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Defense Minister receives call from Iranian counterpart

KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah received yesterday a phone call from Iran’s Defense Minister Amir Hatami discussing means of boosting bilateral relations between the two countries. The Iranian Minister of Defense congratulated Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on Eid Al-Adha, wishing him full health and well-being and Kuwait more progress and prosperity, in addition to inviting him to visit the Islamic Republic of Iran. In turn, the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense thanked his Iranian counterpart for the call, praising the strong bilateral relations between the two countries. — KUNA

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Kuwait’s Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center initiates Children Music School

Professional multinational teachers provide children the opportunity to learn music

KUWAIT: Sheik Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center announced yesterday the opening of a Music School for Children to develop their musical skills starting from September. Inauguration of the Music School will be in connection with the launch of the center’s 2020-21 season. The school will be run under the center’s official efforts to sponsor talent, creativity and arts, said the Cultural Center in a statement. Educational curriculum in the school will be taught by professional teachers from various countries to provide children aged 6 to 12 the opportunity to learn music, the statement added. It will offer Western, Arabic music and multi-level programs for training on Western instruments such as violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet and piano, in addition to Middle Eastern Takht, Oud, Noy, Qanun and Middle Eastern violin. The music school will embrace children’s musical talents, introducing contemporary and effective musical styles. The Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center aims to nurture the musical scene as well as establishing children’s musical culture and creativity in the Middle East. The first scholastic year will start on September 15 and proceed until December 19. Anyone interested to join can do so by visiting the center’s official website (www.jacc-kw.com). The Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center, initiated by the Kuwait Opera House, is a prominent cultural center in Kuwait, located on the Gulf Road in the capital Kuwait City. It is the largest cultural center and opera house in the Middle East — KUNA

Burgan Bank sponsors Ahmadi community initiatives

KUWAIT: Maintaining its long-standing partnership with the Ahmadi Governance, Burgan Bank recently announced its support of their year-long community initiatives. Dedicated to the betterment of the society across all spectrums, the bank’s commitment falls under its social responsibility to serve the residents of the areas within which it operates in. Accommodating every citizen with the required banking products and services, Burgan Bank retains its strong relationship and presence in the Ahmadi district with five branches. As a leading financial partner that has successfully expanded its network among one of the largest segments in Kuwait, the bank’s commitment falls under its dynamic full-fledged community program entitled ‘ENGAGE’ - Together to be the change. This program sheeds light on important aspects affecting every segment of the society by promoting social welfare through educational, cultural and health driven initiatives. Burgan Bank’s approach to ENGAGE begins with a vital principle that as a leading financial partner, its conduct and policies should be aligned with the beneficences and interests of the community. Burgan Bank retains its strong relationship and presence in the Ahmadi district with five branches. As a leading financial partner that has successfully expanded its network among one of the largest segments in Kuwait, the bank’s commitment falls under its dynamic full-fledged community program entitled ‘ENGAGE’ - Together to be the change. This program sheeds light on important aspects affecting every segment of the society by promoting social welfare through educational, cultural and health driven initiatives. Burgan Bank’s approach to ENGAGE begins with a vital principle that as a leading financial partner, its conduct and policies should be aligned with the beneficences and interests of the community. Burgan Bank retains its strong relationship and presence in the Ahmadi district with five branches. As a leading financial partner that has successfully expanded its network among one of the largest segments in Kuwait, the bank’s commitment falls under its dynamic full-fledged community program entitled ‘ENGAGE’ - Together to be the change. This program sheeds light on important aspects affecting every segment of the society by promoting social welfare through educational, cultural and health driven initiatives. Burgan Bank’s approach to ENGAGE begins with a vital principle that as a leading financial partner, its conduct and policies should be aligned with the beneficences and interests of the community. Burgan Bank retains its strong relationship and presence in the Ahmadi district with five branches. As a leading financial partner that has successfully expanded its network among one of the largest segments in Kuwait, the bank’s commitment falls under its dynamic full-fledged community program entitled ‘ENGAGE’ - Together to be the change. This program sheeds light on important aspects affecting every segment of the society by promoting social welfare through educational, cultural and health driven initiatives. Burgan Bank’s approach to ENGAGE begins with a vital principle that as a leading financial partner, its conduct and policies should be aligned with the beneficences and interests of the community. Burgan Bank retains its strong relationship and presence in the Ahmadi district with five branches. As a leading financial partner that has successfully expanded its network among one of the largest segments in Kuwait, the bank’s commitment falls under its dynamic full-fledged community program entitled ‘ENGAGE’ - Together to be the change. This program sheeds light on important aspects affecting every segment of the society by promoting social welfare through educational, cultural and health driven initiatives. Burgan Bank’s approach to ENGAGE begins with a vital principle that as a leading financial partner, its conduct and policies should be aligned with the beneficences and interests of the community. Burgan Bank retains its strong relationship and presence in the Ahmadi district with five branches. As a leading financial partner that has successfully expanded its network among one of the largest segments in Kuwait, the bank’s commitment falls under its dynamic full-fledged community program entitled ‘ENGAGE’ - Together to be the change. This program sheeds light on important aspects affecting every segment of the society by promoting social welfare through educational, cultural and health driven initiatives. Burgan Bank’s approach to ENGAGE begins with a vital principle that as a leading financial partner, its conduct and policies should be aligned with the beneficences and interests of the community.

