Kuwaiti government-surplus was set to continue even with fewer oil revenues, bolstered by investment returns on the sovereign wealth fund's assets, global ratings agency said. It said Kuwait's sovereign wealth fund, largely underpinned by sizable foreign assets accumulated in the country's sovereign wealth fund, "will remain strong over the next two years, primarily underpinned by sizable foreign assets accumulated in the country's sovereign wealth fund," it said.

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Kuwait Aviation Show 2020 ‘huge success’ with over 60,000 visitors

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By Khaled Mahdi

Established 1961

KUWAIT: With over 60,000 visitors, the Kuwait Aviation Show concluded yesterday. On that occasion, the show’s organizing committee announced that the third version of the Kuwait Aviation Show will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2022.

Head of the organizing committee I mam Behbehani told Kuwait Times that the Kuwait Aviation Show 2020 signifies that Kuwait became a main competitor in the region’s aviation market. “The participation of 118 countries, which is a record, signifies the growing interest in Kuwait as a regional aviation hub,” Behbehani said.

The organizer also expressed the expectation that this event will evaluate the outcomes of the aviation show to meet the needs of participants after the conclusion of the event. The air shows presented by all of the Kuwaiti Air Force, the Saudi Arabia team, the Emirates Airline team, and France’s F-80 Phantom, the US and British team for adding in Qatar’s Mojiby team were great, and all the participants were very satisfied with the event,” Behbehani said. “The next event to be held on January 19, 2022 was also to study this aspect of eagles and collect information about it maintaining the ecological balance, especially since there are some species threatened by humanity concerning the six main extinction of being organisms, he added.

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By Ken Garcia and Agencia

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Roland Gaspar David, who was supposed to be back to work as a bus cook at a chain restaurant in Kuwait, said his flight was delayed due to immigration authorities. The flight was supposed to be from Clark International Airport in Pampanga, north of Manila, on Friday when he was supposed to fly back to Kuwait, but he was unable to do so due to the ban imposed by the Philippines.

He was with three more workers who were all heading back to Kuwait. Gaspar said he was able to fly back to Kuwait, but he was unable to do so due to the ban imposed by the Philippines. He was supposed to include even vacationing Filipino semi-skilled workers, who can no longer return to their employers.

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Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center, top Kuwaiti arts, culture venue

Learning music

The educational curricula in the school taught by professional teachers from various countries to provide students with the opportunity to learn music. It offers Western, Arabic music and Eastern instruments. In addition, the center has organized numerous cultural events in the form of operatic, classical music concerts and traditional music workshops.

Four buildings

The JACC consisted of four buildings with one housing the main stage, which accommodates some 3,000 attend- 

KUWAIT: As a remarkable piece of architecture with four glittering gigantic buildings, the Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center (JACC) was established with the aim of continuing Kuwait's rich history, present and future, Ishaq said. The center is a forerunner in the field of culture, art and literature, as this celebration of the largest cultural projects in Kuwait, witnessing about 1.5 million visitors when opening 35 countries around the world. During this short period, the center generates revenues for the state that exceeds 4.5 million.

Head of financial and administrative affairs at the Amiri Diwan, Abdallah Salih Al-Sabah, said Kuwait has always been a tourist in the field of art, and hence continues to break new ground to accommodate these needs and develop several cultural events.

The center attracts an elite of most popular performers in the region and the world. This project aims to unveil what life events helped him rather than just going through a catalogue of his themes from his life that made him who he is. We will be harnessing the knowledge of the heavens to further human understanding and development.

Monday talks

After two successful seasons, a JACC of educational and vocally stunning. The show had a classic feel, very similar to Umm Kulthum’s most famous songs, performed by May Farouq and conducted by maestro Emad Ashour. The first part of the opera hall at the center.

Sunday, January 19, 2020
Over 850,000 visitors generating around KD 1.750 million income

Jordan

Amman

Request for Expression of Interest (EOIs) for the Development of Prime Real Estate Assets

The Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM), and the Amman Vision Investment and Development (AVID), a wholly-owned subsidiary of GAM, would like to invite investors and real estate developers to submit Requests for Expression of Interest (EOIs) for the development of lands, defined in the Information Memorandum, attached via web link to this publication. The concept and layout of the lands, the type of activities, the access to the lands, and the fees are all covered in the Information Memorandum. The lands are prepared in accordance with both local and national regulations and the terms and conditions set by the Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM). The Information Memorandum is available for download from the following web link: www.ammanmunicipality.org/information-memorandumוכה. It offers scientific programs like Coded, which teach boys and girls principles of coding, as well as a Bricks for Kids program, designed to teach children how to build basic robots, tell stories through the use of Lego Bricks.

The Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM) was formed in 1995 by the Government of Jordan and the Amman Vision Investment and Development (AVID). The Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM) is the second largest city in the world. The Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM) has a population of around 4.5 million people and is the capital of Jordan. The Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM) is divided into five districts: Al Rainbow, Al Salt, Al Salt, Al Shab, and Al Zarqa. The Greater Municipality of Amman (GAM) is responsible for the provision of public services and infrastructure, as well as for the development of the economic, social, and cultural sectors of the city.

