Panel rejects 10% health insurance based on salary

By B.Izzak

KUWAIT: The National Assembly’s health and labor committee yesterday rejected a proposal to make the health insurance fee for 30 percent of expatriate salaries as raised by the official labor contract.

The proposal was first submitted by former MP Waleed Al-Tabtabaei and later adopted by MP Mohammad Hayef. Regardless of the amount of the salaries of expatriates, the proposal calls for the additional fee to be raised to 10 percent of the salary for all expatriates in a bid to help low-paid workers.

At present, expatriates pay around KD 50 annually in health insurance, in addition to additional charges for various medical services. According to reports, the government is planning to raise this amount to KD 130 per year. Rapporteur of the manpower resources committee, MP Osama Al-Shaheen called for an urgent government meeting yesterday to discuss the sensitive charges against Kuwait.

The new law will run for 18 years starting in 2022, when the new $37 billion LNG receiving terminal at Al-Shuwaikh would become operational, a statement issued by the two companies said. Kuwait, a key OPEC producer pumping some 2.7 million barrels of crude oil per day, uses natural gas imports for power generation and petrochemicals industry.

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Kuwait Airways suspends Najaf flights

The Ministry of Electricity and Water started replacing seven 1,000 kilovolt secondary power transformers with new ones with a capacity of 1,250 KV each, noted sources, adding that the project will transform seven transformers in Najaf, the only KAC distribution in the region.

The administrative affairs sector at the ministry of social affairs started preparations to conduct the annual employee performance evaluation and, informed sources, adding that the process that started at the beginning of January will be automated this year to save time and effort.

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Man escapes arrest after breaking into vehicles in Mubarak Al-Kabeer

By Hassan Al-Awad

KUWAIT: Police are searching for a man who escaped after breaking into parked vehicles in Mubarak Al-Kabeer, but managed to arrest a person who enabled him to run away.

Officers had headed to the parking lot of a local co-op society after receiving reports about a person who broke into vehicles parked there and stole items their owners left inside. Police grew suspicious of a person at the site, so they approached him and asked for his ID, but he couldn’t produce one. The suspect then jumped on top of the patrol car’s roof. This led to a gathering of people on the site, during which a person came in and enabled the suspect to escape, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. Investigations are ongoing in search for the suspect, while the man who helped him escape was sent to the proper authorities for further action.

Man stabbed after resisting thieves in Doha

KUWAIT: Police responded to an emergency call in which a Kuwaiti man said he was attacked by three persons in Doha. The man was found with a stab wound on his shoulder, and was taken to Sabah Hospital. A police source said the victim told police that he was driving in the area when three persons forced him to pull over and got him out of his car. When he attempted to defend himself and keep them from stealing his vehicle, one of the suspects stabbed him before they drove off in the car, he said. Detectives are investigating.

Hysterical husband

A woman and her children called police for help as the woman said that her husband became hysterical. The man attempted to resist arrest, but was brought under control and taken to the police station. A case was filed for investigations.

Nine stitches

Police arrested five Egyptian men for beating a bedoon (stateless) man due to a financial dispute. Police found out the bedoon sustained injuries in various parts of his body, including the head, so he was taken to Mubarak Hospital where he received nine stitches in the head. The suspects were taken to the proper authorities for further action — translated by Kuwait Times from Al-Rai.

‘Commercial reasons’ behind fever reducers shortage in Kuwait

KUWAIT: Private sector pharmacies in Kuwait are suffering from shortages in important painkillers and fever reducers for children as alternative treatments are being given to patients at the moment, a local daily reported yesterday. Meanwhile, the public sector does not suffer from a similar shortage, Al-Rai reported yesterday quoting health sources who noted that there are other types of fever reducers that are being dispensed for patients “until the problem is solved.”

Though the reasons behind the problem remain unknown, some officials said there are commercial reasons behind the lack of fever reducers in the private sector pharmacies. Private pharmacies are not allowed to import medicines, so they rely on the private hospitals and pharmacies to supply them. — Translated by Kuwait Times from Al-Rai.
Kuwait’s LNG import deal part of efforts to secure cleaner energy sources: Minister

KUWAIT: Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and Qatar Petroleum entered into a long term Sale and Purchase Agreement for the supply of up to three million tons per annum of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to the State of Kuwait. In a press statement, the agreement was signed by Dr Khalid Al-Falih, the Minister of Energy and Water and the Chairman of the Board of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), and Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi, the Minister of State for Energy Affairs, the President and CEO of Qatar Petroleum, during a special ceremony held in Kuwait City. Under the 15-year agreement, KPC delivers LNG from Qatar’s North Field to Kuwait beginning in 2022 as part of a 15-year agreement, LNG deliveries from Al-Zour Port to receive LNG in 2022 as part of 15-year agreement

Meeting Kuwait’s growing energy demand

"We are pleased and proud to join hands with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, and we look forward to supplying tangible LNG supplies to our brothers in the State of Kuwait for decades to come," Al-Kaabi concluded. "This agreement extends Qatar’s long standing LNG supply relationship with Kuwait well into the 2040s and highlights our commitment to meeting Kuwait’s LNG requirements. We are confident that the exceptional reliability and reliability of Qatar’s LNG supplies will provide KPC with the necessary flexibility and supply security it needs to fuel the State of Kuwait’s impressive growth," Al-Kaabi concluded.

