanair said it would scrap 40 to 50 flights daily—"less than two percent" of its flying program—to address problems caused by air traffic control delays, strikes and weather disruption. But the Dublin-based carrier admitted that it has been hit also by pilots and cabin crew being forced to take outstanding holiday entitlement by the end of the year under a new system.

While Ryanair admitted that it "messed up" the planning of staff holidays, reports said the airline had been impacted by recruitment issues after losing a number of pilots to rival carrier Norwegian Air.

In reality, all Ryanair passengers are affected owing to them being left unsure on whether their flights will be among those cancelled over the coming weeks. So far, the airline has published on its website only those flights cancelled through to the end of Wednesday, causing customers to express their anger across social networks. "What if your (sic) flying out on a flight not cancelled before Wednesday, how the hell do you

know if you can get back. Publish full list now!" tweeted Carole Schofield.

Rory Boland, travel editor at consumer rights group Which?, said it was "essential that Ryanair release a full list of flights that will be affected so that passengers have as much time as possible to make alternate arrangements". Aviation minister Martin Callanan said he was "very concerned" by the airline's actions.

"We expect all airlines to fulfil their obligations to their customers and do everything possible to notify them well in advance of any disruption to their journey," he added.

Ryanair is inviting passengers to either apply for a refund or change their flight without facing the usual charges. "We apologize sincerely to all affected customers for these cancellations," Chief Marketing Officer Kenny Jacobs said in a statement.



DUBLIN: Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary reacts during a media conference in Dublin to give explain reasons for disruption to their flight schedules yesterday. — AP

Lack of pilots

Shares in Ryanair were down 1.7 percent at 16.78 euros in Dublin in afternoon trade. "We see a modest adverse financial impact from refunded tickets and compensation cost," said brokers Liberum. "This is clearly a disappointing and embarrassing operational mistake for Ryanair. However, so long as the pilot shortage is rectified in due course, there should be no (long term group) impact," it added in a client note. In a statement Friday, Ryanair's head of communications, Robin Kiely, said the airline is being impacted by having to allocate annual leave to pilots and cabin crew over the next six weeks.

"This increased leave at a time of ATC capacity delays and strikes (in France), has severely reduced our on-time performance... to under 80 percent," he said. Kiely added that by cancelling flights until Ryanair's winter schedule starts in early November, the carrier can restore punctuality to a target of 90 percent. Ryanair had worked hard over the past few years to improve its public image after fierce criticism over its no-frills approach. Since 2013, the airline has become far more engaging on social media and produced a simplified website. However, it continues to face passenger and media ire over its tough approach to customers, by for example imposing on-the-spot fines for carrying too much luggage weight. — Reuters

NORTHROP GRUMMAN BUYS ORBITAL ATK FOR \$7.8 BILLION

FALLS CHURCH, Va: Northrop Grumman is buying Orbital ATK for about \$7.8 billion as activity in defense sector heats up amid rising global tensions. Earlier this month, United Technologies said it would pay \$22.75 billion for defense contractor Rockwell Collins.

Legislation is expected to pass easily yesterday pumping \$700 billion into the Pentagon budget as the US responds to growing hostility from North Korea. The US military yesterday flew advanced bombers and stealth jets over the Korean Peninsula and near Japan, three days after North Korea fired a missile over Japan. Saudi Arabia has a pending deal to acquire \$500 million in precision-guided munitions from the US, part of a proposed \$110 billion arms package to Riyadh, which is enmeshed in a civil war in Yemen. A Saudi-led coalition, which is supported by the United States, has been carrying out airstrikes in Yemen since March 2015. The acquisition of Orbital would strengthen Northrop Grumman's capabilities in military aircraft technology and missile defense. Orbital ATK makes launch vehicles and their propulsion systems; missile tech-

nology, defense electronics, precision weapons, armament systems and ammunition. It also builds up Northrop's space operations with Orbital's satellites and advanced aerospace structures.

Orbital ATK shareholders will receive \$134.50 per share, a 22 percent premium to the company's Friday closing price of \$110.04. The deal's total value is approximately \$9.2 billion, including debt.

Shares of Orbital ATK surged 20 percent in Monday premarket trading. It appears the company will join most major defense contractors that have seen shares hit all-time highs this year as clashes escalate.

Rockwell Collins Inc, Boeing Co, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon Co, Lockheed Martin Corp and Honeywell International Inc., are all hitting new highs. Northrop Grumman Corp, which is based in Falls Church, Virginia, said that after the deal closes, Orbital ATK Inc., based in Dulles, Virginia, will become a separate sector within its business operations.

The boards of both companies have approved the deal and it's expected to close in the first half of next year. —AP



BEIJING: Two men look at their smartphones on a staircase at a shopping mall in Beijing yesterday. —AFP

CHINA HOME PRICE GROWTH COOLS FURTHER IN AUGUST

STRONG DEMAND STILL UNDERPINNING PRICES, ECONOMIC GROWTH

BEIJING/HONG KONG: China's new home prices rose in August at the slowest pace in seven months and fell or levelled off in more cities as government cooling measures dampened speculation, though there were no signs of a sharper correction that could damage the economy.

Signs of a more stable and less frothy housing market, which is a key driver of economic growth, will be good news for the Communist Party as it prepares for a key meeting next month.

Average new home prices in China's 70 major cities rose 0.2 percent in August, half the pace of the previous month, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) data showed yesterday. It's the first time in three years that prices in the 15 hottest markets singled out by the NBS - mostly mega-cities and provincial capitals - have all stopped rising on a monthly basis after nearly six months of intensified controls, analysts noted.

"The turning point for Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities has emerged," Zhang Dawei, a Beijing-based senior analyst at property agency Centaline, wrote in a note. The Hong Kong-listed shares of Chinese property developers jumped after the news. China's top three developers by sales, Country Garden, China Vanke and China Evergrande rose 4.28 percent, 0.4 percent and 4.3 percent respectively as of 0300 GMT. "The

data made investors a little more comfortable," said Conita Hung, investment strategy director of Gransing Securities Co Ltd.

"The market was worried that China might step up tightening if home prices continued to rise. Now it was showed that the policies in place are effective and there's less worry over further tightening." Over the last year, more than 45 major cities have imposed restrictive policies of varying severity to curb fast-rising prices, with some forced into several rounds of tightening measures.

The steps have started to take some heat out of the market as sales growth has slowed from peak levels seen at the start of the year, but buyer demand appeared to be more resilient than expected.

The majority of the 70 cities surveyed by the NBS still reported a monthly price increase for new homes, although the number dropped to 52 in August from 61 in July. Southern boomtown Shenzhen, which borders Hong Kong, saw prices fall 1.9 percent from a year earlier, the first annual fall since March 2015, while its monthly decline further deepened to 0.4 percent from July's 0.2 percent.

Prices in Shanghai and Beijing rose 2.8 percent and 5.2 percent, respectively, from a year earlier, but were unchanged on a monthly basis.

However, the latest data showed that speculators are continuing to move into smaller cities with fewer controls.

Guilin, a smaller Tier-3 city in southern China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, was the top price performer in August, rising 1.1 percent.

New home prices in Tier-3 cities rose a faster-than-average 0.4 percent in August, but slowed from the 0.6 gain percent in July, the NBS said in a note accompanying the data. Analysts say China's property market may become even more polarized in the next few months as falling inventories of finished homes could drive up prices in smaller cities, especially when the market enters the "Golden September, Silver October" peak sales season.

Nearly a third of Chinese households believe housing prices will keep rising in the coming quarter, despite state moves to cool down the market, a survey by China's central bank showed on Friday.

Analysts polled by Reuters expect China's home prices to rise faster in 2017 than previously estimated despite the flurry of new government curbs introduced this year. Compared with a year earlier, August new home prices rose 8.3 percent nationwide, decelerating from July's 9.7 percent gain, according to Reuters calculations based on the NBS survey. — Reuters



In this Dec 15, 2016, file photo, the Orbital ATK L-1011 aircraft lifts off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. — AP

GOOGLE OFFERS TO TREAT RIVALS EQUALLY VIA AUCTION

BRUSSELS: Google has offered to display rival comparison shopping sites via an auction, as it aims to stave off further EU antitrust fines, four people familiar with the matter said. Google is under pressure to come up with a big initiative to level the playing field in comparison shopping, but its proposal was roundly criticized by competitors as inadequate, the sources said.

EU enforcers see the antitrust case as a benchmark for investigations into other areas dominated by the US search giant such as travel and online mapping.

Google has already been fined a record 2.4 billion euros (\$2.9 bln) by the European Commission for favoring its own service, and could face millions of euros in fresh fines if it fails to treat rivals and its own service equally. In its proposal submitted to the European Commission on Aug. 29, the company said it would allow competitors to bid for any spot in its shopping section known as Product Listing Ads, the sources said.

Since then, Google, whose parent is Alphabet Inc, has sought feedback from four to five competitors, which was overwhelmingly negative, the sources said. The adverse reaction could undermine the US company's efforts to win over EU antitrust regulators. Three years

ago, the world's most popular internet search engine made a similar offer in an attempt to settle a long-running investigation by the Commission and stave off a fine. That was ultimately rejected following criticism from rivals and discord within the EU executive.

Under that proposal, Google would reserve the first two places for its own ads. The new offer would also see Google set a floor price with its own bids minus operating costs. The offer does not address the issues set out by EU competition regulators, the sources said. "This is worse than the commitments," one of the people said, declining to be named because of the sensitivity of the matter.

The European Commission said the onus was on Google to comply with its cease and desist order.

"It is Google's sole responsibility to ensure compliance with the Commission antitrust decision, and it is for Google to explain how it intends to do so," spokesman Ricardo Cardoso said.

Google did not respond to a request for comment. UK price comparison site Foundem, whose complaint triggered the EU investigation in 2010, dismissed the auction proposal. —Reuters

US HOMEBUILDER SENTIMENT FALLS

NEW YORK: US homebuilders are feeling less optimistic about their sales prospects, reflecting concerns that rebuilding efforts following hurricanes Harvey and Irma will drive up costs for construction labor and materials. Even so, builders' overall view of the new-home market remains positive. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released yesterday slipped to 64 this month. That's down three points from a downwardly revised reading of 67 in August. Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor.

The index has been above 60 since September last year. The latest index fell short of analyst predictions, which called for a reading of 67, according to FactSet.

Readings gauging builders' view of sales now and over the next six months declined from last month. A measure of traffic by prospective buyers also fell. Sales of new US homes are running ahead of last year's pace, reflecting strong demand for homes as the economy has continued to create jobs. Still, sales posted their biggest one-month drop in nearly a year in July, sliding 9.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 571,000. August new-home sales figures are due out next week.

Sales stumbled this summer as a supply crunch elevated average home prices nationwide. In response, builders are ramping up the supply of new homes, providing a crucial outlet. But the number of newly built properties available is still below historical levels. While home construction is up about 2.3 percent so far this year, builders say they are hamstrung by shortages of skilled workers and land parcels ready for new construction. That dearth of skilled construction labor is expected to get worse as the wake of Hurricane Harvey, which plowed through Texas and Louisiana late last month, and Hurricane Irma, which slammed into Florida earlier this month. Rebuilding in the aftermath of the two deadly and devastating storms is expected to drive construction costs higher and cause delays. —AP

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KUWAIT: The all-new PEUGEOT 3008 was named the 2017 Car of the Year in March at Geneva by a judging panel comprising of 58 European journalists. The judging panel acclaimed its style, interior design and performance. This prestigious trophy joins the twenty other prizes the new PEUGEOT 3008 has already won. The vehicle is the fifth PEUGEOT to win Car of the Year and the first SUV honored in the history of the COTY prize.

The all new Peugeot 3008 arrived right on time! It appeals to choosy customers who want to stand out and have new experiences, aiming to become a major contender in the compact SUV category. The new PEUGEOT 3008 offers a unique blend of style, comfort and road handling. The spectacular PEUGEOT i-Cockpit is state of the art and gives new meaning to



being in the driver's seat. It offers a more intuitive and intense driving experience, with a compact steering wheel, 12.3" head-up display and central capacitive touch-screen console with ergonomic piano keys to top it all off. The new PEUGEOT 3008 also offers a number of driving aids and other high-tech equipment, as well as seamless connectivity.

The all-new PEUGEOT 3008 has elegant headlights with black and chrome trim, which further emphasize the new modern, feline look. These headlights incorporate LED daytime running lights, and full LED headlights. The 3D-

effect LED claw lights at the rear of the vehicle make an instant impact. These lights are visible by day and at night and give the all-new PEUGEOT 3008 SUV its powerful identity and impressive presence on the road.

Nearly 100,000 customers have already placed orders in Europe. 84% chose Allure, GT Line or GT finish, contributing to an upgrade of the Lion brand. PEUGEOT has received the prize for Car of the Year for the second time in three years. The new PEUGEOT 3008 is the first SUV winner since the creation of the trophy in 1964. It is also the fifth PEUGEOT vehicle named Car

of the Year, following the 308 in 2014, the 307 in 2002, the 405 in 1988 and the 504 in 1969. The Car of the Year prize is awarded by a judging panel comprising 58 experienced journalists from 22 countries. Thirty models have been competing since early 2016. On 6 March 2017, on the eve of the Geneva Motor Show, the new PEUGEOT 3008 won over the panel in the final vote.

"I am particularly proud and very pleased that the new PEUGEOT 3008 has just won the 2017 Car of the Year prize. This trophy is the culmination of five years of incredible work by the brand's teams and our group." Jean-

Philippe Imparato, CEO of the PEUGEOT brand.

Ashish Tandon, General Manager, Kuwait Automotive Imports Co WLL (Al-Shaya & Al-Sagar) stated that to experience the shift in style, interior design and performance customers should come and test drive the all-new 3008. Customers can book their test drive via KAICO App that is free to download from the App Store for iPhone and androids or even request for a test drive via the web or ideally can visit the showroom located in Al-Rai at their convenience.

Stop Imagining the future. Drive it



KFH ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF CARDS SUMMER CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced 7 winners of the Fifteenth draw of the new banking cards summer campaign themed "Get Back Double the Value of your Purchases". The campaign was launched in an attempt to encourage clients to use KFH credit, prepaid and debit cards while making purchases in Kuwait and overseas.

The winners are: Najwan Al-Ajmi- Faisal Al-Tabikh- Nawal Al-Mutairi- Bashayer Al-Ghanim- Mohammad Abaza- Nawal Al-Duwahis- Tajer Al-Zafairi

The campaign that lasts for 120 days gives KFH customers chances to enter draw to win double cashback up to KD 2000 daily. KFH Credit and Prepaid cards used for domestic and international purchases and KFH Debit cards used for international purchases are eligible for the draw. For every KD 1 spent locally earns 1 chance and every KD 1 spent internationally earn 3 chances to enter the daily draw. This campaign is part of KFH efforts to reward its clients and grant them additional value; thus achieving customer satisfaction and boosting their confidence. The campaign also aims at enhancing the bank's presence especially that it dominates the largest market share in the field of banking cards.