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The US president's week-long trip to Europe will end Friday. The talks were "useful" but had "not reached a conclusion" on the issue of a peace deal, according to a spokesman for US negotiators in Doha, two sources have said.

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Ahead of tinder box Virginia gun rally, Trump says Constitution under attack

Gun-control activists reporting growing number of online death threats

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump took aim at Virginia Democrats and said that passing the US gun law that the Democrats want would trigger his impeachment. — AFP

“Wilton Massacre” is under very serious attack in the Great Commonwealth of Virginia,” Trump wrote in a tweet. “They want to make it look like a Second Amendment issue when in fact the only people they want to protect are those who violate our laws, and bear firearms. “That’s what happens when you vote for Dems.”

The Virginia Sun, a liberal newsletter, published a letter to the editor calling on Democrats to pass gun laws. “This is a war on the American people,” the letter said.

Children cannot sue US government over climate change

WASHINGTON: A US federal appeals court on Friday rejected a legal challenge against the Trump administration’s policy of not regulating greenhouse gas emissions. — Reuters

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the youth plaintiffs had no standing to bring their lawsuit, finding that climate change was occurring at an increasingly rapid rate and that the US government was taking no meaningful action to combat it. The decision, which was issued without oral argument, is likely to end the legal challenge.

Trump’s campaign has been quick to pounce on the ruling. “The Trump administration is the real environmental protector,” the campaign said in a statement.

Supreme Court takes up US presidential Electoral College dispute

WASHINGTON: The US Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a dispute over whether the 2020 presidential election was decided by the Electoral College or by the states. — AFP

The case, which was brought by the state of Colorado, seeks to challenge the 2020 presidential election results in states where the Electoral College was not decisive. The court’s decision is expected to be released in late June.

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Penalties deny trying to understand underpinning from Iran attack

WASHINGTON: The Pentagon said on Friday that it had been in an effort to de-emphasize injuries for some sort of “political effect.” — AFP

But the disclosure of the concussive symptoms comes after the Trump administration had acknowledged that Iran’s attack on a US military air base on Jan. 10 had led to injuries among US personnel. The US military has not yet released any official count of injuries.

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The premiere of the documentary “Wanted: Dead or Alive” focused on the Virginia gun rights rally, which was held on Saturday, Jan. 26, in Richmond, Virginia. The rally was organized by the National Rifle Association (NRA), which is the main pro-gun organization in the US. The rally was attended by thousands of gun owners and supporters, who carried signs and rifles and wore red and black clothing.

During the rally, speakers called for the repeal of gun laws and the protection of gun rights. One speaker said, “We will not be silenced!”

The rally was held in response to a proposed gun control bill that was introduced in the Virginia legislature earlier in the year. The bill would have required background checks for gun purchases and banned the sale of assault-style weapons.

The NRA argued that the bill would infringe on the Second Amendment right to bear arms, and that it was being used as a “political ploy” by the gun control advocates.

The rally’s organizers also accused the media of being biased against gun owners, and accused Democratic lawmakers of being “anti-gun.”

Reacting to the rally, one speaker said, “We will stand up for our rights!”

The rally was one of several that took place in Virginia in recent months, as the state’s legislature considers new gun control measures. The Virginia legislature has a Republican majority, and has been supportive of gun rights in the past.

However, some states, such as New York and California, have recently enacted new gun control laws, and have been criticized by gun rights advocates.

The Virginia gun rights rally was one of the largest and most prominent of recent months, and it demonstrated the ongoing divide between gun rights advocates and gun control supporters in the US.
Filipinos hurl volcano’s ash, plastic trash into bricks

BIAUH: Ash spewed by a Philippine volcano is being lashed at a banana plantation by locals. They have been given the task to make bricks in an intensive response to the country’s permanent problem of lahar and frequent natural disasters. The Twin Owls hand dug into the earth a week ago, sending showers down that columns in the sky and burying nearby Binan city in a cloud of grey powder.

Environment officials did not just clean up the mess but decided to convert it into something useful. They collected bricks three days before an election in the capital. A similar brick making toms were used for the Taal volcano a few years ago.

Two missing, 3,000 in shelters as Cyclone Tino hits Fiji

PORT VILA: Cyclone Tino strengthened to a Category Five, Fiji’s most powerful and dangerous, with 279km (173mph) winds. Fiji’s south coast was hit with its second cyclone in two weeks.

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Blizzard slams Canadian province’s emergency declared

OTTAWA: A winter wonderland Hammed Canada’s capital city of Ottawa got hit by a snow storm. Winds gusting to over 120 kilometer (75 mph) and dropping more than 60 (0°C) made it the coldest day in the city’s history.

Floods, road closures in Australia as storms lash bushfire-hit regions

MELBOURNE: Parts of Australia’s east coast were hit by heavy rain and flooding on Tuesday, with some areas experiencing their worst floods in 12 years. The state of Victoria has declared a state of emergency due to the floods. The state of Queensland is also on high alert.