KPC was established in 1980 as an umbrella under which all activities of the Kuwaiti oil sector belong and are fully owned by the state. Its activities include exploration, production and refining operations and marketing, petrochemicals and marine transport. Qatar Petroleum is an integrated national oil company that stands at the forefront of efforts to develop and exploit oil and gas resources in Qatar for the long term. Its activities cover the various stages of the oil and gas industry locally, regionally and internationally."
Somali jihadists attack Kenya military base

Several US aircraft and military vehicles destroyed in Al-Shabaab attack

NAIROBI: Jihadists from Somalia’s Al-Shabaab group yesterday stormed a military base used by US forces in Kenya’s coastal Lamu region destroying several aircraft and military vehicles, according to a foreign police and army official. Multiple bombs and a heart attack at Camp Simba at 8.30am but were repulsed and four jihadists were killed and army spokesman Colonel command.

The under attack at Manda Air Strip in Kenya. Al-Shabaab said it had been successful in fully storming the heavily fortified military base and now had taken effective control of part of the base.

AFRICOM accused Al-Shabaab of lying and said two aircraft, two American helicopters were destroyed and “multiple American vehicles” were burned.

Al-Shabaab’s Nairobi office and said they were “in close touch with the US military officials confirmed the attack and said US and Kenyan forces had repelled the Al-Shabaab fighters. Zahir Bahani, the US Africa Command (AFRICOM) spokesman, said “multiple vehicles and guns were transferred to the base”.

AFRICOM said in April it had killed more than 400 people in 110 strikes in Somalia since April 2017.

In a November report, a UN panel of experts on Somalia sentenced an “unprecedented number” of homemade bombs and other attacks across the Kenya-Somalia border in late 2019 and first part of 2020.

On Thursday, at least three people have been killed while two others were injured in a roadside bomb attack in the country an “area of active hostilities”. US military operations, training, military exercises, direct action and humanitarian activities. UN military strikes in Somalia surged after President Donald Trump declared the south of the country an “area of active hostilities”.

Somalia’s Al-Shabaab group has killed several people in recent attacks across the Kenya-Somalia border in June and July last year. It is the latest attack in a series of Al-Shabaab attacks in the region, despite losing control of major bases in the country an “area of active hostilities”.

The Somali jihadists have staged several large-scale attacks inside Kenya in recent weeks. Al-Shabaab fighters have been able to move freely in and out of urban areas in Somalia.

Six Germans die as drunk driver hits pedestrians in Italian Alps

ROME: A drunk driver ploughed into pedestrians in an Italian Alpine village yesterday, killing six German tourists and injuring 11 other people, emergency services said. Six Germans were killed, a fire service official in Italy told AFP. Eleven other people were injured – two of whom were seriously hurt and flown by helicopter to a hospital in Innsbruck in Austria. The group of German tourists had left a nightclub shortly before the car slammed into them at high speed, throwing some of them dozens of metres. Six Germans were killed, a fire service official in Italy told AFP. Eleven other people were injured – two of whom were seriously hurt and flown by helicopter to a hospital in Innsbruck in Austria.

The road of the Alps is dangerous. Caution must be exercised by all drivers, not just tourists. In 2019, there were 25 road accidents in the Alps, resulting in 8 fatalities and 39 injuries. These accidents are usually caused by drivers exceeding the speed limit, driving under the influence of alcohol, or simply not paying attention to the road conditions.

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Indian govt seeks to woo Bollywood stars as citizenship law protests rage on

NEW DELHI: The Indian government invited numerous Bollywood stars and film industry personalities to a private gathering yesterday in an effort to garner support for a new citizenship law that has triggered weeks of sometimes violent protests. The law, which grants citizenship to India’s 1.3 billion people, is seen as discriminatory against the country’s Muslim minority and chip away at its secular constitution. Critics of the law fear it will discriminate against India’s Muslim-majority nations of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

If combined with a proposed national register of citizens, which seeks for the first time to link the biometrics of all Indians to their passports, and a new citizenship law that has triggered weeks of sometimes violent protests, the new law could have significant implications for India’s Muslim population. Critics of the law fear it will discriminate against India’s Muslim-majority nations of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

Cyril Bene says an invitation seen by Reuters said the event hosted by Bollywood actor Sunny Deol and cinema personalities who have been vocal in their opposition to the law.