Border crossing to boost trade with Kuwait: Iraqi minister

BAGHDAD: Iraq Trade Minister Mohamed Al-Atee said on Monday that the development and rehabilitation of the joint Safwan-Al-Abdali border crossing would contribute to increasing trade between Iraq and Kuwait. This came during a meeting involving the minister and other Iraqi officials, including Interior Minister Yasin Al-Luoni and the Governor of Basra, read a ministry statement. The minister said that the project be completed with haste due to the job opportunities it would provide the Basra community. Recently, Trade Minister Al-Atee met with the Kuwaiti counterpart Khalid Al-Abdullatif at the border to agree the preparations of a comprehensive plan for the port’s construction. — KUNA
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3,100 conscription evaders prosecuted
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Gulf hajj meeting aims to benefit from various experiences: Kuwaiti official

MAKKAH: Head of the Kuwaiti Hajj Mission Farid Emadi yesterday stressed the importance of the meetings of those involved in hajj affairs in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, in order to benefit from the various experiences. This came in a statement to the press after the meeting of heads of missions of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries hosted by the Kuwaiti Hajj Mission at its headquarters in Makkah.

“Each country has its own useful experiences that can be shared so that we can achieve the best performance and to offer better services for the pilgrims till they return home safely,” Emadi said. He praised the great efforts exerted by the government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for harnessing all its capabilities to make the hajj journey of the pilgrims safe and顺利 and to offer services that are the best in the world.

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He pointed out that the services provided by Saudi Arabia are great and innovative. “Every year Saudi Arabia comes up with new creations and ideas, as well as the use of electronic systems and smart applications,” he added, pointing out that the Kingdom seeks to adopt technology to serve pilgrims and facilitate their rituals. — KUNA
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Pakistan vows to challenge India

Black at ‘highest risk’ of US police killing

Latinos express fear, point finger at Trump after mass shooting

WASHINGTON: Black men in the United States are 2.5 times more likely to be killed by the police than their white counterparts, according to a new study published Monday that quantified racial disparities in law enforcement violence. High-profile killings including those of Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin, and George Floyd have sparked national attention in recent years, but little official data has provided accurate estimates of the extent of the problem.

The new study relied on data from Fatal Encounters, a journalistic effort, as well as the National Vital Statistics System, to analyze the period 2013-2018. It found African American men and women, American Indian men and women, and Latino men had seven times higher rates than their white counterparts.

"We believe that there's ample evidence that police are a threat to public health in the United States," Frank Edwards at Rutgers University, the lead author of the paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences said. "There's a lot more variation in the color that they are in white communities, and we need to take that seriously when we talk about police reform. Black men had the highest fatality rate, with the researchers estimating 1.5 times police of color use of force for every 1,000 births.

These numbers are high. The chances of you being killed by police in this country is higher than winning a lot of scarf of lottery games," said Edwards. The group was also 2.5 times more likely to be killed by white men, while black women were 1.6 times more likely to be killed by white women. American Indian men were approximately 15 times more likely to be killed than white men and American Indian women were about 14 times more likely to be killed than white women.

More likely to be killed than whites

Latinos were between 1.5 percent less likely to be killed than white women, while Latino men were about 1.4 times more likely to be killed than white men. Asian and Pacific Islanders had the lowest fatality risk. The rates were even more pronounced for young men, more than 15 percent of all deaths of black men between the ages of 20 and 24 were caused by police dropping slightly to 15 percent between 25 and 29.

Police violence is therefore one of the leading causes of death for these demographics, and behind cancer. Edwards said that one of the study's main limitations was its reliance on media reporting, which limited its ability to analyze the extent to which the news is recorded in the death statistics we use to track and there's almost certainly cases that were not reported in the news," he said, adding there was "an obligation" for authorities to stop it.

"The new study is an important first step in identifying these disparities and understanding the impact of police violence on communities of color," said Callie Q. Dolan, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based National Council for Incarcerated Women and Girls. "It's critical that we address this issue and work to create a culture of police accountability where people of color are treated with dignity and respect.

Do mental illness and video games drive US mass shootings?

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump on Monday tied mass shootings that left 31 dead in two US states over the weekend to hate, violent video games and mental illness. Meanwhile, US-based Latinos voiced their fears yesterday. The shooting in El Paso, which lies right across the border from Mexico and has a large majority Latino population, amounts to a declaration of war against the Latino community, according to a new study published yesterday.

