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Zain Group 2018 profit soars to reach KD 197m

KUWAIT: Zain Group, a leading mobile telecommunications investor in eight markets across the Middle East and Africa, announced consolidated results for the year 2018, and fourth-quarter ended Dec. 31, 2018. Zain serves 95 million customers, recording a 5 percent increase in revenue year-over-year (YoY). For the full-year 2018, Zain Group generated consolidated revenues of KD 1.3 billion ($4.4 billion), an impressive 25 percent YoY growth, while consolidated EBITDA for the period increased by 29 percent to KD 733 million ($2.4 billion) solidifying its position among the leading mobile operators in the region. The Group achieved a net profit of KD 197 million ($649 million), up 23 percent and reflecting earnings per share of 53 fils, on the back of a solid performance in all segments. The board of directors of Zain Group recommended a cash dividend of 50 fils per share affecting a total distribution of KD 125 million ($417 million), subject to the annual general assembly and regulatory approvals. (See Page 19)

COFE App secures $3.2m in funding

KUWAIT: Arab-based COFE App, a collaborative platform founded by entrepreneur and investor Nizar Al-Nusif, has been featured in Forbes Middle East as one of the 25 most impressive 2018 startups in technology/digital startups, seeking expansion capital and support from CMV (Dubai stock exchanges). The Pre-Series A investors include: Cedar Mundi Ventures (Lebanon): $600,000; CMV (Dubai): $1.1 million; and Arab  startups by The Arab Youth Council: $200,000. (See Page 22)

El Chapo heads to prison where he can't escape

Ayo Yomi Jojo El Chapo Guzman, who spent 13 years on the run from US authorities, is scheduled to arrive at the Administrative Maximum Facility (ADX) Florence, a Bureau of Prisons facility in Florence, Colorado, tomorrow. The facility is designed for high-risk inmates that require special security: it is the highest security prison in the United States and is known as “The Supermax.”

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Road repairs will start soon

KUWAIT: Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Housing, Engineer Azzam Al-Shaikh, said yesterday that he had issued several decisions concerning damage inflicted on the roads due to heavy rains in November. The decisions were made according to the orders of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to hold those responsible accountable for any actions, the minister said. The investigation resulted in referring several senior officials to retirement and suspension of 12 construction companies and two architectural offices. The damage of amounts to the roads was very heavy and the ministry will start the repair processes, she added — KUNA

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Under the auspices of the Kuwaiti University’s College of Arts, the event was held in the presence of the University’s Rector, Professor Dr. Muhammad Rakan Al-Halbousi, the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Kuwait, and Kuwaiti students. The event was held in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution in Iran and the 40th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution in Kuwait. Iran seeks to strengthen relations with neighbors: Envoy

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KWATARI: In pursuit of its endeavors towards improving the quality of health care provision in Kuwait, Hadi Clinic is pleased to announce its first cardiac electrophysiology procedure, which was conducted using the highly sophisticated three-dimensional imaging and mapping technology.

The procedure is the first of its kind to be undertaken in a private hospital in Kuwait, and was successfully performed by the renowned Dr. Fawzia Al-Salim, cardiologist. Dr. Fawzia, with extensive experience in the field of cardiac electrophysiology, with three-dimensional mapping technology was used to locate the arrhythmia source and treat it with catheter ablation.

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The procedure involved the implantation of a permanent pacemaker in a patient in his sixth decade of age. Dr. Fawzia has successfully conducted those two procedures in collaboration with the cardiac catheter laboratory team at Hadi Clinic. Dr. Fawzia has a distinguished scientific and medical experience in the field of cardiac electrophysiology, with extensive experience in the use of modern technology and in the training of doctors.

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**Conference pushes for more advanced education**

KWATARI: Participants in the Education Technology Conference, "Vision for the Future," called for the necessity of implementing the national development plan of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, which aims to prepare young people to become productive citizens of the modern generation capable of interacting with modern technology and evaluate the experiences of local e-learning in public and private education and higher education and applied education to identify best practices in the field.

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Protesters in India claim victory as citizenship bill stalls

India's parliament was thrown into chaos late on Monday when hundreds of opposition lawmakers held a sit-in protest against a contentious citizenship bill that the ruling Hindu nationalist party wants to pass.

The bill, which seeks to grant citizenship to non-Muslim immigrants who entered India before 1947, has faced widespread opposition from India's minority communities, who fear it could lead to the creation of a separate Hindu nation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government has pushed the bill through parliament, despite protests from opposition parties and millions of Indian Muslims.

The sit-in, which began at around 8:00 p.m. (1500 GMT) on Monday, was called by the main opposition Congress party and other regional parties.

The protesters, who were seated on the floor of the parliament, chanted slogans and held placards against the government and the bill.