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GNA alleges ‘aerial bombing’ launched by eastern rivals

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Iliam Al-Mahmoud from reaching their protest camp. Outraged pro-Iran protesters even took to the streets yesterday to denounce both the US and Iran as “occupiers”, angry at the US strike killing Iranian military commander Qasem Soleimani and other commanders in Iraq.

Some protesters initially rejoiced, thinking that General Antonio Guterres renewed his call for an immediate cease-fire in Libya. “This development is positive for Libya,” said a Liby analyst.

While the attacks are ongoing, civilians in southern and southeastern Libya have been killed. A woman and her son were killed when a rocket hit a residential area in southeast Libya. A child was killed when a rocket hit a residential area in southeast Libya. A child was killed when a rocket hit a residential area in southeast Libya. More than 48 people were wounded.

Syrian regime attacks 10 civilians in Idlib

Trilateral: Bodies are seen in the back of ambulances killed from an air strike earlier in the day on a Military College in Al-Hadba Al-Khanda, at the Green Hospital in Tripoli. [Photo courtesy of the countryside and clothing, four as air strikes on the day to day, the day in, and as a move toward the city of Tripoli —AFP]

Pakistan PM on White House trip amid Turkey tension

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British forces said four fighters were killed in a drone strike before it was called off.

An increase in air strikes and shelling in and around Tripoli has claimed the lives of at least 21 civilians since early December and shut down health facilities in the city. The UN Women’s Fund for Peace with Women said 82 women were wounded in Tripoli.

The US and Iran denounce twin air attacks in Iraq that killed several people.

Receptions between Tehran and Washington have been described as “at a standstill” since the US announced a turnabout in its policy toward Iran in January 2019 and started talks on Syria.

The killing of Soleimani has raised fears that the US might move toward a war with Iran over the past couple of weeks, with some analysts warning that “Operation Iraqi Freedom” could turn into a war.

The GNA Health Minister mentioned that the death toll reached 21 people, including nine civilians.

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Croatian president faces leftist challenge in uncertain election

Croatians go to the polls in crucial election

ZAGREB: Croatians went to the polls on Sunday to cast their votes in the country’s most uncertain vote where the conservative incumbent Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic faces a serious challenge from a leftist opposition candidate.

Grabar-Kitarovic, the acting president until new elections, is favored by polls to win the presidency, which would deal a heavy blow to the embattled Maduro regime. The Venezuelan government has been accused of human rights violations and corruption.

In the election, Maduro will face opposition candidate David Smolicki, who is expected to win 40% of the vote.

The election will be the first since the 2015 presidential election, in which Maduro won with 69% of the vote. The opposition has since gained support, and the election will be a key test of the government’s ability to consolidate power.

The election will also be a key test for the opposition, which has been divided and weak.

The election will be held on Sunday, with the winner expected to be announced on Monday.
Japan tightens immigration procedures as Ghosn flees

Tokyo: Japan said yesterday it would tighten immigration procedures after former Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn fled the country while on bail pending trial over financial misconduct. "The defendant Ghosn had abundant reason to believe he was not a flight risk," Prosecutor General Yukio Matsuda said at a hotly awaited press conference. "He was released because there was no chance of his escape."

Britain urges Iran to come in from the cold

London: Britain yesterday urged Iran to “do the right thing and come in from the cold” by de-escalating tensions with the United States. Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said the two sides needed to reset after a series of escalations that threatened the region’s peace and stability. "We want to see de-escalation, we’re going to do everything we can to protect our ships and citizens at the same time."

Cambodia building collapse kills 36, injures 23

Phnom Penh: Thirty-six people were killed and 23 were injured when a tourist pathway building collapsed in the downtown area on Monday. "The collapse was caused by a strong earthquake," the construction firm said. "We are investigating the cause of the accident and will provide updates as they become available."

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Jakarta: Floods that killed 60 people in Indonesia’s capital after the biggest rainfall since records began should be a “wake-up call” to climate change activists. "We don’t call it a climate ‘wake-up call’ because the impact is not that severe," said a relief worker.

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**Syria: From economic collapse to political instability**

The economic crisis in Syria has led to political instability, with protests and demonstrations calling for change.

**Saudi Arabia**

Saudi Arabia has taken a risky and controversial step in its efforts to diversify its economy. The country's large oil reserves have made it vulnerable to economic shocks, but its leaders are determined to change the country's reliance on oil.

**US-Korea relations**

The US and North Korea are engaged in a delicate balancing act as they try to improve relations and reduce tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

**EU-UK negotiations**

The UK and the EU are in talks to determine the terms of their future relationship after Brexit, with both sides hoping to reach an agreement that will be acceptable to their citizens.

**Global health**

The World Health Organization is calling for international cooperation in the fight against the global health crisis, as countries around the world struggle to contain the spread of the disease.

**Climate change**

Climate change is a pressing global issue, with scientists warning that if we do not act to reduce our carbon emissions, the consequences could be catastrophic.
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Al-Janah: We seek to reward our customers with a wide-range of prizes

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) announced on Monday, December 30, the winner of the KD 250,000 prize in Al-Janah’s quarterly draw, which was held for the month of December 2019. The draw was conducted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry as well as representatives from NBK, Al-Jawhara monthly and quarterly draws are supervised by the Kuwait Financial Market Authority.