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Some attacks are also linked to divisive politics, which are being targets of this kind of senseless racist violence," he told AFP. "This situation of violence is a declaration of war against our communities."

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An aden attack exposes splits in Yemen’s anti-Houthi联盟

Separatists blame Islamists for attack on military parade

ADEN: Yemen’s southern separatists yesterday denied any role for Islamists in an aden attack on a military parade that killed at least 25 soldiers and wounded more than 100 others, blaming instead a ‘domestic political faction’ for the violence.

President of the Aden and South Council of Ministers, Hadi Badreddine, said the attack was not supported by any foreign forces. "The separatists have never had any support or coordination from any foreign entity or any terrorist group," he said.

In a separate statement, the Aden Brigades, an Islamic group that is part of the separatists’ forces, condemned the attack.

A monastery brings together Christians by war

LEBANON: A monastery in the Qadisha Valley is a safe haven for people from both sides of Lebanon's civil war, who now come there for safety and peace.

The monastery, a center of the Maronite Christian community, has seen an influx of people seeking refuge from the violence. It serves as a place of prayer and community, offering respite from the constant conflict in the region.

A bitcoin as a safe haven?

LONDON: Bitcoin has increasingly become a safe haven for risk-averse investors, but it is not without its risks.

The cryptocurrency's volatility and the potential for sudden jumps and drops can make it a difficult asset to hold. However, its ability to offer a hedge against inflation and the potential for high returns makes it appealing to some investors. The debate remains, however, as to whether it truly qualifies as a safe haven.
WASHINGTON: Sheding support and boost to inhibiting the National Rifle Association faces a battle for its survival, but relatively few, if any, believe it will be defeated this year, despite the mounting toll of mass shootings, but few believe it is prepared to be locked out of the national debate or rendered irrelevant in the 2020 election.

"It has been the NRA's long-standing position that those who have been cited for a danger to themselves or others should not have access to firearms," said Trump. If these individuals, the NRA has lobbied states to enact laws making the controls so "flexible as to be useless in any practical sense."

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Pakistan vows to challenge India over Kashmir's move

Refugees in Pakistan fearful after India abolishes Kashmir autonomy

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan vowed yesterday to challenge at the UN the Indian government’s unilateral decision to abrogate the special status of Kashmir, a claim Pakistan denies, and demanded action by the international community to reinstate the autonomous status of the region. "Pakistan never was a part of Kashmir," a joint statement said after a meeting of the National Security Committee on Monday.

Kashmir is a region located in the north-western part of India and has been a subject of claims by both Pakistan and India since the partition of British India in 1947. The region is divided into two separate administrative units, one under the control of India and the other under the control of Pakistan.

The Indian government’s move came after Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on August 5 that the special status of Kashmir, which had been held by India since 1949, would be revoked. The move has prompted widespread international condemnation, with many countries and organizations calling for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Khan met with members of his cabinet and security officials to discuss the situation in Kashmir.

"India’s move is seen as a violation of international law, which India has signed and ratified," Khan said. "We will not allow India to violate our sovereignty, and we will continue to fight this issue at all levels of the international community."
Smart gas cooking seeks to break African cities' charcoal habit

The widespread use of charcoal for cooking in African cities can cause devastating damage to the environment. In many areas, charcoal is produced by burning wood or animal dung, which can lead to deforestation and degradation of soil. In some cases, charcoal use is also associated with illegal wildlife hunting and trafficking, which can further harm ecosystems and contribute to the loss of biodiversity.

KopaGas, a company in Tanzania, is working to address this issue by promoting the use of clean cooking technologies. KopaGas provides biogas solutions that use animal manure and other organic waste to generate clean cooking gas, as well as solar energy solutions for electricity needs.

Rodriguez-Sanchez said that the effort to shift away from charcoal is important for both environmental and health reasons. "We need to change. We need to make sure that we don't lose our environment and our health," he stated.

BBOXX is another company that is working in this space. BBOXX is one of Africa's biggest off-grid solar energy companies and is focused on clean cooking as well as clean electricity. BBOXX has been investing in biogas projects in Kenya, which has a history of charcoal use.

"We're seeing the emergence of a new bioeconomy in Africa that will help to transform the continent," said Sebastian Scherer, CEO of BBOXX.

"Globally, we're seeing a shift towards clean cooking technologies," he added. "But we need to do more."
AGOA has not yet been a game-changer for many countries in Africa: US official

Washington had drawn up a “variety of new initiatives” to “lay the groundwork for an even closer trade and investment partnership.” It will combine the promise of the AGOA, with three new initiatives and four existing programmes, in a programme called the African Continental Free Trade Area—a scheme for doing away with barriers among the 54 member nations.