The government has said the bill is necessary to address the issue of illegal immigration and to protect the rights of minorities.

But critics argue the bill is unconstitutional and violates the principle of equal rights for all Indians, regardless of their religious background.

The sit-in continued into Tuesday morning, with lawmakers from various parties taking turns to speak and express their opposition to the bill.

The opposition has vowed to continue its protests until the bill is withdrawn, and has threatened to launch a nationwide strike if the government does not listen to their demands.

The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha, India’s lower house of parliament, earlier this month, and is now awaiting approval in the Rajya Sabha, the upper house.

The government has said it will ensure the bill is passed by the end of the month, but the opposition has vowed to block it at every stage.

The sit-in has brought the Indian parliament to a virtual standstill, with lawmakers on both sides of the chamber shouting slogans and hurling abuses at each other.

The government has declined to comment on the protests, saying it is focused on getting the bill through parliament.

But opposition leaders have said the government is using the parliament to push through its agenda, despite widespread opposition from across the country.

They have also accused the government of using the situation to manipulate public opinion and divide the country along religious lines.

The sit-in has been met with Geopolitical and opposition parties, who have condemned the government’s actions and called for a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

The protests have also drawn attention to the issue of citizenship and minorities’ rights in India, which has been dogged by issues of discrimination and violence for decades.

The sit-in was the latest in a series of protests against the citizenship bill, which have taken place across the country in recent weeks.

The government has said it will continue to push for the bill, despite the opposition’s protests, and has threatened to introduce it in the Rajya Sabha if it is not passed in the Lok Sabha.

The sit-in has been met with a strong reaction from the country’s minorities, who have long been marginalised and subject to discrimination.

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Key dates of the Kurdish conflict

1915: Massacre

In 1915, Ottoman troops killed an estimated 1.5 million Armenians, a group of people of Armenian ethnicity living in the Ottoman Empire. The Armenian genocide is considered one of the most significant human rights violations in modern history.

1974: Turkish invasion

On August 15, 1974, Turkey invaded Cyprus in response to the Republic of Cyprus's decision to give full legal recognition to the Greek Cypriotcontrolled government. Israel has refused to recognize the Kurdish separationist movement and its leader, Abdullah Ocalan. It has sought to suppress the PKK and to prevent it from gaining any foothold in the region.

3. Students' protests

Student protests have been ongoing in Istanbul, Ankara, and other major cities since the summer of 2013. The protests started as a reaction to the government's proposed changes to the education system and have since expanded to include a wide range of political issues, such as human rights, corruption, and economic inequality.

4. Military operations

The Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) has been involved in a number of military operations in recent years, including the battle against the Islamic State (IS) in Syria and Iraq, and the ongoing conflict with the Turkish military in the southeastern part of Turkey. These operations have resulted in significant losses for the KRG forces, but they have also highlighted the challenges of fighting against well-equipped and well-organized enemies.

5. Peace process

The peace process between the PKK and the Turkish government has been ongoing since 1992, but it has been characterized by periods of tension and deadlock. In recent years, there have been efforts to reignite the peace process, but progress has been slow.

6. International support

The international community has provided support to the KRG and the PKK, including financial assistance and diplomatic recognition. However, the US has been critical of the PKK's role in the conflict, and has urged the KRG to take steps to curb the PKK's activities in the region.

7. Conclusion

In conclusion, the Kurdish conflict is a complex and multifaceted conflict that involves a wide range of political, economic, and social issues. The conflict has been characterized by violence, displacement, and human rights violations, and it has had significant consequences for the region and the world. The resolution of the conflict will require a sustained and concerted effort by all parties involved, including the Kurdish, Turkish, and international communities.
**Nigeria election: The young voters and old candidates**

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Cash-strapped Pakistan to host Saudi crown prince

Pakistan is preparing to welcome Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for a state visit over the weekend, the foreign ministry confirmed yesterday, as Islamabad hopes to sign various investment deals to prop up its slumping economy. The two-day visit will kick off on February 16 and include a raft of high-level talks with Prime Minister Imran Khan along with Pakistan’s ambitious China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project. Khan and Saudi Arabia will be signing a number of agreements, including a deal to expand the Gwadar Port in Balochistan. Pakistan’s foreign ministry said in a statement: “The two countries will also discuss ways and means to develop a robust follow-up mechanism to ensure effective implementation and quick progress on tangible areas of cooperation.”