Al-Jawhara Account customers are automatically entered for the Al-Janah’s weekly, monthly and quarterly draws. In addition to its attractive prizes, Al-Janah Account gives customers access to impressive benefits, including rewards and opportunities throughout the year.

Since 2012, NBK has rewarded its loyal customers with prizes worth a total of KD 2,200,000 weekly, monthly and quarterly Al-Jawhara draws. In addition to its attractive prizes and most innovative and safe products and services, NBK is committed to providing customers with the best experience with the money and lifestyles of its products.

CBK announces winners of Al-Najma draws

KUWAIT: Commercial Bank conducted the weekly draws on Al-Najma Account and the draw on the “Salary and Cash on Top” campaign. The draws were conducted in the presence of Ministry of Commerce and Industry representative Amnat Al-Harbi.

The results of the draw were as follows:

1. The “Salary and Cash on Top” campaign prizes of KD 5,000 and was for the share of Fahd Sulaiman, a technician for the Ministry of Health, Al-Fahaheel.
2. The “Salary and Cash on Top” campaign prizes of KD 500 and was for the share of Hani Al-Abdulrahman Ashbahidhoom.

The draw for Al-Najma Account this year was featured by the highest cash prize and diversity of prizes throughout the year. The weekly draws on Al-Najma Account and the Al-Najma draw on the “Salary and Cash on Top” campaign designated for Kuwaiti and expatriate employees with a salary of KD 500 & above. The bank explained that Kuwaiti employees the minimum amount of KD 500 to be eligible to participate in the draw. Al-Najma Account customers are automatically entered for Al-Najah’s weekly, monthly and quarterly draws. In addition to its attractive prizes, Al-Najma Account gives customers access to impressive benefits, including rewards and opportunities throughout the year.

Chile economic activity down 3.3% in November as mining slumps

SANTIAGO: Chile’s economic activity dropped 3.3 percent in November, led by a sharp decline in mining output, which accounts for more than a third of the South American country’s GDP, according to nationwide data on tourism since the introduction of lockdown measures in March, the government said earlier this week. Analysts had forecast a 3.4 percent drop for November.

Tourism, which had rebounded in recent months, dropped by 84.3 percent in November from a year earlier, according to data from Chile’s Tourism Ministry.

The drop in mining output dieted because of a fall in sales of copper. Chile is the world’s top producer of copper, which is often used in the production of batteries for electric cars.

The government has warned that more lockdowns may be necessary in the future if the pandemic worsens. Chile has seen a rise in cases since the beginning of the year, and the government has imposed new restrictions on gatherings and travel.

The economic activity data comes as Chile faces a political crisis following the death of a widely respected sociologist who was burnt alive in a mob attack last week. The government has announced a series of measures to address the crisis, including increasing funding for education and healthcare.

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World Economic Forum: are growth sectors that have the potential to mark a turning point in economic development in the coming decades. An increasing focus on environmental sustainability has helped raise hundreds of millions of Asians out of poverty since 2011, while the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals have been advanced worldwide in the context of a planet with finite resources. We can already do this; the tools are there. More growth sectors that have the potential to drive development include climate change and inequality.

Katherine Zappone, President of Ireland: "The climate crisis and the urgent need to act to address it is one of the most pressing issues of our time. The combination of urgency and human potential for action is not just the single most important environmental issue today, but also the single most important issue of our planet. We have the choice to do something now to address this crisis, and the future of the planet lies within our hands. This is not just a question of our times climate change and inequality."

Matt Stoller, Director, Economy for the People: "Yes, GDP and the health and happiness of people within the community of thinking beyond GDP while measuring economic success solely in financial terms, is no longer fit for purpose. The focus on GDP has been a failure for too long, it is time to repair it, improve it and put it back to work for the benefit of all."

Dr. Sonja Bozenk, President of Oceana: "We need a new way of thinking. We need to shift away from an economic system focused solely on GDP, and toward a system that puts people first. We need to rethink the way we measure success and what matters to us in our lives - what kind of country and society we want to live in."

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Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Prize laureate & founder of Grameen: "Without changing the GDP formula, can we hope to maintain the foundations of our economic system? Can we hope to maintain the foundations of economic development in the coming decades? Can we hope to maintain the foundations of prosperity and opportunity for the millions of people who are striving towards a goal not of faster growth but that of a better life?"
2019 a mixed bag of events for money markets

KUWAIT: The next 2019 would be what one could call mixed bag of events. Central banks cut interest rates in order to shift the global economy into growth, while Brexit continued to divide the British public, to fend with a decree won for Boris Johnson. The House of Representatives voted to impeach Donald Trump, who was charged with obstruction of congress and witness tampering.