The long-negotiated agreement was ceremonially launched at a summit in July. But many need to be convinced operationally the ALPS. According to the conclusions of a pre-forum meeting of ministers ahead of the Abidjan summit, only 15 of 54 countries have not drawn a national strategy for exploring the benefits of the AGOA. African American counterparts either do not know of the advantages that are on offer or do not know how to use them. The ministers found — AFP

"Petroleum products continued to account for the largest portion of AGOA imports, with a 67 percent share," Hamilton said. "And the volume of AGOA trade remains modest. In the first half of 2019..."
Boursa Kuwait has been the best Gulf market since the beginning of the year.

US Fed rate cut viewed as a mid-cycle adjustment to policy

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With some luck, Turkish lira defies doubters for now

ISTANBUL: Turkey’s lira has sunk in recent months despite Ankara boosting the central bank’s reserve ratio and raising interest rates to counter rising inflationary pressures. Bloomberg, in a report on July 29, noted that the lira had been resilient in recent weeks despite disappointing economic data. Inflation continued to weaken as the Turkish consumer price index (CPI) fell again in June, to 16.31% from 17.33% in May. The lira has strengthened against the dollar since early May, when it had slumped to a record low of 15.2853.

Bulls, who were in the minority just weeks ago, are currently in the lead. Markets players argue that Turkish exporters have a big advantage in terms of cost competitiveness, which they can pass on to their customers. However, some analysts believe that the lira will eventually fall below 10 to the dollar. The lira’s slight rally has been attributed to the central bank’s rate hikes, but some analysts argue that the lira is still fundamentally weak, with the country facing a large current account deficit and high unemployment rates.

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Company committed to empowering a more efficient business sector

Gulf Bank launches Selpay and E-loan to online and mobile banking services

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank has announced the introduction of two new services to its customers – Selpay for online and mobile banking applications, launching two new services to online and mobile banking applications and updating existing features. Gulf Bank is proud to introduce Selpay, an easy and convenient way to transfer funds from individuals and groups instantly, and E-loan, a new offer that allows customers to transfer funds through the app for online and mobile banking applications.

Selpay allows customers to receive funds instantly through Selpay and also share a dedicated Selpay link, which customers can share to allow others to transfer funds virtually and in real time. The shared link, which can be sent through the app or email, is valid for 24 hours and users may transfer the same amount to any of their partners with ease. Customers looking to apply for consumer loans can do so easily through E-loan, a new service that allows customers to apply for loans through the app. The service offers a simple and quick process, with required paperwork available in one place, with no extra paperwork involved. Selpay can be accessed through the app or website.

Selpay’s mobile and online banking services, in addition to online and mobile banking services, offer customers a wide range of payment services, including transaction history, bank account information, and more. E-loan, on the other hand, offers customers the ability to apply for loans through the app, which can be used to transfer funds directly to the customer’s bank account with ease.

In conjunction with the launch of these services, Gulf Bank also offers a new service called SelfPay, which allows customers to receive funds instantly through Selpay and also share a dedicated Selpay link, which customers can share to allow others to transfer funds virtually and in real time. The shared link, which can be sent through the app or email, is valid for 24 hours and users may transfer the same amount to any of their partners with ease. Customers looking to apply for consumer loans can do so easily through E-loan, a new service that allows customers to apply for loans through the app. The service offers a simple and quick process, with required paperwork available in one place, with no extra paperwork involved. Selpay can be accessed through the app or website.

The company believes that enhancing its digital experiences, Gulf Bank also makes it possible to transfer funds through the app or website, offering the latest and most advanced security solutions. Customers can benefit from the simplicity of a single online banking application, allowing easy access to their accounts and services.

In conclusion, the introduction of Selpay and E-loan services demonstrates Gulf Bank’s commitment to providing customers with a convenient and secure online and mobile banking experience. These services offer customers a wide range of payment services, including transaction history, bank account information, and more, allowing for seamless and secure financial transactions.

Gulf Bank

Business

Zain Kuwait offers Fortinet solutions to SME customers

KUWAIT: Zain has announced the introduction of a new suite of services to support its SME customers throughout Kuwait. Zain, a Fortinet Managed Security Service Provider (MSSP) Partner, is committed to meeting the cybersecurity needs of its SME customers, offering them the best-class managed cyber and secure-WAN (SWAN) solutions. Based on Fortinet’s FortiGate security appliances, these new services feature a wide range of capabilities, including an industry-leading Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) with full cyber security capabilities, integrated WiFi access and services feature a wide range of capabilities, including an industry-leading Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) with full cyber security capabilities, integrated WiFi access and services.
**Business**

**Kuwait Airways launches flights to London Gatwick**

First LCC in Middle East to fly long-haul, longest commercial route served by A32neo

**Kuwait Airways (KFH),** the national flag carrier of Kuwait, today announced it has started scheduled flights to London Gatwick Airport (LGW) effective today, Tuesday, 14 June, marking a new milestone in the airline’s network expansion into the United Kingdom (UK). The launch strengthens KFH’s international network and positions the airline as the first in the region to offer service to London Gatwick, the United Kingdom’s second largest airport.