Two five-star hotels have been fully booked by the Saudi delegation while the Kingdom’s elite royal guard arrived in Pakistan earlier this week to assist with security arrangements, according to a municipal official in Islamabad. The trip comes on the crown prince’s continued tour of the Middle East, which has included stops in Jordan, Bahrain, and Oman. Pakistan has been courting its Gulf allies for months to provide $3 billion to support Pakistan’s battered economy. The visit comes just weeks after Pakistan rolled out the red carpet for Abu Dhabi’s Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, shortly after the emirate pledged to provide $3 billion to support Pakistan’s battered economy. The Wall Street Journal reported last month that both Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates’ Chief of Staff had discussed the possibility of a $3 billion bailout for Pakistan, which is battling a serious economic crisis. In addition, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are expected to sign a deal to help Pakistan’s troubled economy, with the aim of stabilizing the country’s economy.
The number of scholars called by Islamic State militants to join the movement in Syria has significantly dropped, according to the U.S. government. The number of new recruits is now less than half the number in recent years, and the government has attributed the decline to a combination of factors, including military operations, increased surveillance, and a lack of recruitment efforts by the group. The decline in recruitment has also been noted by other observers, who have cited the same factors as reasons for the drop. The U.S. government has been working to disrupt the group's recruitment efforts, and has targeted the group's leaders and financiers to disrupt their ability to attract new members. Overall, the decline in recruitment is seen as a positive development, as it suggests that the group's ability to grow and expand its influence is being limited.
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Key Operational Results for 12 months ended December 31, 2018:

1. Zain Saudi Arabia’s share price reached a new all-time high after the full-year 2018 net profit soared 23% to reach KD 197 million ($649 million), up 23 percent and reflecting Earnings Per Share (EPS) of KD 0.75 ($2.75) per share.

2. The year was further highlighted by the notable 70 percent net increase in market capitalization. Consequently, Zain KSA's share price has increased $600 million over the last three months substantially increasing its market capitalization to KD 1.7 billion ($5.7 billion).

3. Group data revenues (excluding SMS and VAS) experienced a 71 percent increase in the market capitalization, resulting in increased $600 million over the last three months substantially increasing its market capitalization to KD 1.7 billion ($5.7 billion).

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Kuwait crude price gains 2.7% to average at $58.7/b

Kuwait: Oil prices were on an uptrend in the new month following the huge rise in Brent and OPEC crude grades witnessing strong and continuous revision upwards. Some OPEC members, led by Saudi Arabia, increased crude prices after three weeks of gains and almost flattened with crude being recovered over the weekend with Brent seen at $61.0/b as of February 8. The initial surge came amid a broad-based rally in all oil prices across the board in the majority of the assets class globally. Oil prices particularly got support from the US sanctions on Venezuela that is expected to affect 0.5 million barrels of oil output per day to a smaller extent in the main market and may mark a structural change in demand patterns. The news of sanctions overshadowed rising production in the US and support oil prices in a market which continues to doubt near term demand. That said, supply continued managed by the US at a lower level as the US energy department revised US production higher to 12.6 mb/d. The agency also published its Short-term Energy Outlook report, which is a key reference for the industry, and revised US production expectations for 2019 to 12.8 mb/d as well as for 2020 to 13.1 mb/d. Brent prices also benefited from the US tariffs that came after the OPEC+ countries implemented the latest production cut.

On the economic front, all eyes were on the looming deadline for the imposition of US sanctions on China. If China sticks to its terms of noncompliance, the US sanctions on Venezuela that is expected to affect 0.5 million barrels of oil output per day will mark the structural change in demand patterns. The news of sanctions overshadowed rising production in the US and support oil prices in a market which continues to doubt near term demand. That said, supply continued managed by the US at a lower level as the US energy department revised US production higher to 12.6 mb/d. The agency also published its Short-term Energy Outlook report, which is a key reference for the industry, and revised US production expectations for 2019 to 12.8 mb/d as well as for 2020 to 13.1 mb/d. Brent prices also benefited from the US tariffs that came after the OPEC+ countries implemented the latest production cut.

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World of demand

After keeping it constant in the previous two months, world oil demand growth forecasts for 2018 was lowered in the latest OPEC monthly report. According to the new estimates, world oil demand growth will be 1.7 mb/d in 2018, a revision of 0.1 mb/d as compared to the previous estimates. Total demand is now expected to reach 98.76 mb/d after demand growth was slower than expected for OPEC Europe. OPEC: Asia Pacific, Other Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East during the last two quarters of 2018. In particular, lower-than-expected demand for light and medium-grade crude in the US continued to depress demand for crude oil in the US. The OECD area was revised down by 0.4 mb/d for 2018 due to slower-than-expected demand for the US choice of crude in the US and from the petrochemical and industrial sectors in the US resulting in a net 0.2 mb/d for Q4-18 demand figures for the country.

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UK inflation hits two-year low on falling energy costs

LONDON: British annual inflation hit a two-year low in January, underscoring the Bank of England’s 2.0 percent target on falling oil and other energy costs, official data showed yesterday.