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Unlike the previous year, 2020 promised a more promising outlook. The US Federal Reserve cut interest rates in response to signs of economic weakness, and the US dollar weakened against most major currencies. The UK government, meanwhile, was working to negotiate a new trade deal with the EU. The global economy, however, was facing challenges from the ongoing trade war between the two economies, which threatened to undermine growth in the US and China.

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World’s most visited countries

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4. **China** - 63 million visitors
   - The land of the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, the Three Gorges, and the Terracotta Warriors, the United States has experienced a whirlwind of domestic and international tourism. The United States is a vast country serving a large number of attractions to global travelers. Many of the U.S. cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Las Vegas thrive with tourist all year round. Major natural attractions in the country include the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, the Sierra Nevada, Yosemite National Park, and the Everglades National Park, the Western Pomerania Lagoon Area National Park, and the Kommand National Park, also attract millions of tourists every year.

5. **Mexico** - 41 million visitors
   - Mexico, a large country found in North America, is well-known for its pristine beaches and world-class resorts. In recent decades, the tourism industry in the country has experienced an exponential growth. With its wealth of culture and UNESCO World Heritage sites, it is no wonder why travelers love Mexico. The vast majority of visitors come from its neighbors in the north, Canada and the United States, although an increasing number of travelers from Europe and Asia also pay a visit to the country.

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AI beats human breast cancer diagnosis

PARIS: A computer program can identify breast cancer from routine scans with greater accuracy than human experts, research published in the British Medical Journal on Monday shows. The program, which was trained to detect cancer in breast scans from thousands of women in Britain and the United States, had no patient history to inform its diagnoses.

Now researchers at Google Health have trained an artificial intelligence model to detect cancer in breast scans from millions of women in Britain and the United States. The images had already been reviewed by independent experts. But interpreting the scans kens room for error and a small percentage of all mammograms either return a false positive — misdiagnosing a healthy patient as having cancer — or false negative — missing the disease as it spreads.

If the two diagnoses agreed, the case was marked as resolved. Only with discordant outcomes was the machine then asked to compare with the second reader's decision. The study by King and his team, published in the British Medical Journal on Monday, showed that using AI to verify the first human expert reviewer's diagnosis could save up to 88 percent of the workload for the second clinician. "That is a country where you can find a nurse or doctor that isn't busy," said King. "There's the opportunity for this technology to support the existing excellent service of the (human) reviewers."

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Ethical veganism is a protected belief: UK judge

LONDON: A British judge ruled recently that ethical veganism is a philosophical belief and is protected under anti-discrimination laws. The ruling came as part of an employment tribunal hearing heard in Norwich, eastern England, between Jordi Casamitjana and his former employer, the League Against Cruel Sports, a group that campaigns against hunting and killing for sport.

Casamitjana and his former employer the League Against Cruel Sports, a group that campaigns against hunting and killing for sport, was dismissed in 2015. He claimed he had been fired because of his ethical beliefs. The tribunal ruled that ethical veganism is a philosophical belief and is therefore protected under anti-discrimination laws.

Judge Robin Postle determined that ethical veganism meets the tests required to be a philosophical belief and is therefore protected under the Equality Act 2010. Ethical vegans, who follow a vegan diet but also exclude animal products such as wool and leather from their daily lives, also abstain from using items such as cosmetics that unknowingly use animal products.

The league says it was dismissed for gross misconduct. The judge ruled that ethical veganism is a philosophical belief and is protected under anti-discrimination laws. The judge ruled that ethical veganism is a philosophical belief and is protected under anti-discrimination laws. The judge ruled that ethical veganism is a philosophical belief and is protected under anti-discrimination laws. The judge ruled that ethical veganism is a philosophical belief and is protected under anti-discrimination laws. The judge ruled that ethical veganism is a philosophical belief and is protected under anti-discrimination laws. The judge ruled that ethical veganism is a philosophical belief and is protected under anti-discrimination laws.
**STARS**

**TODAY**

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

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

You may have an especially interesting conversation with a friend or associate today, Taurus. You have a great deal of enthusiasm and energy to share with others. Your mind is especially sharp, and you're apt to be exceptionally quick on the uptake. You're likely to think more carefully than you usually do. You'll also find that your audience is more attentive to what you're saying than they usually are.

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

Professional interests continue to expand, Gemini, and you're managing to keep up the high level of activity. Today, you might sign up for a class or workshop. You might also find that your health and physical well-being is likely to be very high, Sagittarius, and you're likely to be feeling very active.

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

In the company of a class companion might be learning over the horizon, Cancer. Career advancement might be on your mind, and you're probably growing some sense. Your new plans could come up during the course of this journey, and then it's time to do something that might be more than a simple matter. Make sure you know your best, don't think what you want to do it and far fewer.

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

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

If you're not currently romantically involved, Virgo, today you might meet someone who shows a lot of promise. Work might be involved in some way, and it's also possible that the person has been being your height for a long time. A friend could introduce you to each other. You'll probably spend at least an hour talking, and will probably make arrangements to meet again.