Established 1961, Kuwait Airways, currently Kuwait’s leading low-cost airline, operating regionally and internationally, prides itself on the quality, accuracy and speed of services for its customers. The airline has scheduled long-haul flights that connect the Middle East to London, or in mid-to-late afternoon. Prices will start from KD 60 one-way in Economy Class, KD 125 in Premium Economy Class and KD 250 in Business Class. Speaking of the milestone launch, Jazeera Airways Chairman, Marwan Boodai, said: “This further step in our long-term strategy for diversification, keeping up to date with our customers’ needs and aspirations, was an excellent opportunity for us to enhance the quality of our service and offer our passengers an even better travel experience.”

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KFH has made the Huawei Mate 20 X (5G) available at KFH (Citibank) branches, points of sale, online and through the KFH mobile application. Huawei has made the Huawei Mate 20 X (5G) possible by introducing a groundbreaking cooling solution that utilizes graphene film technology, enhancing the smartphone’s performance by 100 per cent.

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DUBAI

Jumeirah Beach Hotel

You will find the Jumeirah Beach Hotel to be a truly timeless, splendidly situated, one of the regions most impressive beaches, Jumeirah Beach Hotel typifies the architecture of coastal nostalgia. A luxurious hotel in Jumeirah Beach, Dubai is a jewel that must be seen to be believed, an experience that you will cherish. Jumeirah Mina A'Salam, Jumeirah Al Qasr and Jumeirah Dar Al Masyaf and enjoy access to the souk, palm-fringed infinity pool or swim in the ocean at the pristine private beach. This collection of offers features a range of activities for those who wish to step back in time.

This Chinese salt and pepper shrimp is a savory-spicy joy

We love the earthy flavor of uncooked kale, but the texture of raw kale can be a little tough. Here are two recipes for tossing it with dressing and letting it tenderize in the fridge overnight. The method didn’t deliver the tender leaves we were after, and the long sitting time wasn’t very convenient. Luckily, we found another technique that worked better and faster—massaging. Separating and massaging the kale breaks down the cell walls in the same way that heat would, darkening the leaves and turning them tender.

The key to making your raw kale salad is a little massage

Crispy salt and pepper shrimp

Ingredients

5 tablespoons cornstarch
2 teaspoons Sichuan peppercorns, coarsely ground
2 tablespoons Chinese rice wine or dry sherry
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 pounds shell-on medium-large shrimp (31 to 40 per pound)
5 tablespoons cornstarch
1 1/2 tablespoons pomegranate molasses
2 tablespoons water
1/3 cup pecans, toasted and chopped
1/2 head radicchio (5 ounces), cored and sliced thin
12 ounces Tuscan kale, stemmed and sliced crosswise into 1/2-inch-wide strips (7 cups)
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1/3 cup pecans, toasted and chopped
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
1/2 teaspoon Sichuan peppercorns
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/3 cup pomegranate vinaigrette
Salt and pepper

Preparation

1. To prepare the dressing, combine all the ingredients except pomegranate vinaigrette and salt and pepper.
2. Add the cornstarch, Sichuan peppercorns, sugar, and salt to a small bowl and mix well.
3. Heat the oil in a wok or large skillet over medium-high heat until smoking, and then add the shrimp. Cook until the shrimp turn pink and are no longer transparent, about 3 minutes. Add the cornstarch mixture, stirring constantly, until the sauce thickens and coats the shrimp. Add the bell peppers and stir-fry until the bell peppers are tender-crisp, about 2 minutes. Add the kernels, stir-fry until the kernels are tender, about 1 minute. Add the shrimp and stir-fry until the shrimp are cooked through, about 1 minute. Add the peas, stir-fry until the peas are tender-crisp, about 1 minute. Add the green onions, stir-fry until the green onions are tender-crisp, about 1 minute. Add the tofu, stir-fry until the tofu is warmed through, about 1 minute. Add the cornstarch mixture, stirring constantly, until the sauce thickens and coats the tofu. Add the peanuts, stir-fry until the peanuts are golden, about 1 minute. Add the dressing, stir-fry until the sauce thickens and coats the tofu. Serve immediately.

For the vinaigrette: Whisk water, pomegranate molasses, shallot, honey, vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper together in large bowl. Whisking constantly, slowly drizzle in olive oil. For the salad: Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 400°F. Toss sweet potatoes with oil and season with salt and pepper. Arrange potatoes in a single layer in rimmed baking sheet and roast until browned, 25 to 30 minutes. Tossing potatoes halfway through roasting. Transfer to plate and let cool for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, vigorously separate and massage kale with hands until leaves are uniformly darkened and slightly wilted, about 5 minutes.

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Beaches choked with stinky seaweed is the new normal

MIAMI BEACH—Slimy, stinky brown seaweed that ruins beaches. This tangle of giant seaweed, known as sargassum, is forming dives into Florida's Miami Beach, the new normal unless Brazil halts Amazon deforestation.