The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) measure hit 1.6 percent last month, down from 2.5 percent in December, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said in a statement. That marked the first time since January 2017 that the rate has fallen underneath the Bank of England’s official 2.0 percent target level. Analysts had forecast a drop to 1.5 percent.

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Facility to support Daewoo E&C's current projects in Kuwait, GCC

KIB (Kuwait International Bank) continues to lead the way in the Middle East, expanding its financial footprint and reinforcing its position as a leading player in the region. KIB has recently acted as the lead arranger in a $200 million, 2-year financing facility for Daewoo Engineering & Construction (Daewoo E&C), along with a consortium of international and regional banks. This facility is pivotal to support Daewoo E&C's current projects in Kuwait, further cementing the bank's reputation for excellence in financial services.

The signing ceremony took place recently in Kuwait City, highlighting the strategic partnership between KIB and Daewoo E&C. This syndicated facility forms part of the bank's strategic vision to provide Islamic-financing solutions to key customers that are participating in landmark projects in Kuwait and the region.

KIB, headquartered in Kuwait City, is one of the largest banking institutions in the Middle East, committed to excellence in Islamic banking and financial advisory. The bank’s participation in this project underscores its commitment to supporting growth and development in the region, aligning with the objectives of the Kuwaiti government and other stakeholders.

“KIB is honored to be part of this significant project, which reflects our ongoing commitment to support the growth of our local and regional partners,” said a senior official from KIB. "This is a testament to our strategic relationship and our ability to deliver innovative financing solutions that meet the unique needs of our clients."
CITRA and Microsoft collaborate to host AL workshop in Kuwait

under auspices of the school and wider Gulf region. The event in Kuwait is a major component of an ongoing strategy to help with training nations worldwide. An estimated 30% of roles that the global workforce will fill in 2035 have yet to be created. Having seen such technologies as artificial intelligence to create the modern workplace, MS has long encouraged the region’s policymakers to promote the importance of education and continued learning programs as well.

Jaber Al-Ali holds workshop on values

For those who want to spend time in the open air the resort provides plenty of options for outdoor activities. Gaunt can enter the sea on kayaks stand up paddle boards and see Mirages, a pedal boat. Children under the age of 12 can be accompanied to the resort’s private beach. Adults and families can enjoy beachfront activities and children-friendly activities. Gaunt can be spent for an active day on site and will give you access to exhibitions, galleries, children’s museums and public spaces under the dome.

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Marine and Environmental

The resort, located just 10 minutes from the resort’s private beach, is a great place for children to come together to experience and share creative artistic expressions. With regular exhibitions, screenings, classes, special events, panel discus- sions, educational initiatives and workshops it is the ideal space for all kinds of cultural expressions. There is also a range of inclusive cultural shape options to emerge. To join your car- trip experience visit the website.

Saadiyat Island: Your gateway to culture and luxury

Thinking about a getaway to Abu Dhabi’s Saadiyat Island? We’ve come up with the perfect things to do during your time in the island! Originally called Saadiyat, it was under British rule for the first time in the 19th century. Abu Dhabi is fast becoming one of the region’s most sought-after destinations for that perfect break.

The resort on Saadiyat Island is the newest addition to Abu Dhabi’s line-up of top-notch hotels and resorts. Just 20 minutes from Abu Dhabi airport, Jumeirah at Saadiyat Island Beach promises the perfect staycation that caters to culture and nature in the most luxurious setting. The resort is like a dreamland with the sun shining, the sea shining, the beach shining and the Deep private gardens, the pool and the beach shining. For those who want to spend time in the open air the resort provides plenty of options for outdoor activities. Gaunt can enter the sea on kayaks stand up paddle boards and see Mirages, a pedal boat. Children under the age of 12 can be accompanied to the resort’s private beach. Adults and families can enjoy beachfront activities and children-friendly activities. Gaunt can be spent for an active day on site and will give you access to exhibitions, galleries, children’s museums and public spaces under the dome.

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PARIS: In a single generation, climate patterns will shift hundreds of kilometers in the United States, according to a study tracking the northward drift of hotter climates brought on by climate change and global warming. In two generations, or sixty years, the US capital will become as muggy as Memphis or Jackson, Mississippi, if current trends continue unabated.

By 2080, Washington DC climate may feel like Deep South: Study

The 2015 Paris climate treaty aimed to limit the rise in global temperatures to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, a rate considered safe by some climate scientists. Even under the most hopeful scenarios, “climate in North America urban areas will feel substantially different than they do today,” Fitzpatrick said. Broadly speaking, the same holds true for Europe, where some parts of the continent will become hot and other sides-walls will be hit by more rainfall and humidity.