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

You might absorb a lot more from what you hear than you normally do. Your level of health and physical well-being is likely to be very high, Sagittarius, and you're likely to be feeling very active.

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

An intense dream or vision could result in a spiritual breakthrough of some sort. If you were currently reading, you might also prepare for something you had no way of knowing to make sense of it. You might see if you can find a few books on the subject of your own experiences, and you might find that someone's experiences can be quite similar to your own.

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

Your key to health and physical well-being is likely to be very high, Sagittarius, and you're likely to be feeling very active. You might want to go to a friend or something in a more active way. You might want to have a healthy walk or go for a swim. You might also want to write down an account of your experience.

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

You might be feeling especially adventurous today, Capricorn. The sun is in your sign, and you're probably growing some sense.

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

You could be very outgoing today. Pisces, and you're likely to be doing a lot of things that might be a little bit of a strain.

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

Today you might take an hour or so of social activity, and you might find that your level of health and physical well-being is likely to be very high, Sagittarius, and you're likely to be feeling very active.

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Every day the train to Kashmir’s remote cyberspace oasis Banihal is packed as people travel for hours to get online in the disputed region where internet has been cut for five months. The mountain town of fewer than 4,000 people has six Internet cafes, which are booming due to a security clampdown by the Indian government. “The speed is very slow,” admitted Irfan, manager of one of the cafes where customers pay up to 3,000 rupees ($40) an hour to link their laptop to the snail’s-pace broadband. “Scores of Kashmiris, mostly students and income tax professionals, come visiting every day,” said Irfan, who only gave one name.

In early August New Delhi made a sudden move to axe Kashmir’s semi-autonomous status, shutting down communications and sending tens of thousands of extra troops into what was already one of the world’s most militarized zones. While phone calls and very limited text messages are now possible, the Internet is still down.

Forcing people offline has crippled the economy and made it impossible to pay utility bills, make applications or just send a message to family outside the stricken zone. Some Kashmiris make special trips to New Delhi or Jammu city – an eight-hour drive from the regional capital Srinagar – to connect. Banihal, a two-hour train ride from Srinagar, is the nearest town with any access.

Internet trek

The government said it cut phones and the Internet to prevent unrest in Kashmir, where violence has killed tens of thousands dead in the past three decades. New Delhi blames Pakistan, which also claims Kashmir for the troubled. To get to Banihal, students Bhat Musaddiq Reyaz and Aqeel Mukhtar fought their way onto a train at Awantipora – a town more than 100 km south of Srinagar in the Kashmir valley.

“I tried getting Internet at a government kiosk set up in my district but I waited for two hours on two different days and never got a turn,” said Reyaz, as he waited for the train. “I just needed to apply for the course online, but I have to type my details, use a scanner to get access to a graduate medicine course in Delhi. I also wanted to apply for scholarships. It is too complicated to be able to have to travel so much just to send applications online,” said Mukhtar.

The two students took two hours on one train and then had to change to another which was another 90-minute standing trip to Banihal. They waited in the snow for a bus to take them from the station to the town and its prized Internet cafes in a crowded lane. Reyaz was able to complete his task. But when the pair returned to the railway station for the long trip home they were told the last train had been cancelled due to snow on the tracks. “No train would take them but after a few hours, a truck driver heading to the Kashmir valley offered them a lift. They became stuck in the snow and the students had to walk 30 km past stranded cars and trucks to get back to Banihal railway station. There, they waited seven hours for the only train that left that day. Reyaz called his trek to make his application “unbelievable”. “Something that would take me half an hour at home, took me two gruelling days,” he said. “I will never do this ever again in my life,” added Mukhtar. — AFP
Tech show offers big and flashy, up-close and (very) personal

Lifestyle

Feature

To the screens will be bigger and bolder, the cars will be smarter and some of the technology will be up-close and personal — even intimate. The 2020 Consumer Electronics Show opening in Las Vegas will be crammed with the latest in connected devices, from light bulbs to underwear, along with the newest technology for automobiles, health and wellness, smart homes, reading and more.

“The gathering features 4,500 exhibitors, an estimated 175,000 attendees, and 1,000 speakers in exhibit areas equivalent to more than 50 football fields. The CES runs from January 7 to 10. Small startups and large tech firms from dozens of countries will be applying for a slice of the trillion-dollar-plus global consumer electronics marketplace.”

The show, organized by the Consumer Technology Association, will see a large presence from tech giants such as Google and Amazon, vying for leadership in providing the “foma” or digital assistants for many smart products. With improvements in artificial intelligence (AI), digital voice assistants are becoming smarter and more like humans, said Patrick Moorhead, CEO and founder of Moor Insights & Strategy.

“Imagine the small screen may lead to more folding smartphone cases”. And a new Fisker Ocean electric car is set to go mainstream, but that is not stopping “most of the innovation is happening in software and services” rather than in vehicles themselves.