KFH strives to continuously offer its clients new promotions and discounts in order to distinguish them among peers, not to mention to further bolster bank's leading position in the field of banking cards.

KFH marketing campaigns play a significant role in underlining KFH's principles that include boosting sales, and benefiting clients and merchants. It is worth noting that KFH has won several awards in

the field of banking cards which reiterates its success and efficiency in banking cards market. KFH enjoys high confidence and leadership in the market in addition to high quality products which have enabled it to achieve growth in cards market and increase the number of customers.

Kuwait Finance House (KFH)

KFH was established in Kuwait in 1977 and is enlisted in the Kuwait Stock Exchange. KFH Group is a global pioneer in the field of Islamic banking services, where it offers a wide array of Islamic products and services, not to mention a high standard of innovation and client service.

KFH manages its operations in the GCC, Asia, and Europe through over 480 branches, including KFH-Turkey, in order to offer services for the bank's clients in Turkey, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Germany, Jordan, and Dubai.

KFH's mission is to achieve highest levels of excellence and innovation in the field of client service, while developing common interest for all those concerned with the financial institution. KFH's vision is to spearhead the global development in Islamic financial services, and to upgrade the bank into the level of becoming the most sustainable profitable Islamic bank in the world.

KFH's values include cementing leadership through all its businesses, including leadership in the Islamic banking services worldwide, through innovation and in client service and the development of its employees. In addition, KFH is committed to all its procedures, and to setting up long-life partnerships with the concerned authorities.



Fahad Mohammed Al-Rashed

RASAMEEL ACHIEVES LAST YEAR'S GOALS DURING RESTRUCTURING

INVESTMENT COMPANY HOLDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KUWAIT: Following exceptional performance in balancing its targeted income and expenditures within its target plan, Rasameel Investment Company has announced the achievement of last year's goals during the initial restructuring period. This was announced during the general assembly meeting held at the company with an attendance rate of 86.2 percent, where the Board of Director's report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016, was approved. The board also did not recommend distribution of profit shares for the same fiscal year.

The financial performance of the company, despite a generally challenging operational environment and prevalent difficult economic environment, was aligned with the expectations that were outlined by the company at the initiation of the restructuring process, Board Director Fahad Mohammed Al-Rashed stated. This is what clearly stands out between the performance of the company in the fiscal year that concludes at the end of 2017 and the year prior, he added.

"Rasameel continues to exert all of its efforts to secure profit for its clients and shareholders," he added, "despite the great challenges that investment companies in Kuwait and the region are facing." To overcome these challenges, the company has offered new and successful products to its clients, which proves its ability to balance between its internal restructuring efforts and Rasameel's ability to work towards securing the demands of its clients, Al-Rashed explained.

Rasameel Investment has announced a total net profit of KD 124,455 as of 31 March 2017 compared to a net loss of KD 4,392,931 as of 31 March 2016. The company's asset reduced by 3.5 percent to KD 21,669,276 as at March 31, 2017 from KD 22,461,666 as of 31 March 2016.

As of 31 March 2017, total shareholders' equity and book value per share stood at KD18,196,923 and 101 fils respectively compared to KD 18,271,536 and 87 fils as of 31 March 2016. Al-Rashed explained, "These results indicate the

company's restructuring process, both financial and administrative, concluded at the end of March 2017. Despite the hardships posed by the operational environment and the economic challenges of the region and the world, the company's management was able to study and market strong

investment products on behalf for the benefit of its clients." Rasameel has passed the restructuring phase and is currently planning for the next stage, which will comprise of developing its direction and additional activities, in order to develop its revenue and vary its businesses, he concluded.

GULF BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF AL-DANAH DAILY DRAWS

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank held its Al-Danah daily draws on 17 September 2017 announcing the names of its winners for the week of 10 September - 14 September 2017. The Al-Danah daily draws include draws every working day for two prizes of KD 1,000 per winner.

The winners are:
(Sunday 10/9): Mubarak Shehab Khalaf Alenzi, Nadine Hassan Salah Al-Sadik
(Monday 11/9): Abdulmohsen Ali Habeeb Al-Jadi, Wafa Mohammed Essa Al-Abdel Jader
(Tuesday 12/9): Mohammad Ahmad Abdullah Abdullah, Soghra Yaqoub Rustom
(Wednesday 13/9): Saaad Abdulmohsen Ali Al-Tamimi, Adel A Razaq Hashem Al-Hunayan
(Thursday 14/9): Sama Khaled Rumaih Al-Mutairi, Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah

Gulf Bank's Al-Danah 2017 draw lineup includes daily draws (2 winners per working day and each receive KD1,000). Al-Danah's 3rd quarterly draw for the prize of KD500,000 will be held on 28 September. The final Al-Danah draw for KD 1 million will be held on 11 January, 2018 where by the Al-Danah millionaire will be announced.

Gulf Bank encourages you to increase your chances by depositing more into your Al-Danah account, immediately from any local bank, using the new ePay (Self-Pay) service, which is available on Gulf Bank's Online and mobile banking.

Five reasons why the Al-Danah account is the best:

- 1) Kuwait's single biggest yearly cash prize of KD 1 million and the largest international bank prize according to Guinness World Records
- 2) Kuwait's biggest quarterly cash prizes, up to KD500,000
- 3) Two winners of KD1,000 every working day
- 4) The most chances to win
- 5) Only Bank that transfers your chances to win from the previous year to the current year

Only Al-Danah makes millionaires. Al-Danah also offers a number of unique services including: the Al-Danah Deposit Only ATM card which helps account holders deposit their money at their convenience; as well as the Al-Danah calculator to help customers calculate their chances of becoming an Al-Danah winner.

Gulf Bank's Al-Danah account is open to Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti residents of Kuwait. Customers require a minimum of KD200 to open an account and the same amount must be maintained as for customers to be eligible for the upcoming Al-Danah draws. If the customer's account balance falls below KD200 at any given time, a KD2 charge will be made on a monthly basis to the account until the minimum balance is met. Customers who open an account and/or deposit more will enter the daily draw within two days.



120 فائز في 120 يوم

HUAWEI LEADS THE SAFER WAY TO LONG-LASTING BATTERY LIFE

KUWAIT: When it comes to choosing a smartphone, long-lasting battery life is a consideration top of mind for many shoppers. But how many smartphone users consider battery safety a priority when selecting their next phone? Although not often discussed, battery safety should be a key feature that is researched before purchasing a new phone.

Long-lasting battery performance is a must for today's generation. However, with some phones, in order to enhance battery longevity and performance, the safety of the battery and the device is compromised, leading to overheating of the phone, and in some cases, complete deterioration. Fast chargers generate more heat than conventional chargers due to their higher current output and voltage conversions.

Super safe

Safety is Huawei's No 1 priority, which is why Mate 9 employs a fivefold protection system. The company's recent Mate 9 range, for example, is equipped with Super Safe 5-gate protection, a 5-battery interface and smart charger processor. Mate 9 uses specialized electrical components that have been optimized to handle higher currents. Combined with Huawei's proprietary SCP technology, Mate 9 tackles the problem of heat generation at the source. The advanced eight-layer cooling system incorporates materials with unique

thermal properties to prevent your phone from overheating.

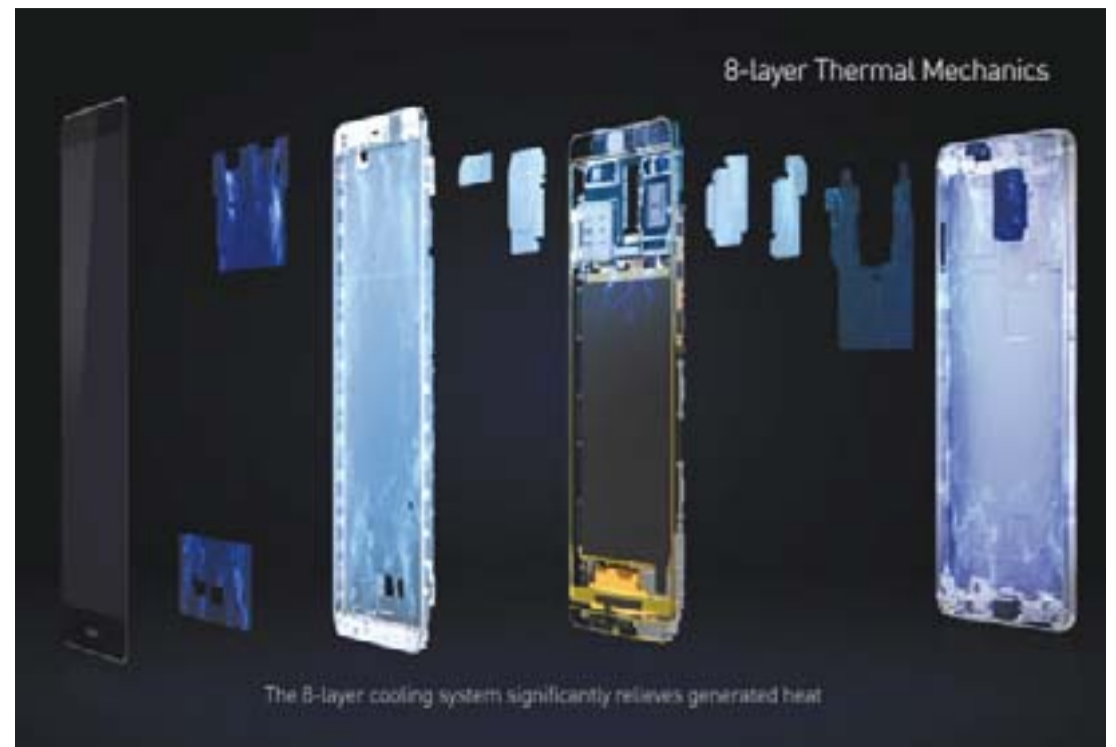
Super charge

Not only is the Mate 9 committed to safer battery charging, it also makes charging more convenient. The SuperCharge adaptor and Type-C connector stays connected at all times, whether at work, home or on the go. The Mate 9 charges four times faster than other competitive devices. A full day's charge can be achieved in just 20 minutes, while 10 minutes of charge provides enough power to watch two full movies.

Superfast

Choosing a safer smartphone battery option doesn't mean shorter battery life-span, either. With a 4,000 mAh high-density battery accompanied by Huawei's SuperCharge technology, the Mate 9 supports longer-lasting battery life for more talking, gaming and video and music streaming - pushing the boundaries of existing battery technology. Both the phone and charger use Huawei's proprietary Smart Charging Protocol (SCP) to communicate throughout the charging process and dynamically adjust the charging current.

With the current advancements in technology, smartphone battery safety no longer needs to be an option - it is now a necessity.



MICROSOFT KUWAIT LAUNCHES THE NEW SURFACE PRO DEVICE

NEW DEVICE CAPABLE OF RUNNING THE MOST DEMANDING BUSINESS APPLICATIONS

KUWAIT: Microsoft yesterday launched its versatile, reimagined Surface Pro device in Kuwait, bringing the full power of Windows 10 creativity and productivity to the country's consumers and professionals.

With longer battery life, enhanced performance and a superior display, the new Surface Pro has been re-engineered to suit the needs of everyone. From artists and designers to media and marketing professionals; from engineers and architects to teachers and doctors - the Surface Pro, through the innovation of Windows 10, can help bring ideas to life.

"Powered by Windows 10, the Surface Pro has been re-engineered from the bottom up, to deliver on Microsoft's ongoing pledge - to help every individual and organization on the planet to achieve more," said Mohammed Arif, Windows & Devices Business Group Lead, Microsoft Gulf. "Whether at work or at home, innovating or relaxing, the Surface Pro is there for whatever you need. It has the power to run the most

resource-heavy professional applications, but also has the power to entertain. We have been encouraged and excited over the years by our customers' warm response to the Surface family. From its potent Core processors to its broad, bright, densely pixelated display, the new Surface Pro exudes a best-in-class aura that we are confident will continue that success story."

Built for the most demanding professionals, the new Surface Pro has been re-engineered to run the most resource-hungry applications. Its 7th-generation Intel Core m3, Core i5, and Core i7 processors work to bring the highest standards of performance.

The new Surface Pen now has 4,096 points of pressure sensitivity with tilt, and virtually imperceptible latency, making it the most responsive, fluid and accurate digital-inking experience Microsoft has ever created. Bench tests reveal that when used with the new Surface Pro, the Surface Pen is twice as responsive as the Apple

Pencil. The re-engineered Surface Pro ships with Windows 10 Creators Update and has been designed for the applications you need to be productive. The device has been optimized for Windows Hello and Microsoft Office 365, with new inking features in Word, Excel and PowerPoint designed to work best with the new Surface Pen on Surface Pro.

It is worth noting that Windows 10 has found home in over 500 million active devices worldwide with a record of highest customer satisfaction and engagement. With Enterprise and education deployments increased 33 percent over the last quarter, commercial customers value Windows 10 as the foundation for a secure and modern workplace. Beginning September 20th with prices starting at KD 380, the Surface Pro including type cover will be available for consumers to buy from here or from major electronics retailers across Kuwait, and for commercial customers from here.

AUDI TAKES LEAD IN AUTOMATED DRIVING

FRANKFURT: German carmaker Audi is taking a lead in bringing more automated driving to roads, but rivals seem in no rush to follow while legal and regulatory uncertainties still cloud the technology.

At the Frankfurt car show, Audi paraded the A8 which can drive itself under certain conditions, decide when to change lanes and does not require drivers to monitor the road - though they must be ready to intervene at the sound of an alarm. On a scale where zero is a fully manual car and five a fully autonomous one, the A8 is a level three, putting it ahead of level two features offered by Tesla and General Motors (GM).

Struggling to emerge from the shadow of parent Volkswagen's diesel emissions scandal, Audi is badly in need of a new prestige model and a marketing coup. "It's gratifying that we are able to set a positive sign for real 'Vorsprung durch Technik'," said research and development chief Peter Mertens, referring to Audi's advertising slogan meaning "advancement through technology". But with special approval still required almost everywhere to drive such a car, and question marks over how quickly the driver has to take back control - and who is responsible during handover - some rivals are skeptical the market is ready.

"Who will accept to pay for something that they can use only in extremely limited conditions?" asked Didier Leroy, European chairman of Japanese carmaker Toyota.

"The fact that Audi is introducing this one now doesn't mean that we will rush in the coming months to say that we are able to do it too. That is not our logic," he told Reuters at the car show.

Among the A8's new features is the "traffic jam pilot", which can completely control driving at up to 60 kilometres (37 miles) per hour on a divided highway. The German company expects customers will be able to use all the model's self-driving functions next year or in 2019. It is applying for approval country by country, starting with Germany, a spokesman said during the show.