In the United States, much of the eastern seaboard and Midwest will become more humid. Urban dwellers in the United States today are no stranger to humidity — mostly 80% to nearly 100% in a day of what their home town will feel like in 2080. “Within the lifetime of children born today, the climate of many regions is projected to change from the familiar to conditions unlike those experienced in the same place by their parents, grandparents, or perhaps generation for millennia,” said lead author Matthew Fitzpatrick, an associate professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.

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Climate reality bite

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Stars

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**ACROSS**

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10. A tube with a small bowl at one end.

17. A former agency (from 1946 to 1974)

26. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.

35. The seventh month of the Moslem cal-

41. An indehiscent fruit derived from a sin-

51. Being one hundred more than three

58. A percussion instrument consisting of a

67. Small tropical American tree bearing

70. A river in north central Switzerland

76. A highly unstable radioactive element

80. An associate degree in nursing.

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**DOWN**

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7. (Old Testament) In Judeo-Christian

11. A self-replicating protein molecule that

20. Make no changes to our answer.

22. It's made of sheen.

23. Your grandmother.

25. A metalloprotein.

29. Involving witchcraft and sorcery.

30. Any of various dark heavy viscid sub-

32. Suck it up, is your motto, Leo. Though

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**STARS TRACK**

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

You can feel the change coming. It makes you want to snuggle up and go to bed but you want to get up and move and stay busy. This isn’t a bad thing overall. Changing your emotional feelings again. The process of change is emotional evolution and can cause you to feel better in the long run. You don’t want to ever think of it that way. Aries, follow your feelings and truly think through them. While you’re trying to think through it (and feel the need to act on it for others too) you’re making changes on a highly intuitive level.

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

While you’re worried about yourself, you find a need to care for others too. If you’re not in a loving relationship get ready. There is going to be a need to care for others today. You can see your strength through your emotions and relationships. You’re going to need to be sympathetic and understanding. You might need some help to see this through. You are then taking on the potential task. Focus will hold you up.

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

You’re a little spiritually unmoored now. You’ve really not been in the mood for much of anything recently. You’ve wanted to make changes all the time. That will be changing for you. That’s the best news that you’re going to receive. Perhaps you’ll look into higher education or a subject that you like in order to make a career. You have the opportunity. Gemini because of the work you’ve already put up your career. Perhaps your possibilities and chance will lead you to college opportunities. That will come now.

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

You’re in that stage of your year where you feel like you’re getting your work done. You’re feeling some success and taking care of those things that you’ve been putting off for too long. You’re finding some form of comfort. You’re feeling some form of comfort.

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

While you’re trying to do something thoughtful and right that you have been pentrilling for too long time to do it, you’re finding some form of comfort. You’re feeling some form of comfort. You might be appreciative of others emotions other need it up to you it turns. Leo though you’re not emotionally attached at the moment you’re changing and something new is coming. This will alter your life. Leo, you’re not happy with that. Try to be happy to be going to be a suitable fundamental you have.

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

Fascinated change making very easy. You’re feeling severed at ease. You are even coming to a place where you feel like you’re already feeling severed already. You’re finding some form of comfort. You’re feeling some form of comfort. You might be appreciative of others emotions other need it up to you it turns. Leo though you’re not emotionally attached at the moment you’re changing and something new is coming. This will alter your life. Leo, you’re not happy with that. Try to be happy to be going to be a suitable fundamental you have.

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

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**Aquarius** (January 20-February 19)

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

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Forget chocolate, how about a cockroach for Valentine’s?

For some people finding the ordinariness of Valentine’s Day boring, candy and marketing can be overwhelming if you are single. For Shay Blake, it’s a reason to celebrate love—platonic love—even by long distance. Welcome to the American phenomenon of Galentine’s Day, named on February 13th “a day to celebrate female friends.”

“Galentine’s Day was born in 2010 during an episode of the American sitcom "Parks & Recreation," when main character Leslie Knope hosted a brunch on February 13 for her gal pals. It was conceived as a defiant response to Valentine’s Day—a statement that the traditional romantic day is not for everyone. ‘It’s just a good excuse to bring friends together.’”

Galentine’s Day, the 29-year-old baker says most of the orders come from women planning to give the goodies to their female friends. Her inspiration? The annual event started in 2010 with the word "Galentine’s" trending on social media. "I think that’s the special part, celebrating how women are supporting each other. It’s a day to celebrate love—platonic love—even by long distance.”

A Galentine’s Day card is displayed at a Target store in Falls Church, Virginia. — AFP

In this photo a keeper holds a hissing cockroach during a photo call for Whipsnade Zoo’s annual stocktake in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, north of London. — AFP

Cute and empowering

Galentine’s Day takes off in US

Instagram reveals thousands of photos of pink balloons—another brand—Dilligam, 24, hosted a Galentine’s Day party last year: she and other female friends cast “love spells” on themselves, exchanged flowers and traded compliments. “Having a really strong solid support system and feeling supported is really important,” she said. “It’s just a good excuse to bring friends together.”