“Sargassum isn’t new. When Christopher Columbus saw a bloom of sargassum to the west of the Bahamas, it was hard to believe that it was something new, but now it’s here,” said Steve Leatherman, an environmental expert at Florida International University. He said sargassum problems started in the Amazon river, where it flows into the Atlantic. And the fertilizer ends up fertilizing the sargassum. “Now there’s 20, or 30, 50 million tons more, 100 times more than we’ve ever had before,” said Leatherman. “We think this is going to be the new normal unless Brazil halts Amazon deforestation.”

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Uganda begins trial of Ebola vaccine: Health officials

KAMPALA—Uganda said Monday it had started a trial of an experimental Ebola vaccine that may be used in neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo, where an outbreak has killed more than 1,600 people.

The vaccine, the MRC said, was developed by US pharma group Merck and supported by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. It will also look at safety and the strength of the immune response of participants towards the vaccine,

The trial, which will involve some 20,000 people in three towns in western Uganda, is already high. Congo’s former health minister Dr. Bongi, who stepped down in July, was among the detractors. The trial was led by Ugandan researchers and supported by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. It will also look at safety and the strength of the immune response of participants towards the vaccine, the MRC said. Professor Wairagala said vaccinations had already begun. The MRC said the Johnson&Johnson vaccine “is safe” and had been tested on more than 6,000 people in Europe, because it has never been assessed in African ties where mistrust of Ebola responders is high. Congo’s former health minister Dr. Bongi, who stepped down in July, was among the detractors.

“Uganda is at risk of a similar epidemic so it makes sense to have a vaccine ready,” the MRC spokeswoman Pamela Nabukenya told AFP.

However, the latter move has been welcomed. Critics have cautioned against introducing a new product in communities where mistrust of Ebola responders is high and where there is already high. Congo’s former health minister Dr. Bongi, who stepped down in July, was among the detractors.

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Tuesday March 30 (May 20)

You work hard and play off. You will win more often than not. You are not too harsh on others who are not as careful as you. They can be helpful. Just be sure you use them to your advantage and not let it mess your standards. Food itself is the key for healthy weight.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

A bad thing can have good consequences in life. The year you have something unfortunate has added value to your life. You have come through the fire to strengthen you. You are more beautiful than before. The year may not be as good as you have handled it so far. But you will enjoy your future because you have the heart of gold that will not let you down in the future.

June 22-August 22

A matter of what you are not able to become a new beginning for you will develop. You will become a new beginning for others to follow. They will become a new beginning for all the other people who have already started making positive changes in their lives. Make sure the new habits you will keep for some time to come. Meal planning, gym membership, and exercise in general will be come a new way of life for you. You have to work on your physical fitness and keep yourself in shape. A new beginning for those who are one a.m. for the first time. You will be appreciated and admired for encouraging someone to be a part of your journey.

Yesterday's Solution

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59. A public promotion of some product or service.
60. A gradual decline (in size or strength or number).
61. A colorless and odorless inert gas.
62. In the same place (used when citing a reference).
63. A flat wing-shaped process or winglike extension.
64. In some classifications this category does not include social and solitary species.
65. A ventilation system (used in cooking or heating or refrigeration or air system).
66. A system of one or more computers and associated devices that share resources. See also network.
67. An account describing incidents or situations primarily for entertainment purposes.
68. An ancient Hebrew unit of dry measure.
69. A drug (trade names Calan and Isoptin) used as an oral or parenteral calcium channel blocker in cases of hypertension or coronary artery disease.
70. A medium-sized tree having glossy lanceolate leaves and long racemes of small white flowers.
71. A translucent mineral consisting of aluminum silicate.
72. Belonging to or on behalf of a specified group.
73. 100 pyas equal 1 kyat.
74. A city in southern Turkey on the Seyhan River.
75. Perennial herb of East India to Polynesia and Australia cultivated for its large edible roots.
76. An organization of countries formed in 1949 by the North Atlantic Treaty for the purposes of collective security.
77. Before noon.
78. An adult male person (as opposed to a child).
OVERCROWDED LOUVRE STRUGGLES TO COPE WITH RISING TOURIST TIDE

Victoria’s Secret hires first transgender model after criticism

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ike a human wave every five minutes, two hundred or so lemming-like tourists crowd towards the “Mona Lisa,” mobile phones in hand to make the best of every second of their time in front of the world’s most famous painting. Hundreds of other hearts sink as museum attendantsumonts on to block the access road to build the next wave of the queue that snakes round the vast gallery in the Louvre in Paris.

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Ongoing heatwaves and continued disruption-exacerbated by an influx of tourists escaping the fierce heat in the French capital in July-has pushed the Louvre to introduce obligatory advance booking by the end of the year to try to control numbers. Already strict staff control the museum for a day to prevent about being overwhelmed by the surging numbers.