Audi thus hopes to leapfrog Tesla, whose Autopilot technology suffered a major blow when a driver using it was killed in a crash, and GM, whose Super Cruise feature to be offered this autumn will allow limited hands-off driving at highway speeds on limited access roads like dual carriageways. In the wake of the crash, Tesla said the driver was using Autopilot in conditions for which it was not intended, and US regulators said automakers should take steps to make sure semi-autonomous systems are not misused.

Hands on wheel

Regulatory regimes vary widely across the world and, in the United States, even from state to state, creating a headache for manufacturers. Some authorities would rather they held back.

"We're very concerned about the idea that drivers will be encouraged to pay even less attention than they already are and that manufacturers are rolling out these systems without existing federal standards," Linda Bailey, executive director of the US National Association of City Transportation Officials, told Reuters. Florida, seen as the least restrictive state, has essentially legalised all forms of autonomous driving

without the need for a permit or insurance requirements. New York, at the other end of the spectrum, has a law that demands drivers always have at least one hand on the wheel.

Michael Jellen, president of Velodyne, which develops lidar sensing technology that is used in autonomous cars, said the industry still had a long way to go.

"When they truly launch a hands-free, driver disengagement system, that's when we think (the industry) will have evolved," he said in an interview. "Today, when someone has their hands on the wheel and their foot ready to brake, I call that driving."

In Europe, Germany is the pioneer, having passed a law in May that legalizes autonomous driving in principle as long as a licensed driver is behind the wheel - although approval still has to be sought for individual models. German politicians hope to persuade the European Union to adopt common regulations to speed adoption of autonomous driving and prevent self-driving systems from having to switch themselves off or change parameters when they encounter national borders - so-called geofencing.

German Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt hosted ministers from France and Luxembourg at the Frankfurt show on Thursday to establish a cross-border testing ground.

Grey zone

In an attempt to address one area of uncertainty, Audi says it will assume liability for any accidents that happen when its automated driving technology is in use. But it will come at a price.

While Audi has not yet fixed premiums for level three technology, the base price for the A8 without optional extra technology is already 90,600 euros (\$108,000).

Though level three, unlike level two, means theoretically the driver need no longer monitor the road while the car is in charge, the need to potentially jump in to take control limits the activities the driver can do when not in charge.

A risk is that drivers relax their guard too much. "It sets an expectation to the driver that the computer is in control - that's what level three means. It means I can sit back and read a book," said Gartner analyst Mike Ramsey. Autopilot features have long been used in aeroplanes, but the situation is very different there, where a pilot typically has plenty of time to react.

"It's very, very rare to face another plane coming just in front of you and just to react in two seconds to avoid a crash. In the car, it's possible," Toyota's Leroy said. Even then, the hand-off from computer to pilot can be bungled, resulting in crashes such as an Asiana flight into San Francisco in 2013 that killed three people and injured scores.

Some question the worth of introducing level three at all at this stage. German automotive supplier Continental, with 1.2 billion euros in assisted driving component sales last year, said industry experts were questioning whether the grey zone in which neither the driver nor the car was clearly in control could be overcome.

"There is a discussion going on at the moment as to whether one shouldn't skip level three after implementing level two," Chief Executive Elmar Degenhart told Reuters at the show. —Reuters



In this photo released by the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Space Exploration Analog and Simulation, HI-SEAS crew members, Laura Lark, Mission Specialist, Information Technology and Outreach, and Ansley Barnard, Engineering Officer eat fresh fruits and vegetables after emerging from their habitat, after eight months of living in isolation in a Mars-like habitat in Mauna Loa volcano, Big Island, Hawaii, on Sunday.—AP

MARS RESEARCH CREW EMERGES AFTER 8 MONTHS OF ISOLATION

HONOLULU: Six NASA-backed research subjects who have been cooped up in a Mars-like habitat on a remote Hawaii volcano since January emerged from isolation Sunday. They devoured fresh-picked tropical fruits and fluffy egg strata after eating mostly freeze-dried food while in isolation and some vegetables they grew during their mission.

The crew of four men and two women are part of a study designed to better understand the psychological impacts a long-term space mission would have on astronauts.

"It's really gratifying to know that the knowledge gained here from our mission and the other missions that HI-SEAS has done will contribute to the future exploration of Mars and the future exploration of Space in general," science officer Samuel Paylor said Sunday. The data they produced will help NASA select individuals and groups with the right mix of traits to best cope with the stress, isolation and danger of a two-to-three year trip to Mars. The US space agency hopes to send humans to the red planet by the 2030s.

The crew was quarantined for eight

months on a vast plain below the summit of the Big Island's Mauna Loa, the world's largest active volcano. After finishing their stint, they feasted on pineapple, mango and papaya. While isolated, the crew members wore space suits and travelled in teams whenever they left their small dome living structure. They ate mostly freeze-dried or canned food on their simulated voyage to Mars.

During the eight months in isolation, mission biology specialist Joshua Ehrlich grew fresh vegetables. "Carrots, peppers, pak choy, Chinese cabbage, mustard greens, radishes, tomatoes, potatoes tons of parsley and oregano. I mean it was phenomenal, just that delicious fresh taste from home really was good," Ehrlich said.

20-minute delay

All of their communications with the outside world were subjected to a 20-minute delay - the time it takes for signals to get from Mars to Earth. The crew was tasked with conducting geological surveys, mapping studies and maintaining their self-sufficient habitat as if they were actually living on Mars.—AP

FROM GRUDGE TO NUDGE: TECH FIRMS HELP INSURERS SHIFT GEAR

LONDON: Insurers are counting on real-time technology to help them cut back payouts, from a system warning ships of nearby pirates to an app offering to buy sleepy drivers a coffee on the motorway.

The lure of products promising to save on claims in a highly competitive market has led to a leap in investment in "insurtech" in Europe to more than \$400 million in the first half of 2017, from just \$50 million a year ago. The aim is to move insurance from a "grudge" purchase, when the only interaction with customers is after something has gone wrong, to a "nudge" product, encouraging safer behavior.

While the idea is not entirely new, the technology is making it more prevalent, prompting warnings from regulators about the risk of discrimination.

Insurers say they can navigate those hazards as they explore blockchain - tamper-proof databases shared and updated across a network - "big data", analysing reams of information for trends, as well as the artificial intelligence technology behind driverless cars, drones and voice-recognition software.

"The new technologies have the potential to change the game (from compensation to risk mitigation)," said Simon Tottman, head of insurance research, UK & Ireland, for consultants Accenture. The biggest surge of insurtech investment was in Britain, where, despite the vote to leave the European Union, it hit \$279 million in the six months to end-June from \$9 million a year earlier, analysis by Accenture of data from CB Insights showed. In the rest of Europe, investment jumped to \$134 million from \$37 million and some insurers are also forming partnerships with insurtech firms.

Risks

A focus in Britain on analysis of social media to assess the probability of claims has fuelled concerns about data security. British motor insurer Admiral had to abandon plans last year to take data from Facebook to set insurance premiums following objections by the social media firm.

The Federation of German Consumer Organizations (VZBV) sees risks from big data in personal insurance outweighing benefits, fearing it will shift insurance from spreading risk collectively to being an arbiter of social norms. New European Union data protection legislation coming into force in 2018 should strengthen consumer rights, according to a discussion paper published by European supervisory authorities in Dec 2016, which warned financial institutions to consider the legal dimensions of processing social media data. —Reuters



NEW DELHI: Vice-president of Google for South East Asia and India Rajan Anand speaks during the launch of the Google 'Tez' mobile app for digital payments in New Delhi yesterday.—AFP

LITERALLY LOUSY: PARASITE PLAGUES WORLD SALMON INDUSTRY

ST ANDREWS: Salmon have a lousy problem, and the race to solve it is spanning the globe. A surge of parasitic sea lice is disrupting salmon farms around the world. The tiny lice attach themselves to salmon and feed on them, killing or rendering them unsuitable for dinner tables. Meanwhile, wholesale prices of salmon are way up, as high as 50 percent last year. That means higher consumer prices for everything from salmon fillets and steaks to more expensive lox on bagels.

The lice are actually tiny crustaceans that have infested salmon farms in the US, Canada, Scotland, Norway and Chile, major suppliers of the high-protein, heart-healthy fish. Scientists and fish farmers are working on new ways to control the pests, which Fish Farmer Magazine stated last year costs the global aquaculture industry about \$1 billion annually. So far it has been an uphill struggle that is

a threat to a way of life in countries where salmon farming is a part of the culture.

"Our work has to be quicker than the evolution of the lice," said Jake Elliott, vice president of Cooke Aquaculture in Blacks Harbour, New Brunswick. Experts say defeating the lice will take a suite of new and established technology, including older management tools such as pesticides and newer strategies such as breeding for genetic resistance. The innovative solutions in use or development include bathing the salmon in warm water to remove lice and zapping the lice with underwater lasers.

Farmers worldwide consider sea lice the biggest threat to their industry and say the persistent problem is making the fish more expensive to consumers. Farmed salmon was worth nearly \$12 billion in 2015, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The only hope is

to develop new methods to control the spread of lice, which are present in the wild, but thrive in the tightly packed ocean pens for fish farming, said Shawn Robinson, a scientist with the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

"There are not enough tools right now to allow the farmer to really effectively deal with it," said Robinson. The lice can grow to about the size of a pea and lay thousands of eggs in their brief lifetime. But Atlantic salmon have held their own with sea lice in the wild for centuries, and fish farmers managed them in aquaculture environments for many years. Then, farmers in Canada identified the lice as a problem around 1994, said Jonathan Carr, executive director of research and environment with the Atlantic Salmon Federation.

Feeding fish a pesticide with the active ingredient of emamectin benzoate became the tool of

choice to control lice, Carr said. But around 2009, the lice appeared to become resistant to the pesticide, and they have spread globally since. The industry's key mistake was reacting when the lice evolved to survive pesticide, Carr said, rather than "getting ahead in the game." "The efficacy went away and pressure developed to create new treatments," said Kris Nicholls, chief operating officer at Cooke, a major player in world salmon farming.

The worldwide supply of salmon fell almost 10 percent last year, with Norway, the largest producer in the world, especially hard hit. In Norway, there are hundreds of times more salmon in aquaculture than in the wild. And the fish potentially can escape their pens with lice attached and introduce them to wild fish. Norwegian farmers are looking to use new closed-in pens that resemble giant eggs instead of typical mesh pens. — AP



This July 23, 2008 image made available by NASA shows the planet Saturn, as seen from the Cassini spacecraft. — AP

NASA'S CASSINI: A MAGNIFYING GLASS AT SATURN UNTIL THE END

CAPE CANAVERAL: For more than a decade, NASA's Cassini spacecraft at Saturn took "a magnifying glass" to the enchanting planet, its moons and rings. Cassini revealed wet, exotic worlds that might harbor life: the moons Enceladus and Titan. It unveiled moonlets embedded in the rings. It also gave us front-row seats to Saturn's changing seasons and a storm so vast that it encircled the planet.

"We've had an incredible 13-year journey around Saturn, returning data like a giant firehose, just flooding us with data," said project scientist Linda Spilker with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. "Almost like we've taken a magnifying glass to the planet and the rings." Cassini streamed back new details about Saturn's atmosphere right up until its blazing finale on Friday. Its delicate thrusters no match for the thickening atmosphere, the spacecraft tumbled out of control during its rapid plunge and burned up like a meteor over Saturn's skies. Here's a brief look back at Cassini

Timeline

Cassini rocketed from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Oct. 15, 1997, carrying with it the European Huygens lander. The spacecraft arrived at Saturn in 2004. Six months later, Huygens detached from Cassini and successfully parachuted onto the giant moon Titan. Cassini remained in orbit around Saturn, the only space-

craft to ever circle the planet. Last April, NASA put Cassini on an ever-descending series of final orbits, leading to Friday's swan dive. Better that, they figured, than Cassini accidentally colliding with a moon that might harbor life and contaminating it.

Spacecraft

Traveling too far from the sun to reap its energy, Cassini used plutonium for electrical power to feed its science instruments. Its separate main fuel tank, however, was getting low when NASA put the spacecraft on the no-turning-back Grand Finale. The mission already had achieved great success, and despite the chance of pounding Cassini with ring debris, flight controllers directed the spacecraft into the narrow gap between the rings and Saturn's cloud tops. Cassini successfully sailed through the gap 22 times, providing ever better close-ups of Saturn.

Rings

Cassini discovered swarms of moonlets in Saturn's rings, including one called Peggy that made the short list for final picture-taking. Scientists wanted one last look to see if Peggy had broken free of its ring. Data from the spacecraft indicate Saturn's rings - which consist of icy bits ranging in size from dust to mountains - may be on the less massive side. That would make them relatively young compared with

Saturn; perhaps a moon or comet came too close to Saturn and broke apart, forming the rings 100 million years ago. Or perhaps multiple such collisions occurred. On the flip side, more massive rings would suggest they originated around the same time as Saturn, more than 4 billion years ago.

Moons

Saturn has 62 known moons, including six discovered by Cassini. The biggest, by far, is the first one discovered way back in the 1655: Titan, which slightly outdoes Mercury. Its lakes hold liquid methane, which could hold some new, exotic form of life. Little moon Enceladus is believed to have a global underground ocean that could be sloshing with life more as we know it. Incredibly, geysers of water vapor and ice shoot out of cracks in Enceladus' south pole. Spilker of JPL said if she could change one thing about Cassini, it would have been to add life-detecting sensors to sample these plumes. But no one knew about the geysers until Cassini arrived on the scene.

Next Up

Scientists would love to return to Enceladus or Titan to search for any potential life. Nothing is firmly on the books right now. But there are proposals to go back, submitted under NASA's New Frontiers program. So stay tuned. — AP

CHILDREN AND DIABETES

By Dr Hanan Al Hassan, Children Diabetes Consultant

D diabetes is a widely prevalent disease locally and internationally. Its symptoms are not fatal, but can lead to fatal complications and even death. Dr Hanan Al Hassan, Paediatric Diabetes Consultant at Mubarak Hospital highlighted that diabetes is a chronic disease caused by high blood glucose levels, due to the lack of insulin secretion, the body's resistance to insulin, or both. Diabetes can fall under four categories: Type I, Type II, Gestational Diabetes and other types.

Type I diabetes is the most common among children and teenagers; it represents 90% of the cases. Overall around 80000 children are estimated to develop type 1 diabetes worldwide. According to statistics from 2013, Kuwait has one of the highest incidences of type I diabetes with an annual incidence of 41 cases per hundred thousand children between the ages of 0 to 14 years. Since 1999, the incidence rate recorded of children with diabetes was doubled.

There are no current statistics that show the percentages of Type II diabetes among children, but it is likely the numbers are increasing, due to the high prevalence of obesity, change in eating habits, and lifestyle, particularly with children spending more time using electronics and smart devices rather than being active. The average age of Type II diabetes diagnosis in youth is around 13.5 years and is more prevalent among females than males.