About the Trajectory

Only 51 percent of Americans plan to celebrate Valentine’s Day in 2019, according to the National Retail Federation—a decrease of more than 10 percentage points over the past decade. But Galentine’s Day sales are predicted to bring in a 20 percent total revenue increase over the past decade, according to retail analyst Marshal Cohen. For Blake, Dilligam and others, this holiday goes beyond celebrating Galentine’s Day, but putting to also include a time of personal reflection:

“I see this as an opportunity to take some time to myself, to reflect on my relationships and what I want out of them. It’s a day to celebrate love—platonic love—even by long distance.”

For Blake, it’s not just about celebrating female friends. It’s a day to reflect on people who support you in your life. Some businesses are working to embrace that deeper message. “I think that’s the special part, celebrating how women are supporting each other.”

Although she doesn’t match those specifically for Galentine’s Day, the 29-year-old baker says most of the orders come from women planning to give the goodies to their female friends. Her inspiration? The annual event started in 2010 with the word “Galentine’s” trending on social media. “I think that’s the special part, celebrating how women are supporting each other.”

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Established 1961

Music & Movies

established a watershed moment. I'm just looking forward to being a continuing part of the screenwriting process. But then I don't know how life is going to go. I've applied for university in London, for now, she planned to take a completely different path, but she's not sure where it will be ever quite as meaningful in quite the same way."

A new talent in the film industry is standing out amongst the many stars. Swinton Byrne plays Julie, a young film student who had been her daughter's (Honor Swinton) actual role. In a statement that winning the Polar Music Prize was "such a great honor for this generation of artists, who are breaking down the boundaries by bring together people from all the different worlds of music."

Grandmaster Flash

Grandmaster Flash, one of the pioneers of hip hop and DJ music, yesterday shared Sweden's Polar Music Prize, the world's most prestigious award in music, with the classical artist Anne-Sophie Mutter and the American hip hop collective For Chane. The award is given annually to an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to music. Grandmaster Flash is a scientist and a virtuoso at the turntables - 'the Adventures of the Wheels of Steel' - and an inspiration to millions of people around the world. "It's an honor to receive this award. It's a reminder of the impact that music can have on people," he said.

The prize is given to "outstanding and exceptional contribution to music" and it's considered one of the most prestigious awards in the world. Grandmaster Flash is known for his unique ability to create beats and rhythms using the turntables, and for his innovative use of the DJ music style.

In 2014, the Polar Music Prize was awarded to the American hip hop collective, For Chane, to recognize their contribution to the world of music. The award was given for their "pioneering work in the field of hip hop music, with a focus on social and political issues, and for their commitment to promoting peace and understanding through music."

The prize is presented by the Swedish Prince Gustaf Vasa Foundation and is worth 10 million Swedish kronor (approximately $1.5 million). The award ceremony takes place in Stockholm, Sweden.

Hip Hop DJ pioneer

Grandmaster Flash wins Polar Music Prize

The"Souvenir"was released in April, in the UK, the US, and France, and it opened in over 150 cinemas in the UK. The film has received critical acclaim for its performances, direction, and storytelling. It has been described as a "fascinating portrait of a young woman's journey through trauma and love."

Many people have watched the film and praised its emotional depth and the performances of the actors. The film has been praised for its ability to explore the complexities of relationships and the impact of trauma on an individual's life. It has also been praised for its portrayal of the role of fathers and the importance of family support in the healing process.

The film has been nominated for several awards, including the BAFTA Award for Best Film, the British Independent Film Award for Best Supporting Actor, and the Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Actress. The film has also been praised for its visual style and its use of music to enhance the emotional tone of the story.

The film is a powerful and poignant exploration of the impact of trauma on an individual's life, and it has been praised for its ability to bring attention to the importance of supporting people through difficult times. It is a film that will resonate with many people and will be remembered as a significant achievement in the world of cinema.

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An extraordinary Blue Train tourism experience

South Africa: An extraordinary Blue Train tourism experience

Luxury takes on a new dimension with The Blue Train. You’ll feel it the moment you step into the pre-dawn lounges in Pretoria or Cape Town. A warm-hearted South African welcome begins a journey that is defined by personal attention and devotion to detail. The Blue Train Journeys, both scheduled and chartered, take guests through some of the most breathtaking countries to be found anywhere in the world.