More than 30 million people visited the museum in 2018, with record numbers expected to visit in 2019. “We have already abolished one-day tickets,” said Pomarede. “We have now introduced a system of ticketing for the museum in which visitors can book a specific time slot to see the Mona Lisa,” the museum’s vice managing director Vincent Pomarede insisted that booking a time slot was now essential. “We want to avoid a situation where tourists are waiting for hours in the heat and sun,” he added. “It’s better for the public and the museum.”

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Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, revealed its first new destination Malaga – Costa del Sol in Spain. Commencing 14 June and operating until 15 September 2019, Malaga will be added as a seasonal summer destination as the airline continues revealing throughout the year its further network expansion plans for 2019. Kuwait Times along with other media personnel were invited on a trip to the new summer destination.

Internationally renowned as the birthplace of Pablo Picasso, Malaga is one of the oldest cities in the world, and gateway to Spain’s beautiful Costa Del Sol. It is now also a burgeoning cultural center, and has recently seen three major museum openings – the most significant being the five-year pop-up Centre Pompidou, housed in a futuristic building on the waterfront and displaying a changing selection of 20th- and 21st century paintings by artists like Frida Kahlo and Marc Chagall.

The connecting flight from Kuwait – Bahrain – Malaga landed at Malaga – Costa del Sol International Airport where they were greeted by Juan Millan and escorted to Melia Marbella Banus Hotel. Susana Poras, Executive Consultant of Costa del Sol Tourism Board joined the group for the rest of the trip. The group then visited the city of Ronda on a guided tour through its Old Town and Reservatauro, a biosphere’s reserve declared by UNESCO.

The group then headed for a stay at the Gran Hotel Miramar. Gran Hotel Miramar is the first grand luxury hotel ever built in the ancient Andalusian city of Malaga, and is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and part of the Santos Hotels hotel chain. A historic landmark building in the old city centre which has been painstakingly restored following a two year, 65m Euros overhaul, Gran Hotel Miramar has re-emerged as one of Europe’s foremost grand dames, firmly establishing Malaga on the global luxury travel map. The iconic building was designed by celebrated Spanish architect Fernando Guerrero Strachan, and inaugurated in 1926 by King Alfonso XIII as the Hotel Principe de Asturias. It has undergone many incarnations since then including a stint as a field hospital during the Spanish Civil War and a 20-year period as the city’s courthouse.

The assiduous renovation returned this majestic edifice to its former glory, preserving or reviving many of its original features, including intricate Moorish carved wood arches, a beautiful first floor gallery, Andalusian tiling, hand-painted frescoes and ornate stucco ceilings. Set amongst beautifully landscaped grounds, this welcomed addition to Europe’s pantheon of grand dame hotels features 190 rooms and suites, a fabulous ballroom, five restaurants and bars including a rooftop chill out zone; an intimate boutique spa; an outdoor pool; and extensive meeting and event facilities.
Established 1961

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Gulf Air

“In line with our 5 year strategy to become the airline of choice, and in light of the recent adaptation of the new boutique business model we are adding a seasonal destination to cater to summer’s peak travel demand” said Gulf Air’s Chief Executive Officer Kresimir Kucko. He also commented: “Malaga is known for its summer appeal as a holiday destination and is very popular to our customers in the region. Gulf Air is flying to a direct point in Spain for the first time and we are excited to offer this opportunity to everyone this summer.”

The President of Costa del Sol Tourist Board and the Provincial Government of Malaga, Francisco Salado, has congratulated Gulf Air on the decision to introduce, for the first time, a direct flight between Bahrain and Costa del Sol. “The new flight reinforces the importance of the objectives marked by the Tourist Board and its department of Connectivity & Emerging Markets. Gulf Air and Costa del Sol Tourist Board are already working on creating a co-marketing plan with the aim of promoting the destination and consolidating the flight frequency and future programming based on a successful, ongoing, strategic alliance.”

Earlier in 2019, Gulf Air announced its new boutique business model concept which will reinforce its focus on product and customer experience. As already done in the hospitality industry, Gulf Air will differentiate itself as a boutique airline that is unique in the way it operates comparing to airlines that are more volume driven. This approach will give the airline a competitive advantage that will translate in the new fleet, new Falcon Gold class offering, new exclusive products, new destinations for 2019 and its presence in the new terminal at Bahrain International Airport due to open towards the end of the year.

With the new business model concept, Gulf Air aims to grow strategically in new, expanded to more boutique destinations in 2019 and continue its fleet modernization program by receiving additional 2 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and 4 Airbus A320neos this year.


A weekend in Bratislava

The capital of Slovakia is in fact a beautiful, vibrant city with a historical past. Known as the city full of tones of fun activities and a lot of fascinating sites to see in the old town is the 13th century Town Hall Tower which offers a great view of the old town from the top of the tower.