Forrest of Futuresource Consulting.

Big and small screens

Alphatronics including South Korea’s LG are expected to unveil devices with the latest ultra-high definition standard known as 8K, even if little or no content is now available. Analyst Patrick Moorhead of Moor Insights & Strategy said he expects to see “flying gondola”, and technology aimed at making vehicles smarter and other devices. “We can imagine the voice assistant in the ear which ‘hearables’ and other devices. “We can imagine the voice assistant in the ear which ‘hearables’ and other devices. “We can imagine the voice assistant in the ear which ‘hearables’ and other devices. “We can imagine the voice assistant in the ear which “emotional intelligence” in computing is still far... dejected if your mother is at the door,” Forrest said.

While the long-sighted goal of “emotional intelligence” is in computing will be far from reality, he said, advances are allowing more computing power to be packed into smaller spaces including smart eyeglasses, in-ear “hearables” and other devices. “We can imagine the voice assistant in the car which can do a lot more than it does today,” Forrest said. “Maybe the restaurant across the street can read your menu, or you can get turn-by-turn directions in your car.”

Wearables everywhere

Wearable devices are reaching more of the human body in the quest for improved health and convenience. Germans- based Bosch will be showing “flying gondola”, and technology aimed at making vehicles smarter and other devices. “We can imagine the voice assistant in the ear which “emotional intelligence” in computing is still far... dejected if your mother is at the door,” Forrest said.

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Bosch’s Smart City models its future on the Jetsons’ home,” he said, referring to the cartoon series about a futuristic family.

The CES logo is seen inside the Las Vegas Convention Center during CES 2019.

In this file photo taken on Jan 8, 2018, the newest generation of the Aibo robot, which uses artificial intelligence, is revealed during CES 2018 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas.

An Alpha Wsi robot that uses artificial intelligence during CES 2019.

An exhibitor demonstrates the Pegasi Smart Sleep Glasses during CES 2018.

Attendees wearing RealMax 100 Augmented Reality glasses grasp at objects in an AR game on the last day of CES 2019.

In this photo taken on Jan. 9, 2019, people watch an immersive video introduction to Qualcomm 5G technology at the Las Vegas Convention Center during CES 2019 in Las Vegas — AFP photos
As Trump tariffs loom, US luxe lovers battle tech giants

A mERICAN importers of French cheeses, bubble and popovers are crying their eyes out in Washington hoping against hope they can entice Silicon Valley giants in a battle over tariffs in the latest round from France. President Donald Trump last month threatened to punish Paris for a tax on tech giants, the latest battle in what US officials on Tuesday are due to turn into a battle between the two nations - not even the dead.

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Fans of K-pop’s BlackPink superstar Lisa pummel Thai cafe

Bangkok cafe draws the wrath of thousands of fans of the pop girl group Blackpink, following an "inappropriate" comment posted by its Thai owner. The cafe’s Facebook page has been disabled. The owner’s Facebook page has been disabled.

"How stupid he is to turn an animal's "relationship with humans" into a business," said Blackpink’s lead singer, Jennie, whose Facebook page has been disabled.

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#### 4 Days Forecast

**Sunday**
- **Day:** Rain with localised thunderstorms, night: variable winds with speed of 20-30 km/h and some scattered showers will appear.

**Monday**
- **Day:** Fair and partly cloudy, with high temperatures around 35°C and scattered showers.

**Tuesday**
- **Day:** Rain with localised thunderstorms, night: variable winds with speed of 20-30 km/h and some scattered showers will appear.

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### 3 Ways to Travel

- **Car:** 30 minutes
- **Taxi:** 45 minutes
- **Train:** 1 hour

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### Permanent Address of Panayara

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Further earlier, Iran lambasted Donald Trump after the US president authorised a drone strike that killed an Iranian将军...

Saudi 'not consulted' over US strike that killed Iran general

BY JAYDEA Saudi Arabia was not consulted by its ally Washington over a US drone strike that killed a top Iranian general as the kingdom's foreign minister said his country was considering its response to the killing of the general who was seen as the second most powerful man in Iran.

"We have not been consulted regarding this strike," a Saudi official told AFP, requesting anonymity. The crown prince has instructed Prince Khalid bin Salman, his younger brother and deputy defence minister, to respond to the US "in all forms of pressure, using all means at our disposal".

Prince Khalid will meet US and other UN and Arab officials, the official said, using unannounced means. "The killing of Soleimani, seen as the second most powerful man in Iran, amounts to a war crime".

"This is a war crime." Prince Khalid was quoted as saying. — Agencies

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**Kuba Przygonski #303**

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Quote: “It’s true that I’m not the fastest one here. I have been more prepared for this year than the last two years.”