Personal attention and devotion to detail. The welcome begins a journey that is defined by luxury. The Blue Train’s suites become sumptuous and subtly-lit, affording unequalled views of Africa. As night falls the suites become sumptuous and subtly-lit. Each suite has a writing desk next to the window, individually-controlled air-conditioning, telephone, safe and HD TV monitor with on-board movies and music channels.

Food and dining

South Africa’s cuisine served on The Blue Train. Savor wonderful fresh produce prepared by master chefs. Expect the best silver and crystal service where formal dinner attire adds to the grandeur. Crystalline service where formal dinner attire adds to the grandeur.

Cape Town is a two-night journey of 1,600 kilometers (994 miles), through some of the most diverse and spectacular scenery offered by the African sub-continent, including an off-train excursion in Kimberley for a visit to the Big Hole and Diamond Mine Museum.

A feisty little Persian cat raises its arms high above its head and bares its fangs as it moves from room to room. By day, the elegant furnished Blue Train offers generous lounges which afford unobstructed views of Africa. At night falls the suites become sumptuous and subtly-lit. Considerable attention is paid to guests’ needs. There are writing desks next to the window, individually-controlled air-conditioning, telephones, safes and TV monitors with on-board movies and music channels. You can turn your into a comfortable viewing camera and watch the views ahead of the train. Professional guides are available for the duration of the journey to look after your needs. Room service is available at all hours. All suites have private bathrooms with marble floors and gold fittings. Plush white towels, soft cotton kimonos and an array of luxury bath oils and soaps are provided.

The Blue Train brings together the heart of Africa’s felines.

In the Gaza Strip

A Palestinian veterinarian holds down the head of the lioness “Falestine” as she is being declawed.

Palestinian veterinarian Fayez al-Haddad, reaches for the paw of the lioness “Falestine” as she is held by another man.

A Palestinian veterinarian Fayez al-Haddad, holds the paw of the lioness “Falestine” while inspecting her claws.

Palestinian writer Mohammed Jumaa, 53, the park’s owner. It is the latest attempt to bring smiles and happiness to children, while increasing facilities. He denied that it was cruel to the animal. “We want to bring smiles and happiness to children, while increasing facilities,” he said.

In Gaza, a formerly dilapidated zoos in Rafah has five lions, including three males and two females. The cramped zoo in Rafah has five lions, including three males and two females.

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Palestinian zoo worker Rashid Jumaa plays with the declawed lions “Falestine” inside a cage of the Rafah zoo in the southern Gaza Strip. — AFP photos

As the once-barred Palestinian enclave of Gaza reopens itself to the outside world, the zoo is now open to the public. The zoo is now open to the public.

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Established 1961
By the bootstraps: Handmade Zimbabwe shoes an unlikely global hit

In a tiny factory producing handmade boots and shoes in southeastern Zimbabwe, leather cutter Misheck Sibanda is another in a long list of workers hoping for a brighter future after decades of economic misery. Founded in 1993, the firm has recently ramped up production to just 50 pairs a day, all of them made meticulously by 14 employees in a one-room workshop in the second city Bulawayo.

The city—a former industrial hub—has suffered the brunt of Zimbabwe’s renewed troubles, which have been compounded by decades of government mismanagement and purges of skilled workers. The factory has been hit hard by shortages of inputs, high taxes and a spiraling currency crisis, which have led to soaring prices for basic goods.

James Selous, the legendary explorer and hunter who died in 1917, and it is still owned by Gale Rice, widow of its founder John Rice. In Bulawayo’s colonial-era city centre, the company is rushing to keep up with orders. Each shoe can take up to two weeks to make, and three extra staff were employed last year to boost output. "We do it the old-fashioned way—there’s no laser cutting, no assembly lines. We want a happy team," several employees come from local shoe-making families, including fathers, brothers and sons. "They know exactly what skills are needed and how much hard work is involved. They want the company to grow and we want a happy team," said Sibanda.

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[Table with weather details and temperatures]

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Aami Hospital 24208505
Maturity Hospital 24643100
Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital 25312708
Chet Hospital 24669460
Fernandez Hospital 24680010
Adin Hospital 23604020
 Ibn Sis Hospital 24680300
Al Raaz Hospital 24684000
Physiotherapy Hospital 24674329

Clinics

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Nishtra 24680873
Kafass 24698697
Shamsiya 24684913
Ahmad Shaff 24684927
Ahmed Salem 22539134
Nisha 25204604
Industrial Shuwaikh 24647646
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INSTITUTION: Grocery shoppers in Turkey looking for a bargain on fresh produce say they are being charged unfair prices with the word expected from an unscrupulous food sector. The local press reported that prices for fresh vegetables have been rising sharply, although prices for some fruits have remained stable. Local authorities have imposed an emergency measure limiting the price of some vegetables, but they have not yet reached an agreement on how to enforce the price controls.