Causes of diabetes among children

Type I diabetes is caused by chronic autoimmune destruction of beta cells, the etiology is multifactorial and the exact cause of type 1 remain unknown. In a genetic susceptible individual who have HLA genes DR3-DQ2/DR4-DQ8, some certain environmental triggers such as viral infections, rapid weaning off breast milk, the intake of bovine milk, early ingestion of gluten, vitamin D deficiency and exposure to toxins, such as nitrosamine, may induce an autoimmune process leading to beta cell destruction of the pancreas. However the exact role of these factors in the pathogenesis of diabetes is not known.

Type II diabetes is a chronic disease resulting from resistant of the body's cells to the effect of insulin and insufficient insulin secretion, leading to relative insulin deficiency. Type II diabetes can be a result of the following:

- Genetics play a major role in developing type II diabetes; 90% of the cases had diabetes in the family history, while in type I, only 10% have positive family history.

- Obesity also plays a key role in the increased risk of developing type II diabetes, in addition to an inactive lifestyle and frequent consumption of fast food.

Other types of diabetes, such as MODY and neonatal diabetes are rare, and the incidence rate does not exceed 1%. Genetics play a major role in the etiology, and these are caused by a defect in the gene responsible for the action of beta cells that secrete insulin. Some of these cases are not treated with insulin injections but through pills that stimulate insulin secretion. These cases of MODY or monogenic diabetes are diagnosed through genetic testing in genetics laboratories.

Symptoms of diabetes in children

Type I: Symptoms may appear within weeks or months, and involve frequent and excessive urination (polyuria) or nocturnal enuresis, excess water drinking, (polydipsia) weight loss with increased hunger, skin, vaginal and urinary tract infections. It could also present as acute cases, such as Diabetic Ketoacidosis, which leads to vomiting, severe abdominal pain, severe dehydration, weight loss, acetone detected in breath, rapid breathing, and affected sensorium or shock. In some cases these symptoms are unfortunately misdiagnosed as UTI or pneumonia or acute abdomen, or GE which leads to delayed diagnosis, especially in children under the age of five.

In Type II: the presentation can vary from a symptomatic diabetes detected during a clinical screening, or the patient exhibits symptoms similar to the symptoms of type I diabetes mentioned earlier.

Diagnosis

According to the American Diabetes Association's (ADA) criteria, the diagnosis of diabetes in children is done by measuring the child's glucose levels. Diabetes is diagnosed when the fasting blood glucose level is more than 7 mmol / L or exceeds 11.1 mmol / l after two hours of OGTT or HbA1c is more than 6.5%, or in the presence of symptoms when the blood glucose level reaches 11.1 mm / l. In the absence of symptoms, diabetes must be confirmed by re-examination in the laboratory again. After confirmation of the diagnosis, the doctor will review the tests and examine the patient periodically to decide the type of diabetes the patient has.



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Group photo of the students.



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF KUWAIT COMMENCES NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

The American University of Kuwait officially opened its doors to the class of 2021 in September 10, 2017. In preparation for the new academic year, AUK held a series of orientations for faculty and staff to introduce the newcomers to campus and provide various curricula and administrative updates. AUK President Tim Sullivan gave a speech during the meeting in which he emphasized the importance of a liberal arts education to the new generation of students as a vital role in their growth and prosperity beyond their educational journeys. The president also highlighted some new facilities on campus such as the newly opened student center and the multipurpose building that is currently under construction. AUK Provost Dr Rawda Awwad also gave a speech on the University's continued strive toward development-stating, "What is compelling in this is the sturdiness of this institution: it truly knows itself and understands on a very fundamental level the importance of growth and development."

The meeting concluded with a panel discussion presented by a group of AUK professors on the best practices for education in the 21st century, which include increased student engagement in the classroom.

Orientation week kicked off on campus to welcome new students to the academic year with a series of events and activities organized by the Office of Student Life, Division of Student Affairs. The orientation started with an informational session to introduce students to the various services and academic departments at AUK. This allowed students to familiarize themselves with the campus and socialize with their fellow new and existing community. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Hanan Muzaffar expands on this point as she states, "On Sunday, we conducted the New Student Orientation that welcomed new students to AUK, introducing them to the University dynamics and to campus life, and providing them with an opportunity to meet and greet their fellow classmates. The week continues with activities that encourage



Provost Dr Rawda Awwad delivers her welcoming speech.



AUK President Dr Tim Sullivan delivers his welcoming speech.

to 350 students to the undergraduate and Intensive English programs for the fall 2017 semester. AUK is accredited institutionally by the Private Universities Council (PUC) in Kuwait. The College of Business and Economics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP); the College of Arts and Sciences is accredited by the American Academy for Liberal Education (AALE); The BE in Computer Engineering is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET); and its Intensive English program is accredited by the Commission for Intensive English Program Accreditation (CEA).

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and co-educational liberal arts institution of higher education. The educational, cultural and administrative structure, methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning. The language of instruction is English.

the students to take part of college life outside of the class, starting with BBQ Monday, and ending with Ice-Cream Social Thursday, with sports and activities throughout the week, among them a staff/faculty/student sports matches." Among the activities this week will also be a visit from the Private Universities Council

and a club fair where students can find an array of clubs and honor societies to join.

Established in 2003, the American University of Kuwait (AUK) currently offers 14 distinct degree programs in various academic disciplines. According to Amal Al Binali, Vice President for Admissions and Public Affairs, AUK has offered admissions



(From left) Provost Dr Rawda Awwad, AUK President Dr Tim Sullivan, Dean of Student Affairs Dr Hanan Muzaffar.



General photo of the faculty and new students.

Congratulations



RAJEEV & RENJU

Happy Anniversary to a beautiful couple! May the freshness of your love, always remain



Student Life team members who are assisting new students.



General photo of staff and faculty orientation meeting.

X-CITE AND KEST TAKE ON SUPERCON 2017!

HOST TOURNAMENTS WITH \$15,000 IN PRIZES

Continuing to engage gaming enthusiasts all over Kuwait, X-cite by Alghanim Electronics, Kuwait's largest electronic retailer, took part of the SuperCon 2017 event in collaboration with Kuwait eSports (KEST), organizing four gaming tournaments for the FIFA 2017, Forza Horizon, Overwatch and Formula 1 2017 video games.

Held between August 24 and 26, X-cite and KEST received an immense turnout from over 700 visitors who participated in the

three-day gaming tournaments, during which winners left with valuable prizes and participants took away fun giveaways worth \$15,000. These tournaments follow the launch of X-cite's monthly Gaming Tournament held at its showrooms in partnership with KEST.

X-cite's participation in the SuperCon 2017 event with KEST comes as part of its continued commitment to engage with the gaming community and organize large gam-

ing tournaments and unique experiences where local gamers can play, network and leave with great memories.

Gamers can visit X-cite's Instagram account @xcitealghanim to register for upcoming tournaments every month and stay up-to-date with future gaming activities.

To also stay updated of the latest events, product launches, monthly promotions and offers, customers are invited to subscribe to the daily newsletter on xcite.com, follow X-

cite's social media channels on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat, @xcitealghanim, or Facebook, XcitebyAlghanim, or visit their online store www.xcite.com.

X-cite by Alghanim Electronics has 19 showrooms spread across Kuwait, while it also offers the comfort of shopping from home with X-cite's free-to-download app as well as the brand's official website www.xcite.com.

Customers can also enjoy many of X-cite's

convenient services including Easy Credit, shopping at any of X-cite's select stores that are open 24/7, extended and accidental warranty programs; in addition to the free delivery and installation services. X-cite also provides its customers with a full-fledged service center that operates six days a week, and a professional field technician team.



AM MOVIES ACTION

- 01:10 6 Ways To Sundown
02:55 Big Game
04:25 Avengers Grimm
05:50 Escape
07:25 Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
09:40 Avengers Grimm
11:10 6 Ways To Sundown
12:55 Escape
14:20 Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
16:35 Compadres
18:20 Insurgent
20:20 The Transporter: Refueled
22:00 Knight And Day

ANIMAL PLANET HD

- 00:45 Treehouse Masters
01:40 Bad Dog
02:35 Swamp Brothers
03:00 Swamp Brothers
03:25 Expedition Mungo
04:15 Man-Eating Super Croc
05:02 Bahama Blue
05:49 Untamed & Uncut
06:36 Going Ape
07:00 Going Ape
07:25 Swamp Brothers
07:50 Swamp Brothers
08:15 Treehouse Masters
09:10 Bad Dog
10:05 Bahama Blue
11:00 Swamp Brothers
11:28 Swamp Brothers
11:55 Expedition Mungo
12:50 Man-Eating Super Croc
13:45 Bad Dog
14:40 Bahama Blue
15:35 Untamed & Uncut
16:30 Treehouse Masters
17:25 Project Grizzly
18:20 After The Attack
19:15 Bad Dog
20:10 Swamp Brothers
20:38 Swamp Brothers
21:05 Project Grizzly
22:00 I Survived An Animal Attack
22:55 Bahama Blue
23:50 Untamed & Uncut

BBC FIRST

- 00:30 Ripper Street
01:25 Doctor Foster
02:25 Sherlock
04:05 Casualty
05:00 Death In Paradise
06:00 The Detectivists
06:30 Casualty
07:20 Death In Paradise
08:15 Doctor Who
09:05 Stella
09:50 New Tricks
10:45 Death In Paradise
11:45 Doctor Who
12:35 Stella
13:20 Casualty
14:15 The Detectivists
14:45 Death In Paradise
15:40 Doctor Who
16:35 Stella
17:20 New Tricks
18:15 Holby City
19:10 Death In Paradise
20:00 Line Of Duty
21:00 Line Of Duty
22:00 Silent Witness
23:00 Doctor Foster
23:55 Holby City

CRIME & INVESTIGATION NETWORK

- 00:00 Crimes That Shook Australia
01:00 It Takes A Killer
01:30 It Takes A Killer
02:00 Cold Case Files
03:00 Crimes That Shook Britain
04:00 Crimes That Shook Australia
05:00 It Takes A Killer
05:30 It Takes A Killer
06:00 Cold Case Files
07:00 Cold Case Files
08:00 It Takes A Killer
08:30 It Takes A Killer
09:00 Homicide Hunter
10:00 Crimes That Shook Australia
11:00 Crimes That Shook Australia
12:00 Crimes That Shook Australia
13:00 Crimes That Shook Australia
14:00 It Takes A Killer
14:30 It Takes A Killer
15:00 Cold Case Files
16:00 Gangs Of Britain With Gary & Martin Kemp
17:00 Nightmare In Suburbia
18:00 Fred Dineage: Murder Casebook
19:00 It Takes A Killer
19:30 It Takes A Killer
20:00 Homicide Hunter
21:00 Cold Case Files
22:00 Killers: Behind The Myth
23:00 Evil Up Close

COMEDY CENTRAL

- 00:05 Ridiculousness Arabia
00:30 South Park
00:55 Show Me The Funny
01:45 Tosh.0
02:10 Broad City
02:35 Broad City
03:00 The Daily Show - Global Edition
03:25 Disorderly Conduct: Video On Patrol
04:15 Lip Sync Battle
04:40 Ridiculousness
05:05 Disaster Date
05:30 Catch A Contractor
06:20 Bondi Ink
07:15 Disorderly Conduct: Video On Patrol
08:05 Disaster Date
08:30 Impractical Jokers
08:55 Ridiculousness
09:20 Key And Peele
09:45 Lip Sync Battle
10:10 Ridiculousness
10:35 Disaster Date
11:00 Coaching Bad
11:50 Disaster Date
12:15 Catch A Contractor
13:05 Disorderly Conduct: Video On Patrol
13:55 Frankenfood
14:20 Frankenfood
14:45 Lip Sync Battle
15:10 Lip Sync Battle
15:35 Ridiculousness Arabia
16:00 Impractical Jokers
16:30 Disaster Date
16:55 Disaster Date
17:20 Ridiculousness
17:45 Ridiculousness
18:10 Impractical Jokers
18:35 Key And Peele
18:59 The Jim Gaffigan Show
19:22 Brotherhood
19:46 Ridiculousness Arabia
20:09 Key And Peele
20:32 Ridiculousness Arabia

- 21:00 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah
21:30 Inside Amy Schumer
22:00 Inside Amy Schumer
22:25 Broad City
22:50 Broad City
23:15 Idiotstier
23:40 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah

Discovery Family

- 00:05 Destroyed In Seconds
00:30 Pawn Queens
00:55 Pawn Queens
01:20 Life On A Wire
02:10 Dirty Jobs
03:00 Finding Bigfoot
03:50 Destroyed In Seconds
04:15 Destroyed In Seconds
04:40 How It's Made
05:05 How It's Made
05:30 Pawn Queens
05:55 Pawn Queens
06:20 Mythbusters
07:00 Awesome Adventures
07:25 Dick 'n' Dom Go Wild
07:50 K9 Cops
08:40 How It's Made
09:05 How It's Made
09:30 Nextworld
10:20 Mythbusters
11:10 K9 Cops
12:00 Finding Bigfoot
12:50 How It's Made
13:15 How It's Made
13:40 Pawn Queens
14:05 Pawn Queens
14:30 Awesome Adventures
14:55 Dick 'n' Dom Go Wild
15:20 Destroyed In Seconds
15:45 Destroyed In Seconds
16:10 Nextworld
17:00 Driving Me Crazy
17:50 World's Top 5
18:40 Mythbusters
19:30 How It's Made
19:55 How It's Made
20:20 Destroyed In Seconds
20:45 Destroyed In Seconds
21:10 Driving Me Crazy
22:00 World's Top 5
22:50 Finding Bigfoot
23:40 Destroyed In Seconds

ID

- 00:30 American Monster
01:20 Sin City Justice
02:10 Who Killed Angie Dodge: Keith Morrison...
03:00 I Am Homicide
03:48 Disappeared
04:36 Murder Chose Me
05:24 A Crime To Remember
06:12 I'd Kill For You
07:00 Disappeared
07:50 Murder Chose Me
08:40 Swamp Murders
09:30 I'd Kill For You
10:20 Blood Relatives
11:10 Betrayed
12:00 Disappeared
12:50 Murder Chose Me
13:40 A Crime To Remember
14:30 I'd Kill For You
15:20 Blood Relatives
16:10 Disappeared
17:00 Disappeared
17:50 Murder Chose Me
18:40 A Crime To Remember
19:30 I'd Kill For You
20:20 Blood Relatives
21:10 Unravalled
22:00 Who Killed Angie Dodge: Keith Morrison...
22:50 True Nightmares
23:40 Forbidden: Dying For Love