North Korean foreign minister replaced: Report

SEOUL: North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong-ho has been replaced, South Korean news agency Yonhap reported. Ri, who had been named by the North’s leader Kim Jong-un as the country’s new foreign minister on September 12, has been replaced, Yonhap reported.

TAGAYTAY: People take photos and selfies at a viewpoint overlooking the Taal volcano in the Philippines. —AFP
Hit by jihadist attacks, African states eye more say in Libya crisis

Vilence of increasing jihadist attacks, African states are looking for more say in mechanisms that could lead to a political solution in Libya.

The conflict in Libya continues to be a priority for the African Union, which has been trying to mediate the conflict. "The African Union is pushing for more say in the situation in Libya," said a source familiar with the matter. "We are pushing for a political solution that respects the African continent's interests and the African people's rights."
Financial sector must reduce inequality: IMF

WASHINGTON: The world’s financial sector should take rapid steps to address record or near-record inequality levels within countries that new research showed could be a harbinger of a new financial crisis, the head of the International Monetary Fund said Friday.

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva issued what she termed a “call to action”, urging a shift to facilitate more lending to small and women-led businesses, what she termed a “sophisticated” populations, she added.

She told an event at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "The Fund will apply the lessons of the new research to its assessment and surveillance of financial sector stability, while focusing on behavioral factors driving leverage and faster growth," she said.

Georgieva, who served as the World Bank’s chief executive officer before moving to the IMF in October, has made reversing inequalities one of her top priorities. In her speech at the Peterson Institute, she said it was important to maintain and build on these positive trends. "We faced the full weight of Mother Nature," she told AFP at an IMF-World Bank event in 2020.

"If we do this, and act together, we can avoid repeating the mistakes of the 1920s in the 2020s," Georgieva told the event at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "Future policymakers should ensure that inequality trends do not increase before a financial crisis, signaling a strong link between inequality and financial stability," she said. "It’s a lot of farmers that are in distress, a lot of farmers that are struggling. Some families have lost everything, and they’re struggling to find a way where they can move forward," she said.

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**KUWAIT:** More international and regional airlines participated in the Kuwait Aviation Show 2020 and Gulf Air was one of the airlines that did not fail to participate, to showcase its Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner retro livery aircraft at Kuwait Aviation Show (KAS 2020) along with its nine-year veteran A330-200 with retro livery that was designed to mark the 70th anniversary of Gulf Air. "We are proud to participate in this occasion at Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry," a representative of the airline revealed, adding that its special 70th-anniversary livery showcases the airline’s iconic vintage design from the last century with a retro theme.

"The aviation sector is very difficult; loss of airlines is common and struggle for airlines to survive is a great cost," he said.

Gulf Air revealed that it has launched a new corporate strategy in 2018 and in 2019 it announced its new livery concept which will transform its brand promise and customer experience. "The approach is to create a sustainable competitor for Gulf's next fleet from the Gulf’s new destinations," he said.

"Gulf Air has ordered 10 Dreamliners, received 10 so far and we will receive five more Dreamliners in 2021. The first fleet will be the new A320neos. We have already received five A320neos and we will start receiving the A320neo aircraft first, said an official.

"The A320neo will allow us to start new destinations and will give the airline a competitive advantage that will offer passengers for such features.

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Gulf Bank has started 2020 with one of their biggest announcements yet, joining a long list of exciting prizes and new services available to customers year-round.

In keeping with their spirit of innovation and excellence, Gulf Bank announced its annual grand prize for the Al-Danah account has increased to KD 1.5 million starting in 2020, becoming one of the biggest prizes associated with a bank account worldwide. The bigger grand prize is one of multiple benefits enjoyed by Al-Danah accountholders, as winners receive their cash rewards in one lump sum payment.

Furthermore, the Al-Danah account rewards accountholders for their loyalty with loyalty chances. Loyalty chances are the total chances accumulated from the previous year, which are added to the customer's chances the following year. To increase their chances of winning, accountholders must either keep their account with a minimum deposit amount of KD 200, or increase their Al-Danah savings - the more deposits into an account, the more chances accumulated over time. Gulf Bank's Al-Danah accountholders also have the opportunity to enter and win cash prizes all year long through weekly, quarterly and annual draws.

To enter the upcoming Al-Danah draws, clients can open an Al-Danah account today with only KD 200. To open an Al-Danah account, existing Gulf Bank customers can simply apply through their mobile/online banking accounts or visit their nearest Gulf Bank branch. New account holders can also open an Al-Danah account by visiting their nearest Gulf Bank branch.

More deposits mean more chances to win! With Gulf Bank, depositing into an Al-Danah account is easier and more secure than ever, as clients can deposit into their accounts through the following channels: Online/Mobile Banking App which includes the ePay (Self-Pay) service, all of Gulf Bank's 58 branches, ATMs and ITMs, the Customer Contact Center at 1805805 which is available 24/7, in addition to the free standing order service from other Gulf Bank accounts.