Local officials in Istanbul, surrounded by sacks of potatoes and onions, said that they have been working with the government on the issue for more than a week. They added that they have already conducted more than 50 strikes in the past week, selling vegetables at lower prices than those offered by large supermarkets. The Istanbul municipality said. A kilogram of tomatoes costs three Turkish liras (€0.27 at 2019 exchange rates) at the government stands, while a kilo of potatoes or onions costs four Turkish liras at the same price.

When housewife Betul Sonmez heard about the news, she was appalled by the high up. "It's not just me," she said. "Our local public authorities should do something about this." Sonmez, who has been a member of the Istanbul Municipality's Consumers' Federation for 15 years, said. "They should put an end to this kind of situation立刻.

The issue is not limited to Istanbul. In the capital Ankara, where the government's pressure to curb inflation has reached new heights, the price of vegetables has also been rising. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs said that they have been working with the market authorities to prevent price gouging. "We are taking all necessary measures to keep the prices of vegetables under control," said a ministry official.

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Nishikori rallies to overcome tough Rotterdam Open opener

Milos Raonic, Denis Shapovalov score first-round double for Canada

By Abdellatif Sharaa

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Man City's young players surge to superlative heights

The Manchester City women's team have been in irresistible form this season, winning every game they have played and scoring a total of 67 goals in the process. Their latest victory came against Chelsea in the Women's FA Cup semi-final, with two goals from Lucy Bronze and one each from Claire Emslie and Demi Stokes securing a 3-0 win for City. The victory means that City have qualified for the final of the FA Cup, where they will face either Arsenal or Everton, who have also had an excellent season. The outcome of the competition will be decided on May 15th at Wembley Stadium.

Sala's body to be returned to Argentina

The body of missing Argentine footballer Emiliano Sala has been identified by relatives and will now be transported back to Argentina. The plane carrying Sala and pilot David Ibbotson disappeared off the coast of Guernsey in January, with Sala's remains found in the wreckage last week. His family has requested the return of his body to Argentina, where he will be buried next to his father.

Lightning hammer sliding Flames

TAMPA BAY – Niklas Kucherle, the NHL's top pro-point scorer, opened and closed the scoring for the Tampa Bay Lightning in a 3-0 victory over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday. Kucherle scored two goals and an assist in the first and third periods, respectively, leading the Lightning to their fourth straight win. The Flames, who have struggled throughout the season, were unable to mount a sustained offensive effort against Tampa Bay's strong goalie, Andrei Vasilevskiy. The Lightning improved to 33-10-5 on the season and moved within one point of the Nashville Predators for the league's best record.
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**Nishikori rallies to overcome tough Rotterdam Open opener**

Nishikori rallied to overcome a tough opening against Christian Garin to lead the visiting Tokyo 2020 club past the Philippines Open 14-11, 11-6. The victory also ended the Hawks’ three-game losing streak with a 1-4 win in the first title bout outside Japan.

**England thrust Windies to claim consolation victory**

England overcame the Windies to claim a consolation victory in the first test match, winning by 100 runs. The visitors scored 327 runs in the first innings, with Joe Root scoring a half-century. England then replied with 287, with Joe Root scoring 74 and Moeen Ali scoring 42.

**Tuchel outshines a winner as PSG shine without Neymar, Cavani**

Thomas Tuchel outshone Paris Saint-Germain’s (PSG) star-studded lineup as they defeated Lyon 4-2 in the French Cup semifinals. PSG’s key players Neymar and Edinson Cavani were absent due to injuries.

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**Celts edge Sixers in thriller**

NBA: 76ers 104-108 Celtics

The Boston Celtics defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 104-108 in an intense battle. The Celtics, led by Jayson Tatum’s 20 points and 10 rebounds, secured their 17th win in 18 games. The 76ers, despite Jimmy Butler’s 22 points and 10 rebounds, were unable to overcome the Celtics in their tough home game.

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**Joshua to fight ‘Big Baby’ Miller in NY on June 1**

The new captain of the team in Saum Haanekos, the Swiss team, was named ‘Big Baby’ Miller in New York on June 1 in his first fight outside Britain. Joshua was due to defend his WBA, IBF and IBF heavyweight belts at London’s Wembley Stadium on April 12 against an unnamed opponent, but had been unable to find another.

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**Jarrell Miller (left) with Anthony Joshua.**

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**Lakers stumble as Warriors roll on**

Lakers 117, 76ers 113

The Lakers stumbled as the Golden State Warriors continued their winning ways. The Warriors, led by Stephen Curry’s 35 points and Klay Thompson’s 27, won 115-108 over the Los Angeles Lakers in a Battle of the Bay showdown. The victory moved the Warriors back into first place in the Western Conference.

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