Disney HD

- 00:00 Hank Zipzer
00:25 Alex & Co.
00:45 The Hive
00:50 Evermoor Chronicles
01:15 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
01:40 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
02:05 Binny And The Ghost
02:30 Binny And The Ghost
02:55 Hank Zipzer
03:15 The Hive
03:20 Hank Zipzer
03:45 Alex & Co.
04:10 Alex & Co.
04:35 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
05:00 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
05:25 Binny And The Ghost
05:45 The Hive
05:50 Rolling With The Ronks
06:00 Jessie
06:25 Liv And Maddie
06:50 Tsum Tsum Shorts
06:55 The Zuzhus
07:20 Elena Of Avalor
07:45 Bunk'd
08:10 Stuck In The Middle
08:35 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
09:00 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
09:25 Lollipop
09:50 Lollipop
10:15 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
10:40 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
11:05 Hank Zipzer
11:30 Alex & Co.
11:55 Disney Mickey Mouse
12:00 Rolling With The Ronks
12:15 Lollipop
12:40 Lollipop
13:05 Star Darlings
13:10 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
13:35 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
14:00 Jessie
14:25 Lollipop
14:50 The Zuzhus
15:15 Elena Of Avalor
15:40 Stuck In The Middle
16:05 Liv And Maddie
16:30 Whisker Haven Tales With The Palace Pets
16:35 Bunk'd
17:00 K.C. Undercover
17:25 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
18:15 Disney Mickey Mouse
18:20 Bizaardvark
18:45 Best Friends Whenever
19:10 Tsum Tsum Shorts
19:15 Liv And Maddie
19:40 Elena Of Avalor
20:05 Jessie
20:30 Crackle
20:35 K.C. Undercover
21:00 The Zuzhus
21:25 Stuck In The Middle
21:50 Sunny Bunnies
21:55 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And

- Cat Noir
22:20 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
22:45 Lollipop
23:05 Disney Mickey Mouse
23:10 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
23:35 Binny And The Ghost

Disney Junior

- 00:00 Henry Hugglemonster
00:15 Calimero
00:30 Art Attack
00:55 Zou
01:05 Loopidoo
01:20 Henry Hugglemonster
01:35 Calimero
01:50 Zou
02:05 Art Attack
02:30 Henry Hugglemonster
02:40 Loopidoo
02:55 Henry Hugglemonster
03:10 Art Attack
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03:50 Calimero
04:05 Art Attack
04:30 Henry Hugglemonster
04:45 Zou
05:00 Art Attack
05:30 Henry Hugglemonster
05:45 Loopidoo
06:00 Zou
06:15 Calimero
06:30 Loopidoo
06:45 Henry Hugglemonster
07:00 Sofia The First
07:30 The Lion Guard
08:00 Micky And The Roadster Racers
08:30 Doc McStuffins
09:00 PJ Masks
09:30 Miles From Tomorrow
10:00 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
10:30 Micky And The Roadster Racers
11:00 PJ Masks
11:30 My Friends Tigger & Pooh
12:00 Goldie & Bear
12:30 Sofia The First
13:00 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
13:30 PJ Masks
14:00 My Friends Tigger & Pooh
14:30 The Lion Guard
15:00 Sheriff Callie's Wild West
15:30 Micky And The Roadster Racers
16:00 Sofia The First
16:25 Miles From Tomorrow
16:50 Doc McStuffins
17:00 Doc McStuffins
17:15 The Lion Guard
17:45 Sofia The First
18:15 Goldie & Bear
18:45 Micky And The Roadster Racers
19:15 Little Mermaid
19:45 PJ Masks
20:15 The Lion Guard
20:45 Micky Mouse Clubhouse
21:15 Goldie & Bear
21:45 Doc McStuffins
22:15 Little Mermaid
22:45 Micky Mouse Clubhouse
23:15 PJ Masks
23:45 Loopidoo

Discovery Channel HD

- 00:20 Mistl Garage
01:05 Cooper's Treasure
01:50 Deadliest Catch
02:35 Devil's Canyon
03:20 Fast N' Loud
04:05 The Island With Bear Grylls
04:50 Alaska: The Last Frontier
05:35 How Do They Do It?
06:00 Deadliest Catch
06:45 Misfit Garage
07:30 Fast N' Loud
08:15 The Island With Bear Grylls
09:00 Storage Wars Canada
09:25 How Do They Do It?
09:47 How Do They Do It?
10:10 Cooper's Treasure
10:55 Deadliest Catch
11:40 Devil's Canyon
12:25 How Do They Do It?
12:47 Storage Wars Canada
13:10 Alaska: The Last Frontier
13:55 The Island With Bear Grylls
14:40 Deadliest Catch
15:25 Fast N' Loud
16:10 Misfit Garage
17:00 How Do They Do It?
17:50 Storage Wars Canada
18:50 The Island With Bear Grylls
19:40 How Do They Do It?
21:00 The Island With Bear Grylls
21:50 Treasure Quest: Snake Island
22:40 Legend Of Croc Gold
23:30 Fast N' Loud

FX HD

- 06:00 Penn Zero: Part Time Hero
06:25 Disney11
06:50 Marvel's Spider-Man
07:15 Right Now Kapow
07:40 Mech-X4
08:05 Marvel's Rocket And Groot
08:10 K.C. Undercover
08:35 Milo Murphy's Law
09:00 Star vs The Forces Of Evil
09:25 Supa Strikas
10:20 Kickin' It
11:10 Mighty Med
12:00 Lab Rats
12:30 Lab Rats
12:55 K.C. Undercover
13:20 K.C. Undercover
13:45 Gamer's Guide To Pretty...
14:10 Disney Mickey Mouse
14:15 Kirby Buckets Warped
14:40 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
15:05 Milo Murphy's Law
15:30 Walk The Prank
15:55 Right Now Kapow
16:25 Supa Strikas
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17:15 Mech-X4
17:40 Marvel's Spider-Man
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20:45 Disney11
21:10 K.C. Undercover
21:35 Marvel's Ant-Man
21:40 Disney Mickey Mouse
21:45 Lab Rats
22:10 Lab Rats
22:35 Phineas And Ferb
23:00 Programmes Start At 6.00am KSA

EHD

- 01:05 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
01:55 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
02:50 Celebrity Style Story
03:20 Celebrity Style Story

- 03:50 Hollywood & Football
04:40 Hollywood & Football
05:30 Celebrity Style Story
06:00 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
06:55 El News
07:10 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
08:10 El News: Daily Pop
09:10 Kourtney & Khloe Take Miami
09:35 Kourtney & Khloe Take Miami
10:05 Kourtney & Khloe Take Miami
10:30 Kourtney & Khloe Take Miami
11:00 Kourtney & Khloe Take Miami
11:30 Kourtney & Khloe Take Miami
12:00 El News
12:15 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
12:40 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
13:10 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
13:35 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
14:05 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
14:30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
15:00 El News
15:15 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
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16:10 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
16:35 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
17:05 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
18:00 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
19:00 El News
20:00 El's Look Book
20:30 El's Look Book
21:00 Life Of Kylie
21:30 Life Of Kylie
22:00 Fashion Police
23:00 El News
23:15 WAGs Miami

food

- 00:00 Restaurant Stakeout
01:00 Mystery Diners
01:30 Mystery Diners
02:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
02:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
03:00 Man Fire Food
03:30 Man Fire Food
04:00 Chopped
05:00 Guy's Grocery Games
06:00 Barefoot Contessa: Back To Basics
06:25 Barefoot Contessa: Back To Basics
06:50 Anna Olson: Fresh
07:15 The Kitchen
08:05 The Pioneer Woman
08:30 The Pioneer Woman
08:55 Siba's Table
09:25 Siba's Table
09:55 Cooking For Real
10:25 Cooking For Real
10:55 The Kitchen
11:45 Bake With Anna Olson
12:10 The Pioneer Woman
12:35 The Pioneer Woman
13:00 Siba's Table
13:30 Siba's Table
14:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
14:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
15:00 Chopped
16:00 The Kitchen
17:00 Cooking For Real
17:30 Cooking For Real
18:00 Chopped
19:00 Guy's Grocery Games
20:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
20:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
21:00 Man Fire Food
21:30 Man Fire Food
22:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
22:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
23:00 Chopped

itv CHOICE

- 00:10 Chopping Block
01:00 Emmerdale
01:30 Coronation Street
02:00 Coronation Street
02:30 The Chase: Celebrity Specials
03:25 Victoria
04:20 Grantchester
05:15 Couples Come Dine With Me
06:10 Chopping Block
07:05 The Chase: Celebrity Specials
08:00 Victoria
09:00 Grantchester
10:00 Couples Come Dine With Me
10:55 Chopping Block
11:50 The Chase: Celebrity Specials
12:45 Emmerdale
13:15 Coronation Street
13:45 Coronation Street
14:15 Chopping Block
15:10 The Chase: Celebrity Specials
16:00 Doctor Thorne
16:55 The Jonathan Ross Show
17:50 Couples Come Dine With Me
18:45 Emmerdale
19:15 Coronation Street
19:45 Coronation Street
20:10 The Chase: Celebrity Specials
21:00 Doctor Thorne
21:55 The Jonathan Ross Show
22:50 Emmerdale
23:15 Coronation Street
23:40 Coronation Street

F2 HD

- 00:25 Pirate Treasure Of The Knights Templar
01:15 102 Minutes That Changed America: 15th Anniversary
03:40 Ancient Aliens
04:30 Serial Killer Earth
05:20 Pirate Treasure Of The Knights Templar
06:10 The Universe
07:00 Clash Of Warriors
08:00 America's Book Of Secrets
09:00 Ancient Aliens
10:00 How 2 Win
11:00 Serial Killer Earth
12:00 Pirate Treasure Of The Knights Templar
13:00 Clash Of Warriors
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20:00 America's Book Of Secrets
21:00 Ancient Aliens
22:00 Ancient Aliens
23:00 Serial Killer Earth

HISTORY HD

- 00:20 American Ripper In London
01:10 DB Cooper: Case Closed?
02:50 Storage Wars
03:15 American Pickers
04:05 Pawn Stars
04:30 Pawn Stars
05:00 Mountain Men
06:00 Leepu And Pitbull
06:50 Duck Dynasty
07:15 Duck Dynasty
07:40 Counting Cars
08:05 Counting Cars
08:30 Pawn Stars

- 08:55 Pawn Stars
09:20 Storage Wars
09:45 Storage Wars
10:10 American Pickers
11:00 Time Team
11:50 Duck Dynasty
12:15 Duck Dynasty
12:40 Counting Cars
13:05 Counting Cars
13:30 Ozy And Jack's World Detour
14:20 Mountain Men
15:10 Leepu And Pitbull
16:00 Storage Wars
16:25 Storage Wars
16:50 Pawn Stars
17:15 Pawn Stars
17:40 Ultimate Soldier Challenge
18:30 Aussie Pickers
19:20 Mountain Men
20:10 American Pickers
21:00 Mountain Men
21:50 DB Cooper: Case Closed?
23:50 American Pickers

NAT GEO people HD

- 00:15 David Rocco's Dolce India
00:45 Places We Go
01:10 Places We Go
01:40 City Chase Rome
02:35 World's Greatest Food Markets
03:30 Fish Of The Day
03:55 Top Chef Top Table: Seoul
04:25 David Rocco's Dolce India
04:50 Places We Go
05:20 Places We Go
05:45 David Rocco's Dolce Vita
06:15 Warrior Road Trip
07:10 City Chase Rome
08:05 World's Greatest Food Markets
09:00 Fish Of The Day
09:25 Top Chef Top Table: Seoul
09:55 David Rocco's Dolce India
10:20 Places We Go
10:50 Places We Go
11:15 David Rocco's Dolce Vita
11:45 Warrior Road Trip
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14:55 John Torode's Malaysian Adventure
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL HD

- 00:10 Seconds From Disaster 2.5
00:35 Seconds From Disaster
01:00 Highway Thru Hell
02:00 Big Fix Alaska
03:00 Best Of Hard Time
04:00 Seconds From Disaster 2.5
04:30 Seconds From Disaster
05:00 4 Babies A Second
06:00 Brain Games
06:30 Brain Games
07:00 Hooked
08:00 Rare
09:00 4 Babies A Second
10:00 Big Fish, Texas
11:00 Wicked Tuna
12:00 Air Crash Investigation
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14:00 Brain Games
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NAT GEO WILD HD

- 00:20 Swamp Lions
01:10 Ultimate Animal Countdown
02:00 Venom Island
02:50 Monster Fish
03:45 Ultimate Predators GPU
04:40 Snakes In The City
05:35 Venom Island
06:30 Monster Fish
07:25 Ultimate Predators GPU
08:20 Snakes In The City
09:15 Secret Life Of Predators
10:10 Predator Patrol
11:05 Secrets Of The Wild
12:00 Humpbacks: Cracking The Code
12:55 Wild Australia: Kangaroo King
13:50 Monster Fish
14:45 Ultimate Predators GPU
15:40 Snakes In The City
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- 00:12 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
00:36 Rabbids Invasion
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01:24 Sanjay And Craig
01:48 Sanjay And Craig
02:12 Winx Club
02:36 Winx Club
03:00 Harvey Beaks
03:24 Harvey Beaks
03:48 The Loud House
04:12 The Loud House
04:36 Breadwinners
04:60 Breadwinners
05:24 Get Blake
05:48 SpongeBob SquarePants
06:12 SpongeBob SquarePants
06:36 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
07:00 The Loud House
07:24 Rabbids Invasion
07:48 Get Blake
08:12 Harvey Beaks
08:36 Sanjay And Craig
09:00 Rank The Prank
09:24 Henry Danger
09:48 100 Things To Do Before High

- School
10:12 Game Shakers
10:36 Regal Academy
11:00 Winx Club
11:24 SpongeBob SquarePants
11:48 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
12:12 The Loud House
12:36 Rabbids Invasion
13:00 Breadwinners
13:24 Sanjay And Craig
13:48 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn
14:12 Henry Danger
14:36 The Thundermans
15:00 School Of Rock
15:24 Breadwinners
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02:03 Shimmer And Shine
02:25 Olive The Ostrich
02:31 Olive The Ostrich
02:36 Paw Patrol
02:59 Little Charmers
03:11 Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom
03:22 Dora The Explorer
03:45 Max & Ruby
04:08 The Day Henry Met
04:14 Nella The Princess Knight
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05:00 Wallykazam!
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AM MOVIES HD FAMILY

- 00:00 The Incredibles
02:05 The Last Flight Of Noah's Ark
03:55 A Little Game
05:35 Because Of Winn Dixie
07:30 Finding Nemo
09:20 The Incredibles
11:20 Because Of Winn Dixie
13:15 A Bug's Life
15:00 Cars
17:00 Little Women
19:00 Snow Dogs
20:45 White Fang
22:35 A Bug's Life