AL-DANAH is bigger: Grand prize now a whopping KD 1.5 million

With Al Danah, accountholders have the opportunity to enter and win cash prizes all year long! The Al Danah raffles and their draw dates are listed in the following table:

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Important note:
If a customer's account balance drops below KD 200 at any given time, a KD 2 fee will be charged to their account on a monthly basis until the minimum account balance is increased again to a minimum of KD 200. If no transactions are made on an Al-Danah account for a 48-month period, the account will become dormant. However, this will not affect your chances, and you will still be eligible to enter all draws.
Gulf Bank reveals Al-Danah Millionaire of 2019: Jassim Mohammed Issa Abbas!

Al-Danah is now ‘bigger’! Starting this year, the grand prize is KD 1,500,000!

General Manager of External Communications at Gulf Bank, Ahmad Al-Amir, Assistant General Manager of External Communications at Gulf Bank, and Minater of Commerce and EY, Mohamaad Al-Qattan and Ahmad Al-Amir (left)

KUWAIT: After a week-long celebration event at The Avenues, Gulf Bank revealed the name of the lucky Al-Danah Millionaire for the year 2019, Jassim Mohammed Issa Abbas. Gulf Bank's annual Al-Danah draw event titled "Al-Danah Is Here," kicked off earlier this week on Saturday at The Avenues near the Commerce Factory. The week-long celebration included a variety of exciting activities and prizes, including a Giant Wall in which attendees could take a photo or picture to post on their social media channels. Their images appeared as part of a larger mosaic that spelled out a word: "Al-Danah Millionaire for the year 2019: Jassim Mohammed Issa Abbas!"

A week-long celebration

Throughout the week, Gulf Bank's stage area at The Avenues hosted a variety of entertainment activities, giving mid-week multiple options to choose from and compete for the chance to win valuable cash prizes. Everyone was welcome to participate, and choose from activities that included a 'Pie in the Face, a Giant Wheel, an arcade aluminum game machine, and more.

Competitive games on stage

Thursday’s door took place on stage in the presence of representatives from the Ministry of Commerce and EY. KUWAIT: Young, Ossama Fouda and Ahmad Al-Matari, an employee at Gulf Bank, Dona Faddoul, led participants through a variety of exciting activities and events on Thursday, with a competitive twist. Participants took their luck against others at the activities to win gifts, prizes, and much more at the end of the week. The winning combination of the fastest time won the grand prize! Finally, participants also tried their luck at a variety of digital painting competitions, competing with others for the chance to take home cash prizes. On Thursday evening, after the reveal of the Al-Danah Millionaire, attendees were also treated to a live musical performance from Abdulaziz Al-Dhuwaihi.

Al-Danah is bigger!

As an exciting reveal at the draw event, Gulf Bank also announced the Al-Danah account’s grand prize now bigger than ever before. Starting in 2020, the grand prize for the Al-Danah account is now a whopping KD 1,500,000, becoming one of the biggest prizes associated with a bank account worldwide. The “bigger” grand prize is one of multiple benefits enjoyed by Al-Danah account holders, as it is the only account in Kuwait that rewards customers for their loyalty with loyalty chances. Loyalty chances are the total chances accumulated from the previous year, which are added to the customer’s chances the following year. Gulf Bank’s Al-Danah account holders also have the opportunity to enter and win cash prizes at any time throughout the duration of the account.

Commenting on the event, Ahmad Al-Amir, Assistant General Manager of External Communications at Gulf Bank, said: “What a beautiful and exciting evening we all had in which Gulf Bank get a chance to celebrate our beloved Al-Danah Millionaire, Jassim Mohammed Issa Abbas, who was lucky enough to win the Al-Danah account’s KD 1 million grand prize. After a long week of exciting activities, we also really enjoyed revealing our biggest surprise yet: the Al-Danah account’s annual grand prize is now bigger than ever, with next year’s winner coming the chance to take home KD 1.5 million. Much like our esteemed Al-Danah clients have grown with us throughout the years, we too have outperformed the Al-Danah account. In appreciation of the loyalty and trust that our clients have given us, we have increased the value of the Al-Danah account grand prize, which is paid in one lump sum cash amount to the winner. We invite everyone to seize this opportunity and start saving with our beloved Al-Danah account. In all, it is the only account in Kuwait that rewards you and your loyalty, going far beyond to convert your chances of winning from last year to the following year. Loyalty is truly rewarded when you are a Gulf Bank client.”

To learn more about Gulf Bank’s Al-Danah account, customers can visit one of the Gulf Bank’s 58 branches or log on to www.e-gulfbank.com. Customers can also contact the Customer Contact Center on 1805805 or place questions through the WhatsApp service on 009659585 for assistance and guidance. In addition, customers are welcome to visit the dedicated Al-Danah website www.e-gulfbank.com/aldanahwinners to learn more about the account and the winners.
Experts warn over scale of China virus as US airports start screening

**CZECHS DETECT BIRD FLU AS NEW EUROPE OUTBREAK FEAR**

PRAGUE: A highly contagious bird flu has been confirmed in the Czech Republic, officials said yesterday after a French farm union warned of the risk of a new outbreak in Europe. Czech officials portrayed the situation as a "very serious" one, but warned that it was too early to say whether the virus had spread beyond the farm where it was first detected.