The highlight of most people's visit to Bratislava is of course the historic old town. While exploring many winding streets and alleys, you'll come across plenty of cute squares, fountains and pavement coloured facades.
**Racism, misogyny: U.S. authorities probe motives of pair of gunmen**

EL PASO — One was kicked by racist hatred of immi-
grants, and the other was enraged by women — the two men who carried out the mass shootings that left 22 people dead.

The motive for the El Paso attack remains unclear, but authorities said the shooter who killed 22 people on Saturday was a 21-year-old white man identified as Patrick Crusius, an American with a history of disturbing behavior, particularly towards women. Court documents indicate he was motivated to do something more than what’s necessary to make a living or to escape an unhappy situation.

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Yankees hit HIR mark to down Orioles

Baltimore: Mike Ford hit a tiebreaking homer in the top of the ninth inning, and the New York Yankees set a major league mark for road wins on route to a 9-6 victory that sent the Baltimore Orioles to their 12th straight loss.

A.J. Cole gave up five runs and eight hits in five innings. He struck out four, walked two and hit a batter in the Orioles' fifth straight loss.

Ford homered off Alex Cobb (0-1) during the ninth. The Orioles' 12-game losing streak is the longest in franchise history.

Down 2-0 after 1½ innings, the Orioles tied the game on consecutive pitches to begin the sixth inning, and then scored five runs in the seventh.

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Ford made his first start in place of injured Luke Voit, who was listed as day-to-day.

Brewers win 8th straight

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Lauer allowed three runs and four hits while striking out four. The left-hander, making his third big league start, improved to 1-2.

Wade Miley worked 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the save.

The Brewers' six-game winning streak has been tied for the longest in baseball since 2015.

Tigers top Indians

Detroit last week, a solo shot in the bottom of the first. He has eight home runs this season, along with the Washington Nationals and San Francisco Giants.

He is batting .188 with a .313 on-base percentage.

Castellanos hit his first homer since being acquired from Miami during the trade that sent franchise favorites Justin Upton and Nick Castellanos to Detroit.

The Tigers completed a three-game sweep of Cleveland for the season and improved to 38-43.

The Indians lost their seventh straight as starter Mike Clevinger allowed four runs and eight hits in 2 2/3 innings.

Kendall Graveman had the toughest time of any pitcher in the top of the eighth, and Mike Tauchman added a two-run homer.

The Orioles also set a major league record for the most five-homer games in a season, along with the Washington Nationals and San Francisco Giants.

The Orioles have lost 25 of 27 games since June 25, and their 9-12 road record is the worst in the majors.
**Doping in cricket: Shaw ban raises questions for India**

**NEW DELHI:** India's powerful cricket board is under renewed pressure to toughen up its anti-doping procedures into line with world standard after it was revealed on Monday that the Indian cricket team player Shubman Gill tested positive for a banned drug.

Shubman, 21, is one of the most promising and in-demand young cricketers in India and has previously been selected for the Indian Under-19 team and the India A team. However, it has now emerged that he tested positive for terbutaline, a bronchodilator, after the series against New Zealand in February.

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Swiss charge German officials in 2006 World Cup fraud probe

Charges of money-laundering were dismissed in July

LONDON: Swiss prosecutors have ordered German football officials to respond to an investigation into allegations of money laundering over the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

The requests for written statements and other documents have been made to former German Football Association (DFB) President Theo Zwanziger, who has been under investigation since December 2018.

Zwanziger was among a list of 10 former FIFA officials, including ex-President Joseph Blatter, who were referred over allegations of money laundering.

In a statement the DFB's attorney general Dr. Andreas Hausheer confirmed that the probe was still ongoing.

The German government's detergent for the 2006 World Cup was investigated into allegations of money laundering.

The probe was launched in 2018 after former DFB President Theo Zwanziger was arrested in Switzerland.

Zwanziger was accused of money laundering in connection with a 2005 payment of 6.7 million euros made by the World Cup bidding committee.

The investigation looked into whether Zwanziger knew of the payment and whether it was a bribe or a loan.

The DFB has denied any wrongdoing and has said it will continue to cooperate with the authorities.

The DFB has also said it will not comment on the investigation as it could prejudice legal proceedings.

Swiss authorities have been investigating officials from the 2006 World Cup bid committee since 2018.

The investigation is linked to other probes into the 2006 World Cup, including allegations of match fixing and corruption.

Swiss authorities have also been investigating officials from other World Cup bidding committees, including those for the 2010 and 2018 tournaments.

The investigation into the 2006 World Cup has been ongoing for several years and has involved multiple arrests and searches.

The probe has been described as one of the biggest in Swiss history and could potentially result in criminal charges.
Pearson revealed in an interview with Australia’s Seven Sunrise television programme Tuesday that she had suffered numerous unannounced leg injuries while preparing for the Doha worlds.

“When you count six injuries this year that no one knows about and another whole year to go of training to the Olympics, to try and win gold, I have major doubts my body will make it,” she said. “I don’t know if I want to put myself through that again.”

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