AM MOVIES COMEDY

- 00:00 Life Or Something Like It
01:55 When In Rome
03:35 7 Chinese Brothers
04:55 Miss You Already
06:50 Impromptu
08:50 7 Chinese Brothers
10:15 Miss You Already
12:05 Impromptu
14:00 A Merry Christmas Miracle
15:25 My Bakery In Brooklyn
17:20 Cops And Robbersons
19:00 Lovesick
20:35 Gentlemen Broncos
22:10 Dead Snow: Red vs Dead
23:55 Dead 7

- 08:55 Oliver's Deal
10:40 Some Like It Hot
12:50 My Sister
14:50 The Beat Beneath My Feet
16:30 The Apartment
18:40 Rushmore
20:20 The Client
22:25 The Informant

AM MOVIES HD KIDS

- 00:40 Meet The Robinsons
02:20 The Wheelers
03:45 Cher Ami
05:20 Ratchet And Clank
07:00 Bams And The City Of Thieves
08:15 Emilie Jolie
09:30 The Emperor's Secret
11:05 Marco Macaco
12:30 The Wheelers
13:55 Cher Ami
15:30 We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story
16:50 The Emperor's Secret
18:25 Lego DC: Justice League Gotham City Breakout
19:55 Free Birds
21:50 We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story
22:40 Emilie Jolie
23:55 Marco Macaco

AM MOVIES HD

- 00:15 Snatch
02:00 The Bad News Bears
04:00 The War
06:10 Con Air
08:10 Rocky IV
09:45 Mission To Mars
11:40 The Martian
14:00 How Do You Know
16:00 Rocky v
17:45 Erin Brockovich
19:55 Big Fish
22:00 Natural Born Killers

DISCOVERY SCIENCE

- 00:30 How Do They Do It?
00:55 Food Factory
01:20 NASA's Unexplained Files
02:10 NASA's Unexplained Files
03:00 Dangerman
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19:30 Secrets Of The Underground
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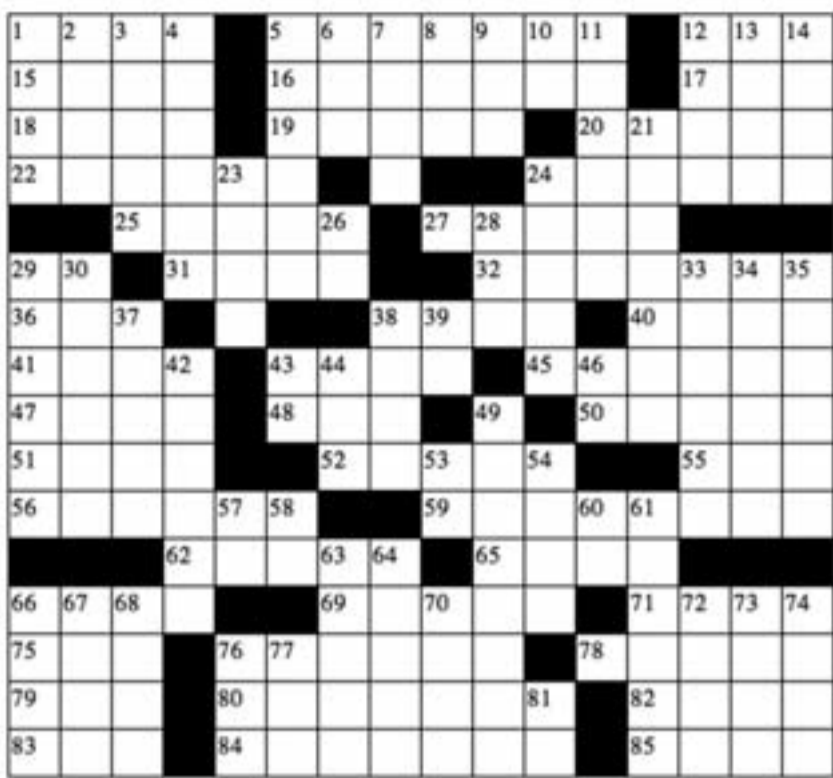
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- 00:00 Grey's Anatomy
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18:00 Making Mr. Right
19:00 Making Mr. Right
20:00 Making Mr. Right
21:00 Project Accessory
22:00 House Of DVF
23:00 MAFS: The First Year

TLC HD

- 00:20 7 Little Johnstons
01:05 Baby Changes Everything
01:50 Return To Amish
02:35 Say Yes To The Dress UK
02:57 Say Yes To The Dress UK
03:20 Sister Wives
04:05 Toddlers & Tiaras
04:50 Dare To Wear
05:35 Say Yes To The Dress: Bridesmaids
06:00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
06:45 Say Yes To The Dress UK
07:07 Say Yes To The Dress UK
07:30 Say Yes To The Dress UK
07:52 Say Yes To The Dress UK
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09:00 Cake Boss
09:25 Toddlers & Tiaras
10:10 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
10:55 Too Ugly For Love?
11:40 Say Yes To The Dress UK
12:02 Say Yes To The Dress UK
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ACROSS

- Queen of the Olympian gods in ancient Greek mythology.
 - Back part of the head or skull.
 - A flat wing-shaped process or winglike part of an organism.
 - An Arabic speaking person who lives in Arabia or North Africa.
 - Italian physiologist noted for his discovery that frogs' muscles contracted in an electric field (which led to the galvanic cell) (1737-1798).
 - A light touch or stroke.
 - Inventory accounting in which the oldest items (those first acquired) are assumed to be the first sold.
 - Causing fear or dread or terror.
 - Affect with wonder.
 - Type genus of the Tetraonidae.
 - (Old Testament) The wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac.
 - Wild and menacing.
 - A soft yellowish-white trivalent metallic element of the rare earth group.
 - An informal term for a father.
 - A river in the east central United States.
 - A widely distributed system consisting of all the cells able to ingest bacteria or colloidal particles etc, except for certain white blood cells.
 - Smelling of fermentation or staleness.
 - An organization of countries formed in 1961 to agree on a common policy for the sale of petroleum.
 - A river in western Europe that rises in northern France and flows generally east into Belgium where it joins the Neuse at Namur.
 - Type genus of the Nepidae.
 - A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
 - Indicated by necessary connotation though not expressed directly.
 - An official language of the Republic of South Africa.
 - A unit of dry measure used in Egypt.
 - Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).
 - A Dravidian language spoken in south central India.
 - A language spoken by the Atakapa people of the Gulf coast of Louisiana and Texas.
 - An indehiscent fruit derived from a single ovary having one or many seeds within a fleshy wall or pericarp.
 - Not easy.
 - A small cake leavened with yeast.
 - Strike with disgust or revulsion.
 - An elaborate song for solo voice.
 - A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
 - Lacking either stimulating or irritating characteristics.
 - A serve that strikes the net before falling into the receiver's court.
 - A tricycle (usually propelled by pedalling).
 - A unit of length (in United States and Britain) equal to one twelfth of a foot.
 - An agency of the United Nations affiliated with the World Bank.
 - A member of the Siouan people formerly inhabiting the Black Hills of western South Dakota.
 - (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.
- DOWN**
- The handle of a weapon or tool.
 - A member of an Iroquoian people formerly living on the south shore of Lake Erie in northern Ohio and northwest Pennsylvania and western New York.
 - A large number or amount.
 - Away from the mouth or oral region.
 - The cardinal number that is the sum of seven and one.
 - 4-wheeled motor vehicle.
 - Large swift fly the female of which sucks blood of various animals.
 - Any of various coarse shrubby plants of the genus Iva with small greenish flowers.
 - A number of sheets of paper fastened together along one edge.
 - An organization of independent states to promote international peace and security.
 - (Akkadian) Mother of the gods and consort of Apsu.
 - The sixth month of the civil year.
 - Be idle.
 - Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing.
 - One species.
 - Any of various strong liquors distilled from the fermented sap of toddy palms or from fermented molasses.
 - Metal shackles.
 - (astronomy) The angular distance of a celestial point measured westward along the celestial equator from the zenith crossing.
 - A federal agency established to coordinate programs aimed at reducing pollution and protecting the environment.
 - An official or legal cancellation.
 - Large high frilly cap with a full crown.
 - A conspicuous constellation in the northern hemisphere.
 - A native or inhabitant of Crete.
 - One of the green parts that form the calyx of a flower.
 - A mark left by the healing of injured tissue.
 - A white metallic element that burns with a brilliant light.
 - West Indian tree having racemes of fragrant white flowers and yielding a durable timber and resinous juice.
 - The syllable naming the fourth (subdominant) note of the diatonic scale in solmization.
 - A self-funded retirement plan that allows you to contribute a limited yearly sum toward your retirement.
 - A highly unstable radioactive element (the heaviest of the halogen series).
 - A colorless poisonous gas.
 - An official prosecutor for a judicial district.
 - Any of numerous local fertility and nature deities worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples.
 - An intensely radioactive metallic element that occurs in minute amounts in uranium ores.
 - Being nine more than ninety.
 - A colorless element that is one of the six inert gasses.
 - A port city in southwestern Turkey on the Gulf of Antalya.
 - Any taillike structure.
 - The month following March and preceding May.
 - In bed.
 - A Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
 - Large burrowing rodent of South and Central America.
 - The basic unit of money in South Africa.
 - A ruler of the Inca Empire (or a member of his family).
 - A condition (mostly in boys) characterized by behavioral and learning disorders.
 - A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public.
 - The number that is represented as a one followed by 6 zeros.
 - A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You are ready for work but there just seem to be too many projects for now. There is a push to accomplish your goals the first part of this week. If you find interruptions exasperating, you may want to put a note on your desk that says, working... Please leave a message. The word for your feeling now is achievement. If there is a job, you can do it! You pour yourself into any task with absolute determination. You are organized and able to take care of business. Sprinkle your conversations with your sense of humor this evening. Loved ones will respond in like form. You may find yourself returning a favor later this evening; taking care of children, running errands. New information about improving your health is available.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

There is an instinctive need to be powerful and in control this day. Be careful that you do not become too pushy right now—things may not happen on your time schedule. Pay attention to your intuition; a hunch could lead you into some very positive places, with answers to difficult work problems never thought of before. Your increasing inner confidence helps you emerge from a time of self-doubt into a time of trust and dependence regarding your own choices. Affirm to yourself often that you deserve, and are grateful for, the prosperity and perhaps the abundance that comes your way. This evening your sense of practicality is strong and you feel loving and relaxed with your loved ones. There is chatter about an upcoming social party.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You could be most persuasive with others, and expressive in your speech. If you are in the sales profession you will find this day a productive one. This is also a great time to work in groups. You have new ideas and the freedom to put them to work for you. You tend to sense the successful outcome that is on the horizon. Later today you may think about involving yourself in some humanitarian group—perhaps as simple as greenpeace. Now is a good time to pursue these extraordinary avenues. Some of your friends may have had those same desires and in your communications today you may gain some focus along this line. Family members are all scattered this evening. Relax and just enjoy the evening. This is a good day.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You could be seen by others as the right person to be put in charge of some project. By allocating some of the time-consuming things that slow you down, you will be able to forge ahead with your work. You gain the rewards for your hard work, whether it is from some speculation or from the time you put in on some project. Be sure to compliment the ones that help you along your way. You are a delight to all around you, as usual. It is good to see the progress you have made. Beating the odds through cleverness is appealing and this may lead to an interest in all kinds of financial speculation this afternoon. There are opportunities to be with your friends tonight. A lover or child who is bright and articulate may gain your attention in positive ways.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

Being more practical and hard-working is of special importance now. Taking care of the necessary underpinnings of life health, work, etc. Becomes a greater preoccupation. Witty little aphorisms like "no-pain, no-gain" will be your motivation to follow through on your goals, at work and home. Sorting things out and getting them organized keeps you busy. You are in a mood of self-enjoyment and can appreciate your own better qualities throughout this afternoon. You may see value in or feel love for an older person or someone in authority. Your inner resources are accented. Expect a sense of support and good will from those around you. You are moved to appreciate and discover the beauty in your life and in those around you.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

A burdensome business project finally comes to an end—never fear, there are better projects on the horizon. Your intuition is strong and can guide you accurately in making forecasts or decisions. Your sensitivity makes you recoil from aggressive types. Circumstances, however, can throw you into a few tough situations. You will be able to win the competition, outfox the fox or uncover the secret code! This may mean dealing with education, psychology, spiritual enlightenment or teaching principles and techniques. Your artistic talents are showing, especially while teaching young people this afternoon. Your imagination is crucial to your functioning. This evening is a good time for surrounding yourself with friends and young people.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

An important relationship, perhaps with an older person or someone in authority, may come into focus this day. It may be hard to concentrate on the business-world issues. There could be some need for a compromise or some form of negotiation, but this is something that you are able to accomplish. There is an opportunity for growth—you will need to give a project your special attention. You may find that both your personal growth and your career may depend upon how you can handle the very sensitive psychological material coming up now. You will benefit from removing the emotional and applying the analytical. Take your allocated breaks and know that work will proceed at the proper rate of speed. Friends or family can be a great boost this evening.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Sometimes you ask too many questions—sometimes you do not ask enough. Today will be a great day to learn the difference—listen carefully. This point-of-knowing may come through a book, another person's rendition of an experience or your own experience in a legal matter. Not to worry, you will not suffer any ill effects. You radiate much energy and you enjoy working within groups. You have the opportunity to provide help to those that do not seem to have any idea of how to do research. You just may have to accept the fact that people like to feel your warmth. A visitor in your home this evening needs to know that you will only have a certain amount of time to give this person—otherwise, you might have a guest for much too long.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You seem to shine when it comes to practical matters or those involving work and career. You have an easy way with superiors or those in authority and can always manage to get the most out of any skill or ability you have. Use your talent for seeing both sides of a situation and show the pros and cons throughout the process of a meeting, lecture, etc, perhaps a few charts as well. You may be combining art with work these days... You certainly like your work and hobby or art combined. Any problems today are valued for the lessons they represent, rather than perceived as obstacles. Budgeting, investments and all that brings profit are on your mind now. A loved one comes on strong this evening and a new experience can be enjoyed.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You are at your mental best this morning. You will be successful in your attempt to make decisions and take care of mental work. Your fine verbal skills and a natural sense of justice make legal work a distinct possibility. Working with laws, natural or manmade, amounts to a real talent. You are able to guide superiors through some sensitive situations at this time. You also have a great interest in ideas; the closer they are to positive results the more impressive. You discover the true feelings of another this evening and decide it is time to move forward with your own ideas. This is a full day with much communication. You spend time in clearing away the clutter this afternoon. You enjoy working with your mind and easily find quick solutions.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

You would be wise to be patient and tread a little lightly when it comes to indulgence and overextending yourself. Things could be tight. Your career and life direction are putting some real pressure on your home and emotional life. Obviously you cannot live without both, so some kind of self-control on your part is indicated. You may have trouble with subordinates or young people in the workplace today. This may mean dealing with the public or dealing with new employees that have a lot of questions. Self-sacrifice and an understanding attitude on your part, however, could have far-reaching effects on your own life-path and career. Planning a family outing for this upcoming weekend could be fun, and a good move.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Mental patterns and communication skills play a major role in your life most every day—they can change life patterns for others, in most positive ways. A new co-worker may misunderstand or a co-worker friend may be difficult to get along with and cause you to re-think your words. You now have the opportunity to bring about positive results. Step back and see the situation differently... Look at the bigger picture. Don't assume anything, just be patient. You have a positive attitude and usually think from this angle first. That inner self-confidence burns with its own light. There is an increasing inner confidence that will help you to be helpful when others need you. Family matters are fun this evening. A young person is learning how to tell jokes.