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AFGHANISTAN: Scientists have found a cluster of pulmonary tuberculosis in the country, which has prompted fears of a new outbreak of the disease in the region.

**INDIA: DIABETIC CANCER PATIENTS MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A SECOND CANCER**

INDIA: A study has found that diabetic cancer patients are more likely to develop a second cancer, which could have serious implications for treatment and management.

**CHINA: THE TRUE SCALE OF THE OUTBREAK OF A MALIGNANT SARS-LIKE VIRUS IN CHINA IS LIKELY TO BE HIGHER THAN OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Experts have warned that the true scale of the outbreak of a malignant SARS-like virus in China is likely to be higher than official reports, with thousands of cases likely to be more widespread than previously thought.

**SARS OUTBREAK IN CHINA DECREASING IN SCALE**

Health authorities in China have confirmed that the SARS outbreak in the country is decreasing in scale, with the number of new cases dropping significantly.

**SARS-LIKE VIRUS OUTBREAK IN CHINA**

A SARS-like virus outbreak has been confirmed in China, with authorities warning that the situation could become more serious if the virus continues to spread.
Taurus (April 20-May 20)

If you have been having problems in your relationship or in your life in general, Taurus, don’t expect things to get any better today. The people around you might make you feel your worst. Even the sweetest people might get on your nerves. However, the change you need to make will be easy and smooth. You can expect a proud moment in your life, the sign of your relationship, for example.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You probably pay a great deal of attention to what other people think of you. Cancer, you can turn things around by making decisions in definite structures of being in jail, even if you know you made it. You may have no idea where you will be this day or this day, but your general judgment is very much more in agreement today than you can ever imagine.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Today is a good day if you are working on exploring the inner secrets of your own inner resources. Leo, not only may you be a lot more rational in your personal life, you may feel as if you have been on your own and you will now understand. What is the lesson you learn? Who is the partner of your own? This way you may become even more serious than the people you are running away from.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Today, you may find you have a certain gift for productivity. Everything you touch turns gold, yet you may be under the impression that you can’t provide everything you need for yourself. So what do you do? You start buying everything in order to protect all the progress you’ve made. Don’t do this. This will be challenging, but it’s nothing you can’t handle. The planetary configurations today will push you to lay the foundation for the projects you’ve been working on for the past few weeks. Compromise can be a good thing, but not at the cost of your values and beliefs.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Today, you are in a moment when you have to put all that thinking into practice! The position of Saturn, the planet of structures and stability, will push you to express your emotions, Libra. The great thing is that you probably didn’t notice that if you aren’t careful, there might be some baffled people around you today who may try to destroy all the progress you’ve made. Don’t confine controlling your emotions with suppressing them. Let it be all to protect all the progress you’ve made.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

There’s no need to go soaring against the headwind as a Scorpio, your day is not as challenging. But there are things that could go wrong. The planetary configurations today will push you to the foundation for the projects you’ve been planning over the last few months. Go with the flow, though sometimes that means running against the current but try at keeping them going. This is the time you’ve worked for.

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Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

The cold that the atmosphere today is a cold oppression. Aquarius, this has come to deal with some of the important questions you may have been avoiding for quite some time. It could be especially important to take a look at your life as it is today and some very important questions. Don’t be afraid to let the questions and the answers in your life move up to the top of your mind. It may be even more serious than the people you are running away from.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

The atmosphere today is a great opportunity to think about the questions that have come in your life over the past few weeks. Compromise can be a good thing, but not at the cost of your values and beliefs.

The weather will be cooler today, but it will be a beautiful day for those who enjoy the cooler temperatures.

Today is a day to reflect on the events of the past few days. Libra, it is possible you’ve decided to change certain things about your personal life. If you could just draw a few minutes a day to all the little details in your personal life, the changes will go much more smoothly. The atmosphere today may help you do this.
Mamadou Boye Diallo, an art curator with a penchant for heart-shaped glasses, calls Dakar’s working-class Medina neighborhood an open-air museum. Fitting on rollerblades between colorful murals in the heart of the West African metropolis, Diallo, who also paints, is one of many artists in this part of the city. He wanders the streets of Medina, which is home to thousands of migrants who have fled from central Dakar’s Plateau neighbor- hood, according to historian Ibrahima Thioub. Since then, the tight-knit community has nurtured artists across generations. Mamadou’s old colonial-era buildings from a bygone era have been transformed by Diallo and some associates started the association which aims to use murals to save fading colonial-era buildings from destruction and to make art accessible to all—no art “gaps in stats and ties.”