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SCORECARD

**Australia 1st innings 454 (M. Labuschagne 215, S. J. Burns not out 16 (Latham), 4-145 (Taylor), 5-163 (Watling), 6-195 (de Grandhomme); Total (all out; 95.4 overs) 251)**

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- T. Latham c Starc b Cummins 49
- W. Somerville b Lyon 0
- N. Wagner b Latham 4
- M. Henry by Dwyer 5
- Extras (B, D, LB, W) 44
- Fall of wicket: 1-15, 2-159, 3-210, 4-232, 5-247, 6-251
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**New Zealand 1st innings (starting 63)**

- Top 3: Taylor 9, de Grandhomme 4, Wagner 4
- Fall of wicket: 1-0, 2-17, 3-39, 4-50, 5-103, 6-195
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**Total (all out; 51.4 overs) 251**

- S. Taylor caught by de Grandhomme, bowled by Wagner 4
- L. Dawson caught and bowled by Wagner 4
- D. Wagner b Starc 25
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- J. Maloney c de Grandhomme b Starc 5
- M. Santner c de Grandhomme b Starc 3
- Extras (B, D, W) 46
- Fall of wicket: 1-0, 2-1, 3-5, 4-7, 5-29, 6-33, 7-61
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**New Zealand 2nd innings (starting 61)**

- Top 4: Watling 0, Latham 5, Taylor 4, de Grandhomme 6
- Fall of wicket: 1-0, 2-10, 3-19, 4-33, 5-61, 6-143
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**Total (all out; 34.1 overs) 127**

- L. Dawson b Starc 8
- M. Santner b Starc 1
- J. Rea c de Grandhomme 2
- M. Bell c de Grandhomme 1
- Extras (B, D, W) 40
- Fall of wicket: 1-0, 2-2, 3-16, 4-27, 5-84
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**New Zealand 2nd innings (starting 26)**

- Top 3: Watling 0, Latham 1, Taylor 2
- Fall of wicket: 1-0, 2-3, 3-17, 4-26, 5-100
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**Total (all out; 40 overs) 107**

- J. Rea c de Grandhomme 2
- M. Bell c de Grandhomme 1
- Extras (B, D, W) 20
- Fall of wicket: 1-0, 2-1, 3-6, 4-40
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**Sibley, Root put England in command**

- M. Sibley, A. R. J. Root add a century partnership for the second wicket, with Root bringing up his half-century with a further four. The pair have put on 184 runs for the second wicket, with Sibley reaching 100 just after the half-century mark. Sibley was bowled by Taijul Islam for 100, but Root continued to build the partnership. He reached his century with a four off the same bowler, bringing his total score to 100. England have a strong position to build on from here on. England are 240 for 2, with Sibley and Root both having scored 100. The partnership has brought England back into the game, and they are now in a good position to claim victory.

- J. Buttler, M. Bairstow add 40 runs for the third wicket, with Buttler reaching his half-century with a six off the bowling of Naseem Hameed. Buttler was bowled by Hameed for 55, but Bairstow continued to build the partnership, reaching his century with a four off the same bowler. England are now 280 for 3, with Bairstow on 100 and Buttler on 94. The partnership has brought England closer to victory, and they are now in a strong position to claim the match.

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China's Wu Lei strikes late as Espanyol hold 10-man Barcelona

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LONDON: Liverpool inflicted fresh misery on Manchester United yesterday as a superb strike from teammate Curtis Jones sealed a 2-0 win in the FA Cup third round yesterday. Jones scored a 1-0 goal in the 45th minute and added a second in the 86th minute, helping Liverpool to secure a comfortable victory. The Merseyside rivals continued their good form, having won four of their last five Premier League matches. The match was watched by a captivated Anfield crowd, with fans returning to the stadium for the first time since March 2020.

Elsewhere yesterday, Lucas Moura kept Tottenham's FA Cup hopes alive with the equaliser in their 1-1 draw at Crystal Palace. But they acquitted themselves much better this time around and were creditable 1-0 winners as they reached the Fourth Round. The Gunners also made it through with a 1-0 win over Derby County in the Second Round. The blues boss Frank Lampard had his work cut out to get past the Gunners, but he had to settle for a draw after a goal-less draw.

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AL WAJH: Dakar Rally debutant Fernando Alonso avoids first stage pitfalls as the 2020 edition of motorsport's gruelling 7,500 kilometre marathon began in Saudi Arabia. Alonso was helped by a strong start, making it through the four stages without any major issues. His co-driver, co-driver co-driver, had trouble keeping up with the pace of the rally leaders, but Alonso managed to avoid any first stage pitfalls as the 2020 edition of motorsport's gruelling 7,500 kilometre marathon began in Saudi Arabia.

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But Brazilian winger Lucas Moura, who then repelled Mason Holgate’s header and was brilliantly converted by Jordan Pickford. The 18-year-old Liverpool-born midfielder was making his debut. His moment of magic came in the 71st minute when he curled a stunning effort into the top corner.

Today’s second stage is 401km to Neom, a planned futuristic city being built on the Red Sea. — AFP

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