WORD SEARCH

Sports

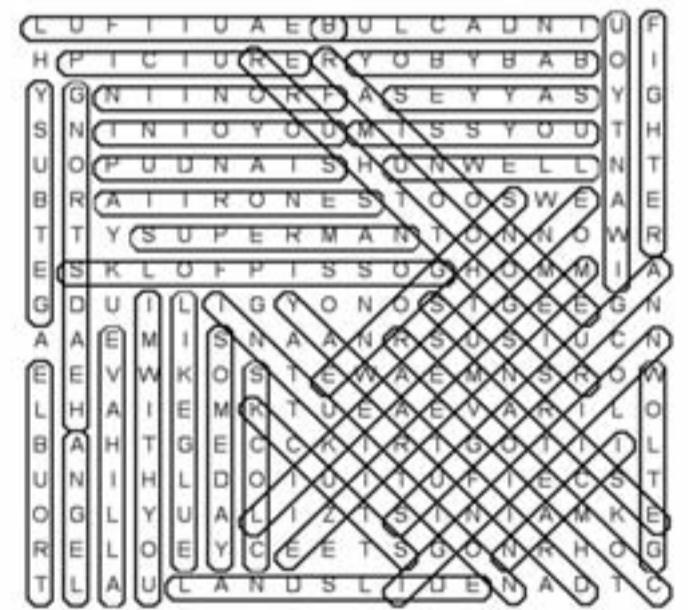
Find and circle all of the Sports that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Vince Lombardi quotation.



- ARCHERY
- BADMINTON
- BASEBALL
- BASKETBALL
- BILLIARDS
- BOCCIE
- BOWLING
- BOXING
- CRICKET
- CROQUET
- CYCLING
- DARTS
- FENCING
- FISHING
- FOOTBALL
- GOLF
- HANDBALL
- HOCKEY
- JAI ALAI
- LACROSSE
- POLO
- RACQUETBALL
- RUGBY
- RUNNING
- SKATEBOARDING
- SKATING
- SKIING
- SOCCER
- SOFTBALL
- SQUASH
- SURFING
- SWIMMING
- TENNIS
- VOLLEYBALL
- WRESTLING

Yesterday's Solution

Songs From the Year 2003



- ALL I HAVE
- ANGEL
- BEAUTIFUL
- CLOCKS
- COME OVER
- DRIFT AWAY
- FIGHTER
- FRONTIN'
- GET BUSY
- GET LOW
- GOSSIP FOLKS
- HEADSTRONG
- I CAN
- I WANT YOU
- I'M WITH YOU
- IGNITION
- IN DA CLUB
- INTUITION
- LANDSLIDE
- LIKE A STONE
- LIKE GLUE
- MESMERIZE
- MISS YOU
- PICTURE
- RAIN ON ME
- RIGHT THURR
- SAY YES
- SENIORITA
- SO GONE
- SOMEDAY
- STAND UP
- STUCK
- SUGA SUGA
- SUNRISE
- SUPERMAN
- TROUBLE
- UNWELL

The hidden song title is: HOW YOU GONNA ACT LIKE THAT

Daily SuDoku



Yesterday's Solution



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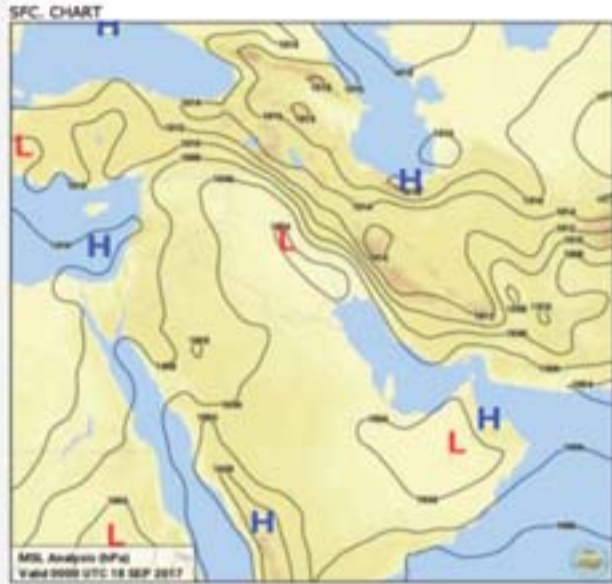
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Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours
 Issued 18/09/2017-07:00 LT UTC +3hr

Max Temperature 44 °C

By Day: Hot and Relatively humid specially over coastal areas with light to moderate variable wind to south easterly wind, with speed of 06 - 26 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.
By Night: Relatively hot and humid specially over coastal areas with light to moderate south easterly wind to light variable wind, with speed of 06 - 26 km/h with a chance for fog forming over some areas.



Four-Day Forecast

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Expected Weather	Hot and	Hot and Relatively humid over coastal areas with a chance for fog forming at night	Hot and Relatively humid specially over coastal areas with a chance for fog forming at night	Hot and Humid specially over coastal areas
Min Temp °C	26	27	26	27
Max Temp °C	45	45	43	43
Wind Direction	variable to south easterly	variable to south easterly	south easterly	south easterly
Wind Speed km/h	06 - 26	12 - 32	08 - 30	12 - 35

Warnings & Weather Watches

no warnings or weather watches

Kuwait Forecast

Station	MIN °C	Max °C
KUWAIT CITY	32	43
KUWAIT AIRPORT	27	44
ABDULY	27	45
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SVA	502	Jeddah	00:20	MSR	2615	Cairo	00:30
SVA	514	Riyadh	00:25	MSC	406	Sohag	00:30
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Reed Morano accepts the award for outstanding directing for a drama series for "The Handmaid's Tale" episode "Offred (Pilot)". — AP/AFP photos



Sterling K Brown poses with the award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series for "This is Us".



Elisabeth Moss, center, accepts the award for outstanding lead actress in a drama series for "The Handmaid's Tale".



Sterling K Brown, right, accepts the award for outstanding lead actor in a drama series for "This is Us" as Kyra Sedgwick, left, and Dennis Quaid, second left, look on at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards.



(From left) Ann Dowd, Elisabeth Moss and Alexis Bledel pose with the award for Outstanding Drama Series for "The Handmaid's Tale".



Julia Louis-Dreyfus and the cast of "Veep" pose with the Emmy for Best Comedy Series for "Veep".



Elisabeth Moss poses with the awards for Outstanding Drama Series and Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for "The Handmaid's Tale".



Ann Dowd accepts the award for outstanding supporting actress in a drama series for "The Handmaid's Tale".



Donald Glover poses with the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series for "Atlanta".



Julia Louis-Dreyfus poses with the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series for "Veep".

Politics, diverse winners, new voices top key Emmy moments

It was, not surprisingly, a night for politics, with everyone from host Stephen Colbert to Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda and Alec Baldwin getting in zingers about Donald Trump - all to be upstaged by Sean Spicer himself, in a controversial appearance that set social media afire. But Emmy night was not only about politics. It was also about diversity and new voices, with notable wins, among others, for Sterling K Brown, the first black actor in nearly 20 years to win for lead actor in a drama; for Lena Waithe, the first black woman to win for comedy writing, and Donald Glover, the first black director to win the comedy award (and best actor, too.) Stories about women won big: "Big Little Lies," "The Handmaid's Tale" and "Veep" won the top three categories. But there was a notable paucity of Latino and Asian winners. Some notable moments:

Yes, that was really him

Colbert had been hitting on Trump early and often in his opening monologue, but there were gasps of genuine shock in the crowd when he called out for "Sean," and the former White House press secretary wheeled a podium onstage to spoof his highly dubious claims on Trump's behalf about the inauguration crowd size. "This will be the largest audience to witness an Emmys period," he announced in faux seriousness, "both in person and around the world." There were plenty of laughs, but on Twitter, many questioned whether Spicer should have been there at all. "congrats to @sean-spicer for his new job as the punchline to an unfunny joke," wrote Dan Pfeiffer, one of President Barack Obama's former aides.

A big win - and then a mic cut - for Sterling K. Brown

A year after winning in a different category for playing Christopher Darden, Brown became the first black actor in 19 years to win the top drama series trophy, for "This is Us." He paid tribute to the last African-American man to win the category, Andre Braugher, and also saluted his castmates, "the best white family a brother could have." The emotional moment was marred by the unfortunate decision to cut Brown's speech short, a particularly sour note on a night that celebrated so many diverse voices. Waithe, who shared the best comedy writing award with "Master of None" co-creator Aziz Ansari, expressed gratitude to Emmy voters: "Thank you for embracing a little Indian boy from South Carolina and a little queer black girl from the south side of Chicago."

A '9 TO 5' reunion becomes a Trump roast

Perhaps the most biting Trump commentary came, unexpectedly, from the crowd-pleasing reunion of Dolly Parton, Fonda and Tomlin, stars of the 1980 hit movie "9 to 5." Fonda declared that back then, the women refused "to be controlled by a sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot" (their

boss in the film.) To which Tomlin quickly added, to huge cheers: "In 2017 we STILL refuse to be controlled by a sexist, egotistical, lying hypocritical bigot." Parton, for her part, chose to joke about her hope of getting a "Grace & Frankie" vibrator in her swag bag.

Stories about women rule

Winning the limited series award for "Big Little Lies," co-producers and stars Reese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman issued a call for more meaty, important roles for women. "Bring women to the front of their own stories," Witherspoon said. "More great roles for women, please!" said Kidman (who also won for acting in the hugely popular series.) The winning shows in the other two major categories also featured women's stories: "The Handmaid's Tale," and "Veep." Backstage, Elisabeth Moss, who won the drama acting prize, said "incredible progress" has been made, but "there's still a lot of work to be done. There are still meetings you walk into and wonder if they say 'no,' because it's a show by or about a woman." And comedy actress winner Julia Louis-Dreyfus said she hoped "this is the beginning of something even better in our country, and the world. I think the world would be a better place if more women were in charge."

'SNL' has a good night

"Saturday Night Live," like the nighttime talk shows, has capitalized on the 2016 election to huge success. Lorne Michaels, accepting the variety sketch series award, recalled how when the show won an Emmy in 1976, "I remember thinking ... there would never be another season as crazy, as unpredictable, as frightening, as exhausting, or as exhilarating. Turns out I was wrong." Kate McKinnon, who won as supporting actress in a comedy, paid tribute to Hillary Clinton - whom she memorably played - for her "grace and grit." Baldwin, who won for his Trump portrayal, spoke directly to Trump: "I suppose I should say, 'At long last, Mr. President, here is your Emmy.'"

In memoriam snubs

It always seems to happen: There's a major omission in the memorial segment, and social media notices right away. This time, it was actor Harry Dean Stanton, who died Friday at age 91, and comedians Dick Gregory and Charlie Murphy. "Thinking of my brothers Dick Gregory + Charlie Murphy," tweeted rapper Common, after the snub. "I'll never forget you. I miss you both." — AP

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Don Roy King poses with the Emmy for Outstanding Director for a Variety Series for "Saturday Night Live".



Charlie Brooker accepts the award for Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series or Movie for "Black Mirror" onstage.



Actress Kate McKinnon poses with the Emmy for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series.



Lorne Michaels and the cast of "Saturday Night Live" pose with the Emmy Award for Outstanding Variety Sketch Series.



Bruce Miller accepts the award for Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series for "The Handmaid's Tale" onstage.



John Oliver accepts the award for Outstanding Writing for a Variety Series for "Last Week Tonight With John Oliver" onstage.



Alec Baldwin accepts the award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for "Saturday Night Live" onstage.

Winners

Drama Series: "The Handmaid's Tale."
 Directing, Drama: Reed Morano, "The Handmaid's Tale."
 Actor, Drama Series: Sterling K. Brown, "This Is Us."
 Actress, Drama Series: Elisabeth Moss, "The Handmaid's Tale."
 Supporting Actor, Drama Series: John Lithgow, "The Crown."
 Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Ann Dowd, "The Handmaid's Tale."
 Comedy Series: "Veep."
 Directing, Comedy: Donald Glover, "Atlanta."
 Actor, Comedy Series: Donald Glover, "Atlanta."
 Actress, Comedy Series: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "Veep."
 Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Alec Baldwin, "Saturday Night Live."
 Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Kate McKinnon, "Saturday Night Live."
 Variety Talk Series: "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver."
 Variety, Writing Series: "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver."
 Variety Sketch Series: "Saturday Night Live."
 Writing, Drama: Bruce Miller, "The Handmaid's Tale."
 Limited Series: "Big Little Lies."
 Directing, Limited Movie or Special: Jean-Marc Vallée, "Big Little Lies."
 Actor, Limited Series or Movie: Riz Ahmed, "The Night Of."
 Actress, Limited Series or Movie: Nicole Kidman, "Big Little Lies."
 Supporting Actor, Limited Series or Movie: Alexander Skarsgard, "Big Little Lies."
 Supporting Actress, Limited Series or Movie: Laura Dern, "Big Little Lies."
 Writing, Limited Series, Movie or Special: Charlie Brooker, "Black Mirror: San Junipero."
 Directing, Variety: Don Roy King, "Saturday Night Live."
 Writing, Comedy: Aziz Ansari and Lena Waithe, "Master of None."
 Reality Competition Program: "The Voice."
 Television Movie: "Black Mirror." — AP



Actor Alexander Skarsgard accepts Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie for "Big Little Lies" onstage.



Riz Ahmed accepts the award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie for "The Night Of" onstage.



Laura Dern accepts the award for outstanding supporting actress in a limited series or movie for "Big Little Lies".



The cast and crew of "Big Little Lies" pose in the press room with their awards for outstanding limited series.



Alexander Skarsgard, winner of the award for outstanding supporting actor in a limited series or a movie for "Big Little Lies" walks off the red carpet stage.



Nicole Kidman accepts the award for outstanding lead actress in a limited series or a movie for "Big Little Lies".



Charlie Brooker (center) and the cast and crew of "Black Mirror: San Junipero" accept the award for Outstanding Television Movie for "Black Mirror: San Junipero" onstage.



The cast and crew of "The Voice" accept the Outstanding Reality-Competition Program award onstage.



Aziz Ansari and Lena Waithe pose with the Emmy for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series for "Master of None".