Diallo and some associates started the association Yataal Art—which means “expand art” in the Wolof language—in 2011. They were initially asking artists to de- cide with the help of local artists in coming to them, says Melodie Petit, the associations’ vice-president. She adds that artists are approached and asked permission before painting, often offering them dinner for their trouble. Other artists are paid. “It’s not like a cheap way to make art, but it’s a commercial sign. It’s really a human contact,” Petit said.

"Started little by little”
The group is also seeking to protect Medina’s colonial-era buildings from a construction boom that is transforming the face of Dakar. The neighborhood has its roots in Senegal’s colonial past, when in 1914 French colonists moved black people from central Dakar’s Plateau neighbor- hood, according to historian Ibrahim Thioub. Since then, the tight-knit community has nurtured artists across generations and has retained its identity even as a new generation moved in from the countryside. The tidal wave of migrants to Medina is swamping, "Diallo said. "With the exponential growth, Senegalese migrants from Karai N’Diaye or from Medina, for example, and porter Kass N’Doye kept his studio there. But change is coming to Medina, as rents decrease, and large retailers are setting up shop. Sociologist Hadj Boulaye, said residents at one time all knew one another and shared strong values. “Stochastic people can’t find their way around,” he said. "G勘查ke Thioye wants to save the soul of the neighborhood from the eyes of other neighbors who come as developers. “The idea behind the mural panels is to save the neighborhood, said that “everyone here- likes the art, even if not everyone understands it.” Maman Dion, the mother of singer Celine Dion, died at 92

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French designer Jean-Paul Gaultier

French designer Jean-Paul Gaultier checked the fashion world Friday by saying his next Paris haute couture show will be his last. The flamboyant creator said he would be bowing out Wednesday with a "big party" to mark his 50 years in the business after his latest collection hits the catwalk. He brandished his high-end fashion design résumé and fashion business after his latest collection hits the show will be his last. The flamboyant creator saying his next Paris haute couture collection fashion show in Paris.

In this file photo taken on May 7, 2018 Madonna (R) and Jean Paul Gaultier arrive for the 2018 Met Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.—AFP photo

In this file photo taken on April 29, 2020, a model poses for an outfit designed by French fashion designer Jean-Paul Gaultier during the "Fashion Freak Show" starting March 21 at the Palais Berger with de Palma as a guest star of the Jean-Paul Gaultier workshop in Paris.

In this file photo taken on March 19, 2010 Spanish actress Penelope Cruz poses with an outfit designed by French fashion designer Jean-Paul Gaultier as she launched "Fashion Freak Show" in Paris. In the early 2000s, Gaultier was inspired by the clothes fabric of the Scottish kilt would also be used, playfully suggesting how the tartan of a kilt "can be the link of a new concept," said the designer, who made the first man skirt and brought and conventional ideas of beauty, once planted in the minds of the runway models, are now part of everyday life and cellulite and feminine couture. The tartan of a kilt “can be the link of a new concept,” said the designer, who made the first man skirt and brought the generously proportioned American singer-drag queen Conchita Wurst were among the atypical models...

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Men in skirts, Madonna in cones and lots of sailors: The Gaultier style

When Jean-Paul Gaultier walked away from fashion design, he will leave behind a rich legacy of men in skirts. Madonna in a conical bra, invented the "man skirt" and brought French fashion designer Jean-Paul Gaultier during the Fall/Winter 2012-2013 collections shows in Paris.

In this file photo taken on January 27, 2003 US model Anna Cleveland presents a creation by French fashion designer Jean-Paul Gaultier during the Women's Fall-Winter 2003-2004 Haute Couture collection fashion show in Paris.

In this file photo taken on July 4, 2012 a model presents a creation by French designer Jean-Paul Gaultier during the Fall/Winter 2012-2013 collections shows in Paris.

Paris couturier Gerard Malie died on Wednesday at the age of 80 in Paris. Though his first clothes, the creation of the Gaultier boy, were free of furs. "I really like the feel of fur," he said. "But as late as last year, the maverick couture-extravagant handmade clothes wear clothes in 2015 to concentrate on haute couture will continue. Gaultier proved himself to be the most influential couturier of his generation. His virility is in his head." He has used different ideas of beauty, once planted in the minds of the runway models, are now part of everyday life and cellulite and feminine couture. The tartan of a kilt “can be the link of a new concept,” said the designer, who made the first man skirt and brought the generously proportioned American singer-drag queen Conchita Wurst were among the atypical models...

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In this file photo taken on October 12, 2008 Canadian singer Celine Dion wears a dress of the Spring-Summer 2009 Haute Couture collection of Jean-Paul Gaultier in Paris.

In this file photo taken on October 2, 2010 British singer Bulls eye stage as part of the Spring/Summer 2011 ready-to-wear collection show of French designer Jean-Paul Gaultier in Paris.

In this file photo taken on January 29, 2003 US model Anna Cleveland presents a creation by French fashion designer Jean-Paul Gaultier during a Spring/Summer 2003 Haute Couture collection show in Paris.
Kim Jones injected a spot of English aristocratic Bones into the DNA of Dior Homme, with a sartorial men’s Paris fashion week show that riffed on British upper class eccentricity. This was the fabled French label at its most dandyish and decadent, with topcoats with velvet collars, trompe l’oeil grey minks and a staggering silver-embroidered opera coat which will retail for 75,000 euros ($83,000). Jones dedicated the show to his friend Judy Blame, the British stylist and punk and New Romantic iconoclast who died two years ago.

Several of Blame’s jewelry designs were included in the show, including a choker with a coin bearing his head, as well as his signature pearl-encrusted opera gloves. “The world is a bit depressing at the moment and I wanted to do something celebratory” as a tribute to Blame’s genius, Jones told AFP. “It’s really upscale and decadent and luxurious and elegant and prissy, like most people I know. It’s for a very slim and beautiful audience saturating the world.”

The British-born creator said he “always loved that London twist on Parisian chic couture”, with leather trousers, natty re-imagined Chelsea boots and bomber jackets that zipped into two and could be mixed and matched. “I like the thought that some of it looks like it has been handed down through an aristocratic family,” Jones added. — AFP

Models present creations for Dior Homme during the men’s Fall/Winter 2020/2021 collection fashion show in Paris. — AFP photos
### GNTB ‘Discover Beethoven’ campaign kicks off

**Michaelin strips star from French culinary beacon Bouc**

France’s prestigious Michelin Guide is among the world’s most influential references on gastronomy, its star ranks regularly command the most attention, especially the coveted three-star ranking. With the 2020 Michelin Guide just released, three-star restaurants now stand at 102 in 18 countries around the world. France once again leads the pack with 39 three-star restaurants, followed by Japan (19) and Spain (9). The three-star restaurants are awarded for their exceptional cuisine, originality, and consistency. 

**Three-star restaurants**

The three-star rating is awarded to restaurants that have achieved a “special journey” status. It is the highest distinction that a restaurant can receive from the Michelin Guide. It signifies that the restaurant offers an outstanding dining experience, with a focus on creativity, originality, and consistency. 

The three-star restaurants in the 2020 Michelin Guide are:

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The three-star restaurants are considered the pinnacle of culinary excellence and are highly sought after by food enthusiasts and connoisseurs alike. 

**Michelin Guide**

The Michelin Guide was first published in 1900 and is now available in over 30 countries around the world. It is considered the most authoritative guide for fine dining and is a reference for both chefs and diners. The guide is known for its rigorous standards and stringent criteria for awarding stars. 

**France’s Michelins, the go-to guide for fine dining**

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**Star rating**

The guide includes ratings from 1 to 3 stars. One star indicates “worth a detour,” two stars indicate “worth a special journey,” and three stars indicate “worth a special journey with an extra dimension.”

**Michelin guide**

The Michelin Guide is a reference guide for fine dining, created in 1900 by Andre Michelin and his son Emile Michelin. It started as a travel guide for motorists, and later became a guide for diners seeking the finest cuisine. 

**Paul Bocuse’s restaurant “L’auberge du Pont de Collonges” is pictured on January 17, 2020 in Collonges-au-Mont-d’Or near Lyon, southeastern France. — AFP photos**

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Iran downplays says, posing explosives plane tragedy

TEHRAN: Iran's supreme leader said Friday that downplaying the Jan. 3 killing of Major General Qasem Soleimani by Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards was a mistake of historic proportions, in a veiled rebuke to the US administration's handling of the incident.

"Iran's resistance foundations, agents of the resistance and the Iranian people strongly reject any move towards normalization of relations, and reject any talks and talks without guarantees of a fresh start," he said.

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Another big night for Doncic, lifts Mavericks past Blazers

Huerter lifts Hawks over Spurs for second straight win

KUWAIT bags two gold as Amir shooting grand prix concludes

Navigation challenges come thick and fast on Stage 10 at Dakar Rally

Rakitic’s 2020 Dakar rally was undone in the final leg, but Frenchman Carlos Sainz of Mini still won his third Dakar Rally title – and his first in six years. It was a perfectly flawless rally, with no points lost from penalties or time losses. Sainz took the lead on the 10th stage, which ran from Haradh to Shubaytah on the largely desert stages of Stage 10, and held onto it for the final stage. He was followed by Stéphane Peterhansel on Toyota in second place, and Adrien Austrheim on Mini in third.

The third overall result was also a victory for Mini, with Peterhansel's Mini finally beating the Toyota of Peterhansel in the rally for the overall win. It was a dramatic stage, with Peterhansel's Mini leading the field by just 1.6 seconds at the finish, but having to work hard to hold on.

On the final stage, Sainz became the first Frenchman to win the Dakar Rally since 2014, and also the first Frenchman to win the rally in the car category since 2013. He led at the start of the stage, but was overtaken by Peterhansel on Toyota on the 10th stage.

Peterhansel then took the lead on the 11th stage, but Sainz then went on to win the final stage, finishing over 100 seconds ahead of Peterhansel. It was a perfect performance, with no mistakes and no penalties, and Sainz took the overall lead in the rally with just two days to go.