FASHION



Jessica Biel



Tessa Thompson



Nicole Kidman



Tracee Ellis Ross



Sarah Paulson



Issa Rae



Julia Louis-Dreyfus



Yara Shahidi



Laverne Cox



Anna Chlumsky



Reese Witherspoon



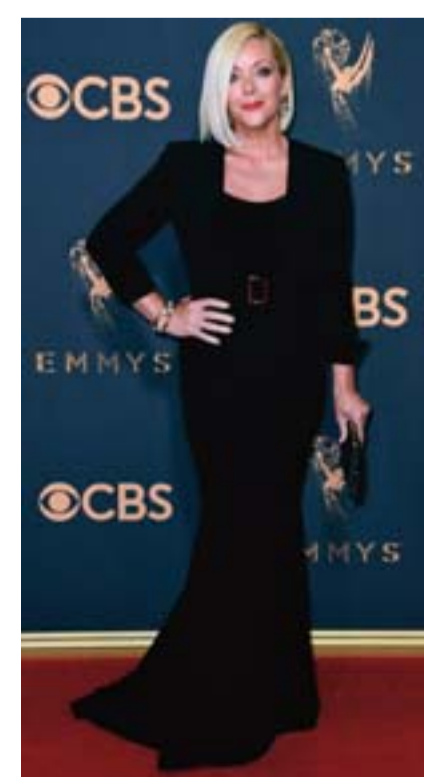
Regina King



Zoe Kravitz



Priyanka Chopra



Jane Krakowski



Millie Bobby Brown

METALLICS AND FEATHERS GALORE ON EMMYS RED CARPET

A force of red, a wealth of metallics and a strong show of feathers took the carpet at the 69th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, led by Nicole Kidman, Tessa Thompson and Tracee Ellis Ross. And what's a dress without hair and makeup? The winners in beauty trends Sunday night in Los Angeles included precisely executed wet looks and matchy-matchy makeup. Leading the ladies in red at the Microsoft Theater was Nicole Kidman in a silver rope tie collar dress by Calvin Klein by Appointment that stopped just above the ankle. It was a grenadine shade made of silk gazar with a pleated bodice, accessorized by more than \$2 million worth of Harry Winston jewels. Issa Rae wore a one-shoulder, hand-draped crimson silk crepe gown with modern asymmetric sleeves, a plunging cowl back and a delicate silk organza floral accent.

For Joyann King, executive editor of HarpersBazaar.com, the metallics took it, including Thompson's dazzler in bright reds, blues and greens. She worked her full, tiny pleats as she posed on the red carpet. "The big trend of the night was the silver lining. The metallic streak shone in bold sequins and floor-length, high-shine choices from Tracee Ellis Ross, Sarah Paulson, Laverne Cox and more," she said. While some found a gaggle of slick 'dos distracting, they were a highlight for Jennifer Goldstein, Marie Claire's executive beauty and health editor. "When wet-looking, scraped-back hair went down the fashion runways a few seasons ago, we beauty editors didn't expect it to catch on for the red carpet - let alone in the real world - but it absolutely has," she said. "At the Emmys, Regina King, Yara Shahidi, Millie Bobby Brown and Anna Chlumsky all did the scraped-back, wet-looking hair, which is a great way to pull their hair back from their faces and let the fashion shine."

Short cocktail dress

Laverne Cox wowed in body-hugging Naeem Kahn in gray, dainty ruffles on her narrow straps and Lorraine Schwartz chandelier statement earrings on top. She also wore the wet-hair look with matching gray eye shadow. "Matching your makeup to your outfit can look too precious if it's not executed perfectly, but multiple actors at the Emmys managed to pull it off: Nicole Kidman's bordeaux lips matched her dress; Laverne Cox had these smoky, pewter-emerald eyes

that matched her dress; Tessa Thompson had a copper shadow on her eyes that matched the copper in her Rosie Assoulin dress; and Gina Rodriguez's reddish eyeshadow matched her red dress," said Goldstein. So who bucked trends? Well, Reese Witherspoon stood alone in a blue blazer minidress by Stella McCartney, her blond locks parted in the middle and her lips a bold orangey red. Her pointy pumps matched the shade. Julie Wilson, the fashion and beauty director for Essence, was unimpressed.

"The Emmys, the Oscars, the Golden Globes - these are your opportunity to break out the gown and have an Old Hollywood moment," she said. "I'm not a fan of the short cocktail dress on a major red carpet." Millie Bobby Brown, at 13 one of the youngest Emmy nominees ever, was a red carpet favorite in her princessy silk crepe and tulle dress from Calvin Klein by Appointment, jewelry non-existent. "I absolutely loved it. Her kitten heels were really great. They had red polka dots," said Erin Cunningham, the fashion news director for Refinery29.com.

Pink and red

She also loved Thompson's rainbow metallic look by Rosie Assoulin. "It felt really daring and really unexpected for a red carpet. People normally play it safe," Cunningham said. Ross, the daughter of Diana Ross, was a moment unto herself in a wide-belted, silver-sequin Chanel haute couture dress with feathers from the thigh down and full sleeves, her hair in cornrows. "She can do no wrong," Wilson said. "I'm pretty sure sequins and feathers and anything sparkly and glam are in her DNA." Feathers earned Zoe Kravitz raves.

Her block-bodice look with pale shades of yellow, pink and red was Dior Haute Couture. Her hair was cropped and she accessorized with a silver choker. Yara Shahidi also offered something different, a custom Prada gown with short bronze tulle flutter sleeves and green sequin floral embroidery all over. It plunged at the front in a V and was accented by a gold Swarovski crystal belt. "I think Yara always looks really great and age-appropriate on the red carpet," Cunningham said. "She looks like a 17-year-old woman and she is. I loved the ruffle sleeves. They added a cute princess element. Sometimes you just like seeing pretty dresses." —AP



Jessica Lange, left, and Susan Sarandon



Thandie Newton



Sofia Vergara



Anika Noni Rose and Cicely Tyson

Armani, Versace add Italian glitz to London Fashion Week

London Fashion Week got an injection of Italian glamour Sunday, with Donatella Versace's Versus and Emporio Armani joining Britain-based designers including Preen and Topshop on the show schedule. Some highlights from Day 3 of the fashion week:

Armani throws a big party

The 83-year-old Italian design legend, who usually stages his shows in Milan, has returned to London Fashion Week for the first time in years with much fanfare. To mark the reopening of an Emporio Armani flagship store in the British capital, the brand hosted a star-studded catwalk show and an after-party with free-flowing champagne, and it displayed a giant "Emporio Armani" light projection onto a Thames-side building. The designer chose a vast former warehouse for his show Sunday, filling it with cheerful, rainbow-hued summer outfits that evoke carefree vacations in sunnier climes.

It's a larger collection than most, and while these may not be the most trend-setting clothes there is something here for everyone: Sporty summer macs and loose drawing cargo pants; whimsical, childlike animal prints; girlish frilly summer dresses; neat cropped blazers with white slacks and casual flat sandals or white sneakers. A few male models sporting the designer's signature suits were scattered throughout, striking a slightly odd chord in an otherwise casual collection. Standout looks included trouser suits with candy stripes and oversized, multi-colored checks, and there was a large array of outfits in sheer pastel tones of lilac, mint and candy pink. One Direction's Liam Payne and singer Ellie Goulding were among those spotted in the show's front row.

Delicate romance at Preen

Wispy slip dresses, dreamy pastels, oriental florals: Preen's new collection was a master class in romantic femininity. But designers Justin Thornton and Thea Bregazzi opened their show on a completely different note. Stark white, covered-up outfits accented with red knee socks, flat red shoes and little "hats" made with tied white or red handkerchiefs explained the references to Puritanism and "The Scarlet Letter" in the show notes. Then came a series of deconstructed slip dresses and diaphanous one-shouldered sheer silk gowns in nude, black, and pretty shades of pink and lilac. Many were adorned with delicate lace and fine pleating, and some took inspiration from the drape and rich embroidery of the sari.

Ruffles were still big news, as were asymmetrical hemlines that emphasize femininity with every move. Red looks like it will remain keeping reigning next season, with the designers closing their show with a series of strong all-scarlet dress ensembles.



Black, red, silver at Versus

Versace presented designs with all the staples of her trademark rock chick sexiness - tight bell bottom trousers, mesh mini dresses, studded and silver-fringed cowboy boots, and lots of black, white and red ensembles adorned with silver hardware. Check prints featured heavily this season, appearing on men's and women's sleeveless long coats and trousers, as well as tiny bikini bottoms emblazoned with the brand name, worn with a matching cowboy jacket. Brand name chokers, heavy black eyeliner and lots of attitude completed the looks. Many of Versace's clothes seemed destined for the nightclub or looked like they would only suit the young and very fit. But there were a few softer looks: A buttoned-up dark denim shirt dress looked versatile, and a series of mint green printed numbers added a dose of freshness to an otherwise tough color palette.—AP



Italian designer Giorgio Armani poses for a photograph next to models after the fashion house Emporio Armani catwalk show for the Spring/Summer 2018 collection on the third day of The London Fashion Week Women's in London.—AP/AFP photos

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Host Stephen Colbert speaks at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. — AP

Street art museum opens in Berlin, a hub for the scene

Street art has a new, permanent home in Berlin. Works by artists from around the world have gone on show at the Urban Nation Museum for Urban Contemporary Art in the German capital, located at one end of a street that is already something of a giant art gallery. The opening exhibition, which will last for around nine months, aims to introduce visitors to the culture of urban art. Yasha Young, the museum's creative director, worked with eight curators from various

countries to produce a show that explores strands including portraits, pop art and activism.

The scene so far has lacked an "informative hub," Young said yesterday. She said that part of the idea is "teaching people a new language, which is the language of street art, graffiti and urban contemporary art." A staircase decked out in British artist Ben Eine's colored lettering links the two floors of the new museum, which features work by artists familiar from the

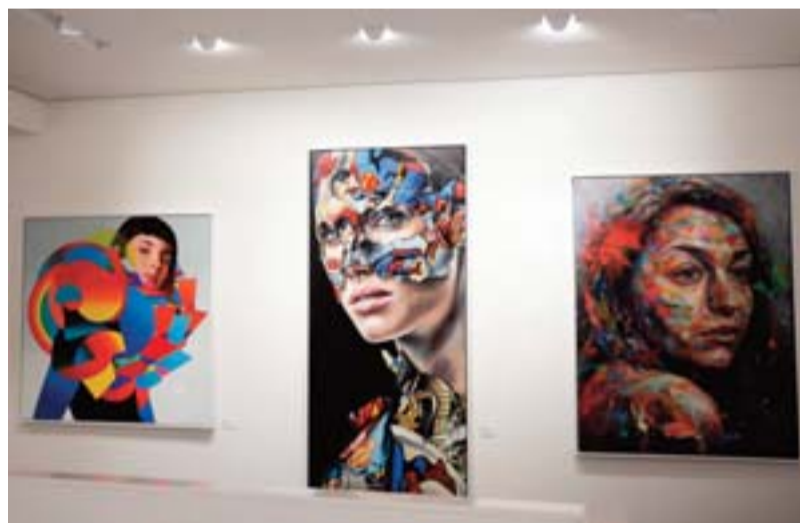
streets of Berlin and beyond. There's a wall by Portuguese artist Vhils, works by New York-based Iranian duo Icy and Sot, Sao Paulo-based Marina Zumi and France's Mademoiselle Maurice, among others - some of whose works grace or have graced facades on the street outside and elsewhere in the city. One of Banksy's "Gangsta Rats" is also present.

The museum also hosts a library that centers on street art photographer Martha Cooper's archive of books and maga-

zines. Young envisions the museum - four years in the making - as "an archive and a hub" in a city that is itself an urban art hub. "There's so many people here from all over the world living here because Berlin is still in the spirit of, maybe, old New York," she said. "It is affordable, it is good for an artist to be here, the networks are great." — AP



General view inside the exhibition of the new Urban Nation Museum for Urban Contemporary Art in Berlin, Germany, yesterday. — AP photos



The paintings, from left, 'Dropper' by Eric Jones, 'La Cage Entre Victoire Et Defaite' by Sandra Chevrier and 'The Distance Between Is Equal' by David Walker are displayed inside the exhibition.



The paintings, from left: 'Shirt Mask x Paper Plane' by Numo Viegas, 'The Fighter' by El Mac and 'Street Face' by Lister displayed inside the exhibition.

Scientists: Ash tree species pushed to brink of extinction

Five prominent species of ash tree in the eastern US have been driven to the brink of extinction from years of lethal attack by a beetle, a scientific group says. Tens of millions of trees in the US and Canada have already succumbed, and the toll may eventually reach more than 8 billion, the International Union for Conservation of Nature said Thursday. Ash trees are a major part of eastern forests and urban streets, providing yellow and purplish leaves to the bounty of fall colors. Their timber is used for making furniture and sports equipment like baseball bats and hockey sticks.

The rampage of the emerald ash borer is traced to the late 1990s, when it arrived from Asia in wood used in shipping pallets that showed up in Michigan. Asian trees have evolved defenses against the insect, but the new North American home presented it with vulnerable trees and no natural predators. "The populations are exploding," said Murphy Westwood of the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois. Infestations have been detected in 30 states. "It's a very efficient killer," Westwood said. "As the ash borer moves through a forest, it will completely kill all of the mature ash trees within three or four years."

She led the scientific assessment that resulted in classifying the five species as critically endangered - meaning

they are facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild. The change appears on the IUCN's Red List, considered by scientists the official index of what animals and plants are in danger of disappearing. The species are the green, black, white, pumpkin and blue ash. A sixth species, the Carolina ash, was put in the less serious category of "endangered" because it might find some refuge from the infestation in the southern part of its range, which includes Florida, Texas and Cuba, Westwood said.

Dan Herms, an entomologist at Ohio State University who studies the ash borer, called it "the most devastating insect ever to invade North American forests." It's already the most expensive because it has killed so many urban trees that had to be removed, disposed of and replaced, which has cost billions of dollars, he said. Herms, who was not involved in the IUCN project, said he's not sure the ash species will literally disappear. But he said they could become "functionally extinct," with populations too small to play a significant role in the environment for benefits like providing shelter and filtering water. — AP



In this file photo, Leonard Cohen performs during the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival in Indio, Calif. — AP

ELVIS COSTELLO,
LANA DEL REY
HEADLINE LEONARD
COHEN TRIBUTE

Elvis Costello and Lana Del Rey will headline a tribute concert for singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen in November to mark a year since his death. Cohen's family announced "Tower of Song: A Memorial Tribute to Leonard Cohen" yesterday. The concert to be held in Cohen's native Montreal is scheduled for Nov 6, a day before the anniversary of his death at age 82.

Cohen's son Adam says in a statement that he sees the concert as a fulfillment of his duties to his father "that we gather in Montreal to ring the bells that still can ring." Adam Cohen will also perform at the show. Feist, Philip Glass, k.d. lang, Sting and members of The Lumineers will join him on the bill. — AP