The final stage was a short one, running just 210km, and Sainz took full advantage of the conditions, taking the lead at the start and holding on to it for the entire stage. He finished 12th overall, with 118 seconds in hand over Peterhansel, who finished in second place.

Sainz's victory was a huge boost for France, who had been struggling in recent years, and it was a welcome return to form for a country that has traditionally been strong in off-road rallies. It was also a victory for Mini, who have been dominant in recent years, and it was a perfect end to a perfect rally.
Bess spins England closer to series lead in spite of de Kock resistance

Poor weather forecast for the next two days

Sports

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Barca can reclaim first place as they face Granada

Madrid go top above Barca after scappy win over Sevilla

Barcelona has to beat Villarreal in the coming day to ensure its top position after it was held to a 1-1 draw against Real Sociedad. The title race appears to be between Barca and Madrid. La Liga leaders Madrid held on for a 1-0 win over Sevilla last night, securing their lead and taking a six-point advantage over second-placed Barca. Luis Enrique’s team is now eight games unbeaten in all competitions, and they have not conceded in their last four league matches. This result has put pressure on Barca, which lost 1-0 to Atletico Madrid in last week’s Clasico. The Catalans have been inconsistent recently, and they are currently fourth in the table.

Kuwait thrash Hong Kong in 19th Asian handball tournament

Kuwait National handball team qualified for the second round of the 19th Asian Handball Championship, being held in Kuwait with the participation of 16 teams. Kuwait secured a 54-24 win over Hong Kong to enter the second round of the competition, which will continue until January 27.

**Matches on TV**

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**Handball**

Ilan Hashan paid tribute to his team’s performance after they secured their place in the second round of the tournament. "I am extremely proud of our players,” said Hashan. “They fought hard against a strong Hong Kong team and showed their resilience.”

**Bowling**

In the bowling competition, Al-Fahad Al-Mulla won the men’s singles event, while Al-Sum unit won the women’s doubles event. Al-Fahad Al-Mulla scored a total of 2314 in the singles event, while Al-Sum unit scored a total of 1954 in the doubles event. Al-Fahad Al-Mulla’s performance in the singles event was impressive, as he scored a total of 1157 in the first two rounds, followed by 1057 in the third round. In the doubles event, Al-Sum unit showed their strength, as they scored a total of 977 in the first round, followed by 977 in the second round.

Iran banned from hosting international football

Iran’s football federation said Friday it has been banned from hosting international matches inside the country. The federation received a letter today from the Asian Football Confederation, announcing the decision to hold matches in Iran’s stadiums only in situations where there is no certainty of security threats.

**Kuwait Times**

**Sports**

**Haaland bags 20-minute hat-trick on Dortmund debut**

REPLICA. Norwegian rising star Erling Braut Haaland came off the bench to claim a hat-trick in 20 minutes on his Borussia Dortmund debut and improve a 5-1 comeback win at Augsburg in the Bundesliga yesterday. Haaland, who turned 20 last week, became Dortmund’s youngest ever goalscorer at 16 years, 314 days, overtaking former striker Lukasz Piszczek. His Madrid side is now 17 games unbeaten, a streak that has included them winning the Spanish Super Cup in Saudi Arabia last weekend. Haaland is still recovering from an ankle injury, parading the club’s squad sheet with number 95 painted in, a team of four points off the top.

MADRID. Real Madrid climbed above Barcelona to top the LaLiga table yesterday when they secured a 2-1 win over Sevilla. The capital club fought back from being two goals behind against a resilient Sevilla side to take the points, third-placed Los Blancos a further six points clear of former leaders Barcelona in the race for the title. For champions Barca, it was a bitter pill to swallow as they were held to a 1-1 draw against Atletico Madrid in last week’s Clasico. The Catalans have been inconsistent recently, and they are currently fourth in the table.

Casemiro’s double proved the difference amid a shock of poor Dortmund defending with the opening goal to the home side. Sevilla were controlling the midfield and denying the Germans from a tight angle to equalise. After an even first 45 minutes, Augsburg deserved to be in control, taking advantage of their opponent’s mistakes and ending the half 2-0 up. The second half saw the Saudis take the advantage of their opponent’s mistakes and end the match 0-2 after a brace from Al-Muwallad.

The federation did not state the reason for the decision, which was taken on the advice of the AFC, and it has been banned from hosting international matches for the second time in three years. The first ban was in 2015 after the AFC said it was unable to provide guarantees of security for two matches against Japan and South Korea. The new ban was announced without explanation, causing concern in football circles.

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Barty fights to title victory at Adelaide

ADELAIDE: Ashleigh Barty ended a nine-year Australian Open title drought yesterday with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Ukraine’s Dayana Yastremska at the Australian International Tennis Championships. The world number one played her first tournament of the year without the approval of tennis officials.

Barty, who became the first Australian woman to win a title since Jelena Dokic in 2001, was put in the position to play her first title match against Yastremska after the Russian退回. Yastremska had won the first set 6-3.

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